

# *Crazy 8's Tournament*

DASA St. Louis Rugby Club  
Parkway Central High School  
December 10-11, 2022

## *Sponsorship Need and Letter of Request:*

The DASA St. Louis Wheelchair Rugby Club is hosting the Crazy 8's Wheelchair Rugby Tournament, December 10-11, 2022 at Parkway Central High School in St. Louis, MO.

The Crazy 8's tournament was born and named in 2007 as a celebration of the life of teammate Jason DeSalvo who passed away in October of 2006. Jason was an active member of the St. Louis Rugby Rams who truly embraced the spirit of rugby, and proudly wore the #8.

Wheelchair sports like quad rugby play an important role in the rehabilitation process of the person with a physical disability. It provides the opportunity to improve physical, emotional, and social well-being through weekly practices, monthly tournaments, and setting goals for success.

With the help of your sponsorship, we will be able to host a high-quality tournament. We have included a Fact Sheet on Quad Rugby, as well as our budget for the tournament. A reply form listing Sponsorship Levels is at the end of this packet. DASA is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation so **all donations are tax-deductible.**

*Thank you for considering this sponsorship opportunity!*



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## **FACT SHEET ON WHEELCHAIR (QUAD) RUGBY**

Wheelchair rugby, or quad rugby, is one of the most popular wheelchair sports in the world, boasting large crowds at the Paralympic Games, Veterans Wheelchair Games and World Cup competitions. It was developed in Canada in the late 1970s and was originally called “Murderball,” and was introduced to the United States in the 1980s. It soon began to catch on in the States as it developed in Canada. The name was changed from “Murderball” to Wheelchair Rugby in order to give the sport greater name recognition and identity, as it tries to market itself along the same lines as the able-bodied sport of Rugby. However, able-bodied rugby and Wheelchair Rugby really have nothing in common other than a shared camaraderie and a few slogans like Give Blood – Play Wheelchair Rugby! The USWRA was formed in 1988 to meet the fantastic growth of the game and reached full medal status at the Sydney, Australia, Paralympic Games.

Players have various disabilities that preclude their play in stand-up, able-bodied sport competition. Players must have a combination of upper and lower extremity impairment to be considered eligible to compete. All players are given medical and functional exams to determine: (1) whether the player qualifies for the sport, and (2) the classification they will be assigned for competition. Most players in wheelchair rugby have acquired spinal cord injuries although there are players who have sustained some type of amputation to their limbs, or recovered from polio, or have cerebral palsy, which results in some type of attendant quadriplegia. Players are classified from one of seven areas ranging from 0.5 on the lower end to 3.5 on the upper end.

Wheelchair Rugby is a fast paced and exciting full wheelchair contact, four-on-four team sport. A volleyball is used because it is lightweight and players can pass the ball forwards, backwards or sideways. The game is played on a regulation basketball court with a goal line and key area at each end of the court measuring 8 meters wide and extending 1.75 meters from the goal line. Players score goals by crossing the goal line identified by cones with ball in possession. One point is given for each score. Four eight-minute periods are played in a regulation game.

The USWRA season usually begins in October and culminates with the National Championships in April. Teams are placed into 4 sections based on regional identification.

***For more information and a video, please visit the official website of the United States Wheelchair Rugby Association at [www.uswra.org](http://www.uswra.org).***

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[www.dasasports.org](http://www.dasasports.org).*

## **Budget**

Gym Rental Fee	1500
Referee Game Fees	1400
Referee hotel	900
Referee travel	800
Visiting team transportation	500
Game Balls	100
Awards/Trophies	300
T-shirts	1300
Lunches	1000
Water	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7960</b>

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## **Sponsorship Levels & Reply Form**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$2000 -- Tournament Sponsor**  
Company added to Name of Tournament. Table at tournament, banner displayed (sponsor to provide), listed on DASA's website, numerous Social Media mentions (DASA receives over 3000 views), 4 Tournament give-away's.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1000 -- Platinum Sponsor**  
Table at tournament, banner displayed (sponsor to provide), listed on DASA's website, numerous Social Media mentions (DASA receives over 3000 views), 4 Tournament give-away's.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$750 -- Gold Sponsor**  
Table at tournament, banner displayed (sponsor to provide), and listed on DASA's website, several Social Media mentions (DASA receives over 3000 views), 3 Tournament give-away's
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$500 -- Silver Sponsor**  
Listed on DASA's website, Social Media mentions (DASA receives over 3000 views), 2 Tournament give-away's
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$300 -- Bronze Sponsor**  
Listed on DASA's website, numerous Social Media mentions (DASA receives over 3000 views), 1 Tournament give-away
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1-\$299 -- Friends of the St. Louis Rugby Club**  
Listed in on DASA's website

### **Purchase Additional Table Space**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full table \$200                      \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 table \$150

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you want to appear on website)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to DASA & return Reply Form and check to:**

***Disabled Athlete Sports Association***

***c/o St. Louis Rugby Club***

1600 Mid Rivers Mall Cir, Ste 2272, St. Peters, MO 63376

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**\*\*Please send company logo to [jessicat@dasasports.org](mailto:jessicat@dasasports.org)\*\***



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## ST. LOUIS RUGBY CLUB

NAME	NUMBER	CLASS	HOMETOWN	YRS IN RUGBY
STEVE REISENBICHLER	20	0.5	PERRYVILLE, MO	9
KILAND SAMPÁ	12	1.0	ST. LOUIS, MO	4
KERRI MORGAN	1	1.0*F	ST. LOUIS, MO	20
JAKE DAILY	11	2.0	BELLEVILLE, MO	8
ERIC NEWBY	9	2.0	ALTON, IL	16
MAN PARK	25	2.0*	ST. LOUIS, MO	4
TONY MCPHERSON	50	2.5	ST. LOUIS, MO	4
DAVID MILES	4	3.0	ST. LOUIS, MO	9
DANIEL MELLENTHIN	44	3.0	ST. LOUIS, MO	8
SARAH ADAM	6	3.0F	ST. LOUIS, MO	3
GLEN BELL	8	3.5	ST. LOUIS, MO	17

### **COACHING STAFF:**

SUE TUCKER ST. LOUIS, MO  
KERRI MORGAN ST. LOUIS, MO  
ERIC NEWBY ST. LOUIS, MO

### **TEAM MANAGERS:**

MEGHAN MORGAN ST. LOUIS, MO

### **SUPPORT STAFF:**

JESSICA THOMAS ST. PETERS, MO  
THERESA COVERICK ST. LOUIS, MO