

A Sporting Chance

“The Opportunity To Be An Athlete”

MISSION STATEMENT

To give A Sporting Chance to **any person with any disability, youth who are disadvantaged, abused & neglected children, "At Risk Teenagers", & Senior Citizens** by developing and providing amateur sports training, competition, and recreational programs. Any person with any disability or youth who are disadvantaged can participate in any program offered by A Sporting Chance. The athletes must be ages 3 or older to participate. There is no upper age limit and adults are welcome to participate in all programs.

ORGANIZATION

A Sporting Chance is a **Not-For-Profit Organization, headquartered in Springfield, MO.** A Sporting Chance serves all counties in Missouri and will also allow other athletes from other States to participate in our programs. A Sporting Chance is a 501-(c)(3) organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. A 25 member Board of Directors governs the organization. **100 % of all money raised will be spent in Missouri.** A Sporting Chance is a total entity by itself and has no affiliation with any National or State Organization. A Sporting Chance offers year round (Seasonal) training and competition on a \$250,000 budget.

LEAGUE PLAY & TOURNAMENTS

A Sporting Chance offers (**6 – 8 week**) leagues and several tournaments throughout the year. The weekly league play is seasonal and we try to offer the same sports that are being offered by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association: The tentative schedule for tournaments by sport is as follows:

Sports Offered	League Season
Basketball	Weekly Leagues Dec. – Feb. Tournament Date = Week of Feb. 18-22
Track & Field	“Local” Track Meet = April 19 - Spfd. “State” Track Meet = May 16, 17 & 18 in Branson
Softball/Tee Ball	Weekly Leagues - May – July Tournament Date = July 30
Integrated Golf	Weekly Leagues - June – July Tournament Date = July 22
Bowling	Weekly Leagues - Oct - Nov. Tournament Date = Nov. 15
Volleyball	Weekly Leagues – Sept. – Oct Tournament Date = Oct. 19
Aquatic Therapy or Instruction – Limited Classes	
Program provided as recreation only	
Gymnastics Instruction – Limited Classes	
Program provided as recreation only	
We offer individual recreation in all sports – You do not have to be on a team	

NUMBER OF ATHLETES IN A SPORTING CHANCE

During the 2007 calendar year A Sporting Chance served over 2,300 people (**from SW Missouri**) with various situations in their lives. Below is a breakdown of athletes involved in our program.

NUMBER OF ATHLETES

Mental Retardation	482	Multiple Sclerosis	4
Learning Disabilities	521	Stroke	2
Behavior Disabilities	453	Deaf/Hearing Impaired	27
Autistic	7	Mentally Ill	47
Cerebral Palsy	4	Head Injury	5
Blind/Visually Impaired	3	Amputees	1
Muscular Dystrophy	4	Spina Bifida	2
Disadvantaged Youth	551	Elderly	197

For More Information Please contact A Sporting Chance at 881-7373 or 1-800-334-7607