



**Paralyzed Veterans  
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Buckeye Chapter

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### SPORTS ASSOCIATE MEMBER GUIDELINES

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter recognizes there are many people that are not eligible for regular membership in the Buckeye Chapter; however they do want to participate in sports and recreational programs. Sports Associate Membership is available for non-qualifying disabled athletes to become part of the Buckeye Chapter as Sports Associate Members.

Sports Associate Membership is available to any person needing a wheelchair to participate in sports.

Requirements include:

- The athlete must live in Ohio or a surrounding state.
- The athlete can not belong to another PVA Chapter or be a PVA Member at large.
- Where applicable, in order to receive funding the Sports Associate Member must participate as part of the Buckeye Wheelchair Team.
- Sports Associate Membership does not require military service.
- Sports Associates Members are not eligible for Chapter programs specifically designed to support full members of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter.
- Funding is eligible after the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of membership. If membership lapses, no funding will be available until two consecutive years of dues have been paid on time.
- Membership dues must be paid within 45 days of billing or will be assessed a late fee. If dues are not paid by December 31, no benefits will be available for that fiscal year. The fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.
- As a representative of the Buckeye PVA, athlete must demonstrate moral conduct and abide by Buckeye Team Code of Conduct (see attached).
- Sports Associate Membership applicants will be presented to the Buckeye PVA board for approval.

Benefits:

For those participating in the Buckeye Wheelchair Games

- Registration and banquet tickets are included
- Buckeye Team uniform is included
- ½ hotel room is provided

so long as dues are current and eligibility remains in effect.

For those not participating in the Buckeye Wheelchair Games

- Reimbursement for travel to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be under the same rules as regular members if allowed.
- Participation in the Individual Sports Program (ISP) reimbursement will be applicable - See ISP guidelines.