



San Francisco Giants Wheelchair Team Try Outs April 27th & April 28th, 2019



Elite Wheelchair athletes sought!

The City of Sacramento, Department Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment, through our Paralympic Sport Sacramento Club, in partnership with the San Francisco Giants and the Capital City Adaptive Athletes Foundation, are seeking male or female athletes, ages 18 and older that use manual wheelchairs that would like to try out to become members of our elite, San Francisco Giants wheelchair softball team. This team will be members of the National Wheelchair Softball Association and play by the rules of that organization. Wheelchair softball was born 30 years ago, in the Midwest by a few individuals with spinal cord injuries and lower extremity impairments, who wanted to enjoy America's greatest pastime. These individuals needed to develop a way of playing without the full use of their legs that would allow easy maneuverability in a wheelchair and keep the fast pace of softball. Thus, was born a new game played on hard surfaces, such as a parking lot, instead of traditional grassy infield, and a 16-inch softball, which allows wheelchair players to keep one hand on the wheelchair while catching a softball without a glove.

The team will practice locally at our fully accessible River Cats Independence Field located at the Sam Pannell Community Center located in South Sacramento. We also plan on traveling to regional and national events and tournaments. Interested athletes must send an email to request a pre-registration form. Every athlete will be required to provide documentation that they have a permanent disability to their lower extremity, and documentation of their level of injury, to qualify to try out for this team. Written documentation must come from either the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, or a licensed medical doctor and must be presented with registration form prior to the date of the try outs. The National Wheelchair Basketball Association functional classification system will be used to assess each player. The try outs will be held on 2 consecutive days, and athletes are required to participate in both days. The team will be selected by staff members from Paralympic Sport Sacramento and announced at a press conference in the afternoon of the second day of the tryouts and players must be present at the announcement. Team will be selected based on athleticism, the need to complete the roster with specific positions to be filled, willingness and ability to attend practices and travel to regional and national events and tournaments, sportsmanship and camaraderie. A complimentary lunch will be provided on both days for each athlete that is pre-registered for the try outs. There is no cost to qualified athletes who meet the qualifications listed above and that have pre-registered for the two-day event.

Pre-registration is required. REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, April 16TH, 2019

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9am-4pm, **AND** Sunday, April 28, 2019, 9AM to 3PM

Where: Bonnie and Samuel C. Pannell Community Center

River Cats Independence Field: 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832

Please send your request for a pre-registration form to: Kou Yang at KYang2@cityofsacramento.org or call 916-808-6045 to receive a registration form. To return completed form via Fax, please include a cover sheet to: Attn. Kou Yang @ 916-840-7657. Athletes will be notified of acceptance after registration forms have been reviewed.

