

# **Essential Eligibility Criteria**

## **ASD / Challenge Alaska Wheelchair Basketball**

Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC) is a list of the physical and cognitive requirements of activities. A qualified person is one who can meet the Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC) for participation in the program activity. Please note that EEC, if not met, will disqualify a person from participating in this program. This EEC is intended to be a resource for anyone considering participating in our activities and is not intended to be exclusionary. This criterion exists for your safety and that of all participants. None of the criteria are meant to discriminate on the basis of any physical or mental disability and are applied uniformly to all potential athletes, irrespective of the presence or absence of any disability. We are committed to making reasonable modifications for any person with a disability, so long as they do not fundamentally alter the nature of the sport.

### **GENERAL**

- For middle school students (grades 6-8), must maintain all standards and qualifications as highlighted in the ASD Middle School Activities Handbook, in the Extracurricular Activities Section (considered an intramural athletic activity).
- For high school students (grades 9 -12), must maintain all standards and qualifications as highlighted in the ASD High School Activities Handbook, Section 3 (excluding those required for ASAA sports).
- Be responsible for securing transportation to and from practices / games.
- Able to perform their own ADL's and personal needs with or without an assistant (all assistants must be provided by the athlete or athlete's family).
- Must be able to provide own or utilize provided manual sport wheelchairs.
- Be able to safely contain all body parts / wheelchair accessories within the footprint of the wheelchair or have them able to be secured in such a way as to not risk injury to any other person.
- Be able to communicate with coaches (including parents/guardians in all electronic communications) in advance of practices/games ability or inability to attend practices/games.
- Demonstrate respect for the sport, equipment, teammates, opponents, volunteers, officials, and coaches at all times.
- Learn, understand, and follow the most recent version rules for wheelchair basketball published by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association in practices, scrimmages, and games.

### **MOBILITY AND BALL HANDLING**

- Be able to safely transfer into / out of wheelchair as needed, with or without assistance.
- Independently traverse the length of the court in wheelchair as necessary to participate in drills and games.

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- Safely able to maneuver wheelchair in close proximity to others without excessive contact or other unsafe responses.
- Ability to visually track, safely catch, handle, and pass an age-appropriate sized basketball while participating in drills, scrimmage, and games.