

Sports and Competition



Sports offer many opportunities for people to make the best use of their abilities, to become part of a cooperative team effort, to experience the joy, and sometimes the misery, of winning and losing. Plus, competing in sports is simply fun.

Competition prepares individuals to face adversity in their lives and to learn to respond affirmatively in the face of challenge and change.

There are numerous options for athletes who are paralyzed to compete, at the local ball field, rink, gym or track, even in the elite venues of the Paralympics.

Some sports require great physical conditioning, such as basketball and tennis. Others, including billiards and sailing are more tactical.

People in wheelchairs race their chairs, handbikes, automobiles, sailboats, you name it. They lift weights, jump over ramps on water skis, play football in parking lots, shoot rifles and play hockey. The possibilities are endless. If you've got an interest in almost any sport you can name, there are people out there ready to give you a game. There is no reason to sit on the sidelines.

Rehab professionals stress the importance of sports and recreation in the successful transition of individuals with disabilities. Disability can cause people to experience a loss of confidence and depression, to become alienated from family and friends. Sports offer the opportunity for success, which can lead to self-confidence and a focus on what is possible instead of what can no longer be done.

Source: Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center website https://www.christopherreeve.org/living-with-paralysis/health/staying-active/team-sports

Please also see the Reeve Foundation's topic sheets on fitness and exercise; golf; hunting; recreation; sailing; and therapeutic (horseback) riding and driving.

MultiSport Organizations

Adaptive Adventures

http://adaptiveadventures.org/ 9053 Harlan Street, Suite 34 Westminster, CO 80031

Phone: 303-679-2770

Phone: 877-679-2770 (Toll-free) E-mail: <u>info@adaptiveadventures.org</u>

700 Touhy Avenue

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 Phone: 312-310-2770

Phone: 866-679-2770 (Toll-free) Email: joel@adpativeadventures.org

Adaptive Adventures provides progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults and veterans with physical disabilities and their families.

Adaptive Sports New England

http://adaptivesportsne.org/

89 South St, Suite 603 Boston, MA 02111

Phone: 617-690-9103

Email: Joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org

Adaptive Sports New England is a Massachusetts non-profit organization dedicated to increasing participation in sports among New England youth and young adults who have visual or mobility impairments.

Ainsley's Angels of America

www.ainsleysangels.org

PO Box 6287

Virginia Beach, VA 23456 Email: <u>info@ainsleyangels.org</u>

Ainsley's Angels of America is a non-profit organization that matches runners with people with disabilities who want to compete in races. The "Angel Team" is comprised of at least two Ainsley's Angels. The rider is the core of the team and pulls the runner across the finish line with smiles, cheers and immeasurable inspirational spirit. With the health and well-being of the Rider as of the foremost priority, the 'Angel Team' works together to SAFELY accomplish the mission, while staying together and having fun.

American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AASP)

http://adaptedsports.org/

P.O. Box 451047

Atlanta, Georgia 31145 Phone: 404-294-0070

Email: sports@adaptedsports.org

AAASP is America's first interscholastic athletic governing body for students with physical or visual impairments. The organization's mission is to develop and support a standardized structure for school-based athletic competition to improve the well-being of students with physical disabilities.

Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP)

http://www.borp.org

3075 Adeline Street, Suite 200 Berkeley, CA 94703-2578

Phone: 510-849-4663 E-mail: info@borp.org

BORP offers year-round sports and recreation programs serving a wide variety of ages, interests and abilities. Youth sports include wheelchair basketball, power soccer, track & field, and handcycling. Adult sports include wheelchair basketball, power soccer, and goalball. There is also a fitness center, an Adventures & Outings Program for disabled children, adults, and families, and an Adaptive Cycling Program serving children, youth, adults and families.

Bridge II Sports

http://www.bridge2sports.org

3729 Murphey School Rd.

Durham, NC 27705 Phone: 866-880-2742

Bridge II Sports creates opportunities for physically challenged children and adults to play team and individual sports by providing equipment, developing sports, teams and coaching.

Challenge Aspen

www.challengeaspen.org

PO Box 6639

Snowmass Village, CO 81615

Phone: 970-923-0578

Challenge Aspen provides year-round recreational, educational and cultural experiences for people with disabilities. Programs include skiing, snowboarding, fly fishing, rafting, horseback riding, hiking and climbing. Challenge Aspen Military Opportunities (C.A.M.O.) provides experiences for injured military.

Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF)

http://www.challengedathletes.org

9591 Waples Street San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 858-866-0959

E-mail: caf@challengedathletes.org

CAF's mission is to provide opportunities and support to people with physical disabilities so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics.

Kennedy Krieger Institute: Physically Challenged Sports & Recreation Program

https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/initiatives/physically-challenged-sports

Kennedy Krieger High School Career and Technology Center

707 North Broadway Baltimore, MD 21205 Phone: 443-923-9200

Email: adaptivesports@kennedykrieger.org

The Physically Challenged Sports and Recreation Program is open to individuals aged 2 to 21 who experience physical challenges and exhibit cognitive skills at or near appropriate developmental levels. Activities include ice skating; motor development; fitness and swimming; wheelchair football, basketball and floor hockey; sitting volleyball; sled hockey; boccia; table tennis/polybat; tennis; track and field; baseball; power soccer; and golf.

