

## 2013 Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports, USA Office Report

As 2013 wraps up, it has again been a challenging year for the office staff of one. The office continues to concentrate on the day-to-day administrative aspects of the position; booking all the financial transactions, answering and fielding questions from our members and other interested parties. The office also assists in the registration of NJDC and IWAS meets; however, this report will focus on the administrative tasks.

### Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports, USA Insurance Program

- Event management insurance
- Covers athletes, staff, volunteers and spectators
- Comprehensive Coverage including medical (excess plan)
- \$3,000,000 aggregate maximum; \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- Includes accidental death and dismemberment
- Meets or exceeds insurance standards required by US Paralympics and many other like entities
- Main Insurance Program underwritten by Philadelphia National; premiere general liability carrier
- Brokered/administered by Insurance Professionals of New England since 2004
- Separate policies for international travel (Chubb) ; D & O (Philly)

### Certificates of Insurance (COIs)

- Processed 310 COIs over the last 12 months
- New form introduced in 2013; added more detailed sports information
- COIs by the chapter

Chapter	COIs	% Total
Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Assoc.	89	28.7%
Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio	62	20.0%
All Others (Regional Meets, etc)	46	14.8%
USQRA (All Clubs)	36	11.6%
Turning Point (all locations)	19	6.1%
Rise Adventures	15	4.8%
Oregon Disability Sports	12	3.9%
Louisiana GUMBO Inc	11	3.5%
Greater OK Disabled Sports Assoc.	11	3.5%
Far West WC Athletic Assoc	9	2.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Current Challenges for the Insurance Program

- Equitably rating the insurance program going forward. The smaller chapter is paying a disproportionate part of the freight. Solution is a retrospective premium payment system.
- Lost a long-term IPNE employee in August. Do not currently have a dedicated person assigned to the account
- A disproportionate amount of office time needed to follow up on insurance questions. Some chapters have “revolving door” personnel to handle insurance requests. Brokerage wants one contact to handle the program.
- Plans for 2014

## ADF Accounts (Athlete Development Fund)

- Access to WASUSA’s 501 (c) 3 for tax deferred expenses with regard to competition, training or equipment purchases
- Individual or team restricted account
- ADF by the numbers (to September 30,2013)
  - Total of 71 fund participants. 46 are active, the balance are inactive or recently closed.
  - Total direct ADF donations = \$95,018.68
  - Total withdrawals = \$63,999.64
  - New accounts opened 17
  - Accounts closed 7
- ADF education needed for current participants:
- Starting newsletter
- annual (e-mailing) of updated guidelines

## Membership/Individual

- Although regular membership has declined,, recreational membership and overall membership has increased as follows:

Year	Full	% change	Recreational	% change	Total	% change
2011	551	NA	141	NA	692	NA
2012	534	-3.1%	96	-31.9%	630	-9.0%
2013	475	-11.0%	274	185.4%	749	18.9%

- This increase is, in large part, to the cooperation of several meets; Texas Regionals, Great Lakes/Adult Nationals and Challenge Foundation, among others.
- Difficult for meet directors to administer/handle registrations. Suggestion is to put Recreational Membership Forms online and encourage meet directors to include the forms in their package.

## Chapter Membership

- In 2013, we changed the nomenclature from “club” to chapter. The following thirty (31) entities joined WASUSA this year as a chapter:

2L Race Services	Oregon Disability Sports*
Achieving Wheelchair Equality *	Paralympic Sport Club: Las Vegas*
Adaptive Sports Iowa*	Paralympic Sport Club: New Jersey
Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio*	Paralympic Sport Club - Tampa Bay
Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living	Parasport Spokane*
Arizona Disabled Sports Association	RISE Adventures Inc.*
Challenge Foundation	Seattle Adaptive Sports*
Children's Lighting Wheels - PSC	Southeastern Wheelchair Sports Association (SEWSA)*
Coastal Carolina Partnership For Accessible Recreation	St. Louis Wheelchair Athletic Assoc.*
Far West Wheelchair Athletic Assoc.*	Texas Adaptive Aquatics
Great Lakes Adaptive Sports (GLASA)*	Turning Point*
Greater Oklahoma Disabled Sports Assoc (GODSA)*	Texas Regional Games
Lakeshore Foundation	Turnstone Center for Children & Adults with Disabilities*
Louisiana Games United Mind & Body (GUMBO)*	United States Quad Rugby Association*
Michigan Sports Unlimited, Inc.*	University of Central Oklahoma
Mid-America Games	*CARRIES INSURANCE OPTION
Ohio Wheelchair Games	

## Sanctioning

There were a total of twenty-three sanctioned WASUSA meets in 2013. The sports breakdown of our “core sports” is as follows

Sport	No. of Meets
Athletics (Track & Field)	22
Swimming	16
Archery	17
Powerlifting	13
Table Tennis	9

There were three Level 3 IPC meets for athletics; Desert Challenge, Dixie Games, and UCO Endeavor Games. In addition, there were USTAF Level 3 meets; Tri-State, Gateway and Great Lakes Regional Games.

The Board of Directors have discussed various alternatives/initiatives in order to boost both membership and meet attendance. These initiatives will be rolled out at this year's NDA. The changes will affect this year's sanctioning package going out to meet directors; however the mailing is targeted for no later than December 1.

As a result of upcoming changes in membership and sanctioning, it is guaranteed to be a busy holiday season (and beyond) for the WASUSA office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph C. Armento". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'A'.

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