

## *Who We Serve*

FWWAA is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which develops, promotes, and organizes wheelchair sports and programs for individuals with physical disabilities. It is a sanctioned Regional Sport Organization of Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA (WASUSA) and includes California, Arizona, and Nevada. FWWAA was incorporated in 1968, and operates under the guidance of an Executive Board of Directors. FWWAA is recognized by the U.S. Paralympic Committee as Paralympic Sport Club Silicon Valley, and has additional support from the City of San José, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services.

Over the past five decades, FWWAA has provided thousands of sport opportunities for persons with disabilities. These opportunities include: Recreational sport programs, competitive teams for children and adults in track and field, aquatics, archery, basketball, rugby, tennis and power soccer. FWWAA has served as host for regional and national competitions including the National Junior Disability Championships, National Wheelchair Basketball Association Final Four, and Paralympic Track and Field Qualifier. Since 1983 FWWAA has run the annual Northern California Junior Sports Camp, a residential, multi-sport camp for 5-21 year-olds who have physical disabilities.

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Learn more about our organization, programs, and teams by visiting:  
**[www.fwwaa.org](http://www.fwwaa.org)**

## *About FWWAA*

### **Our Mission**

The mission of Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association (FWWAA) is to develop, promote, and organize community based sport and recreation programs for individuals of all ages with various physical disabilities.

### **Our Purpose**

Since 1968 FWWAA has supported a philosophy that focuses on the ability, not the disability of an individual. We provide the tools necessary to help our athletes develop independence as well as a positive self-image. FWWAA fosters these ideals through physical activity by offering the same movement opportunities as their able-bodied peers across the lifespan. Through our programs, athletes have an opportunity to increase their social, psychological, and physical well-being. These programs include: individual and team opportunities, camps, clinics, and competition at the regional and national level. FWWAA programs cater to a wide array of individuals with physical disabilities. These physical disabilities include but are not limited to: cerebral palsy, spina bifida, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, amputation, visual impairments, muscular dystrophy, and other neuromuscular impairments. FWWAA strives to increase community awareness of programs and opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities by working with local businesses, schools, government and other public sectors to increase community engagement.

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***2013-2014  
Program & Team  
Information***

## WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

### San Jose Spokes

The San Jose Spokes (formerly Peninsula Golden Spokes) wheelchair basketball team was established in the 1960's. The Spokes compete at a top-level in California in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and consistently rank in National Tournaments. The players are highly competitive, great teammates, and actively looking for new players. Many players have competed internationally during their basketball careers.



## WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

### San Jose Junior Spokes

The San Jose Junior Spokes is a wheelchair basketball team that is designed for younger or less-experienced wheelchair basketball players. The Junior Spokes practice in conjunction with the San Jose Spokes, allowing the team to have consistent practices and receive coaching points from well-established players and coaches. Athletes have the opportunity to move up and play on the San Jose Spokes team.



## WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

### South Bay Smash

The South Bay Smash wheelchair tennis team welcomes recreational and advanced level players at their practices and tournaments. The goal is to provide opportunities for people with physical disabilities a chance to play wheelchair tennis at any levels, as well as increase awareness of the sport in the community. Learn more about the South Bay Smash: [www.southbaysmash.com](http://www.southbaysmash.com)



## JUNIORS PROGRAM

### WHEELS ON FIRE

Wheels on Fire (Wof) is a juniors program for youth ages 5-21 who have physical disabilities. Athletes learn and compete in adapted sports including: bocce ball, basketball, track & field, sled-hockey, table-tennis and swimming. Athletes receive introductory level training in order to learn teamwork and establish personal fitness goals. Athletes can borrow sport wheelchairs during Wof. Emerging athletes are recognized and paired with an appropriate coach to expand their sport opportunities.



## POWER SOCCER

### San Jose Steamrollers

The San Jose Steamrollers was established in the early 1980's. The Steamrollers are one of the founders of the sport of power soccer in the USA. Power soccer is the fastest growing sport for power wheelchair users.



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### San Jose Rockets

Since 2011, the San Jose Rockets have developed into a competitive power soccer team through weekly practices, monthly tournaments, and National Conferences. The team's goal is to develop national and international power wheelchair athletes in preparation for domestic and World Cup tournaments. Learn more about the San Jose Rockets: [www.sanjoserockets.com](http://www.sanjoserockets.com)



About the sport: The United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA) helps support more than 50 power (wheelchair) soccer teams across the USA. FWAA's teams compete against teams throughout California. Teams travel to compete against other nationally ranked teams at annual year-end Conference Cup tournaments.