Kyle Pease Foundation

www.kylepeasefoundation.org

Atlanta, GA

The purpose of the Kyle Pease Foundation (KPF) is to create awareness and raise funds to promote success for persons with disabilities by providing assistance to meet their individual needs through sports. Programs may include scholarship opportunities, purchasing of medical equipment or adaptive sports equipment for others or contributing to other organizations that provide similar assistance to disabled persons as well as participating in educational campaigns to create awareness about Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities. KPF will provide these services directly to individuals as well as to partner with other existing non-profit organizations to achieve these goals. Direct benefits will be limited to persons with disabilities who need adaptive sports equipment, mobility devices or medical care.

Life Rolls On Foundation

http://www.liferollson.org 7381 La Tijera Blvd #45770 Los Angeles, CA 90045 Phone: 424-272-1992

Life Rolls On is dedicated to improving the quality of life for young people affected by spinal cord injury and utilizes action sports as a platform to inspire infinite possibilities despite paralysis. LRO offers adaptive surfing and skateboarding.

Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC)

http://www.msktc.org/sci/factsheets/adaptive sports

MSKTC offers a fact sheet on Adaptive Sports and Recreation

Move United (a merger of Disabled Sports USA and Adaptive Sports USA)

https://www.moveunitedsport.org/

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 608

Rockville, MD 20850 Phone: 301-217-0960

Email: info@moveunitedsport.org

Move United's mission is to provide national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through participation in community sports, competition, recreation, high performance sport and educational programs. Each year over 70,000 youth, wounded warriors and adults are served through a nationwide network of over 150 community-based chapters in more than 40 states nationwide. Over 50 different sports are offered.

National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability: Competitive Sports

www.nchpad.org

3810 Ridgeway Drive Birmingham, AL 35209 Phone: 866-866-8896

This site has links to information on competitive sports for people with disabilities: basketball and wheelchair basketball, cycling, football (American), goal ball, hockey and wheelchair hockey, sit volleyball, soccer, softball, table tennis, volleyball, wheelchair curling, wheelchair rugby, and the Paralympics.

Trinity Oaks

http://www.trinityoaks.org/

17503 La Cantera Pkwy, Ste 104-512

San Antonio, TX 78257 Phone: 210-447-0351 Email: info@trinityoaks.org

Uses hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities to give back and make a difference in the lives of others. Their programs and services are for underserved populations such as veterans, youth, terminally ill and disabled; who benefit immensely from the outdoors, but otherwise would not be able to afford the experience.

Turtle Ridge Foundation

www.turtleridgefoundation.org

461 Main Street, Suite 6A

PO Box 10

Franconia, NH 03580 Phone: 603-616-5030

The Turtle Ridge Foundation was founded by Bode Miller and seeks to a provide a philanthropic platform in the community, support youth & adaptive sports programs and to offer the opportunity for the disabled community and young people to participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities that would not be available to them without help. The Turtle Ridge Foundation is proud to offer grants, scholarships, general funding and our new exclusive TRF MonoSki to the adaptive and youth sports world.

U. S. Adaptive Recreation Center

http://www.usarc.org/

PO Box 2897

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 Phone: 909-584-0269 E-mail: mail@usarc.org

USARC is committed to facilitating challenging and adventurous recreational programming for people with disabilities. Winter programs include skiing and snowboarding. Summer programs include wet and wild water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, sailing and fishing.

U.S. Paralympic Team

https://www.usopc.org/paralympic-sport-development

A division of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Paralympics are for persons with physical disabilities.

Wheelchair Sports Federation (WSF)

http://www.wheelchairsportsfederation.org/

6454 82nd Street, Suite 2 Middle Village, NY 11379-2329

Phone:718-416-0064

E-mail:info@wheelchairsportsfederation.org

WSF provides opportunities for disabled and wheelchair-bound adults and youth to play sports recreationally and competitively. The site has information on basketball, American football, handcycling, powerchair soccer, quad rugby, sled hockey, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, hunting, powerlifting, fishing, team handball, bowling, and flying. There are also links to resources for motor sports, skiing, water skiing, mountain biking, and table tennis.

World T.E.A.M. Sports

https://worldteamsports.org/

93 Summer St., Suite 500

Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 855-987-8326 (Toll-free)

World T.E.A.M. Sports brings individuals with and without disabilities together to undertake unique athletic events throughout the world to encourage, promote, and develop opportunities in sports for all people.

Archery

American Disabled Archers

http://www.americandisabledarchers.com/

A website for archers who have disabilities and those who support them.

British Wheelchair Archery Association (BWAA)

http://www.british-wheelchair-archery.org.uk/

BWAA is a multifaceted organisation and assists with all aspects from grassroots information to elite level training.

United Foundation for Disabled Archers (UFFDA)

http://www.uffdaclub.com/ Phone: 320-634-3660

E-mail: bowtwang@charter.net

UFFDA's mission is to promote and provide a means to practice all forms of archery for

any physically challenged person.

Basketball

International Wheelchair Basketball Federation

http://www.iwbf.org/

IWBF is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide opportunities for persons with a lower limb disability to play the game of wheelchair basketball.

National Wheelchair Basketball Association

http://www.nwba.org/

1130 Elkton Street, Suite C Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Phone: 719-266-4082 Email: info@nwba.org

Basketball is perhaps the oldest organized sport for athletes in wheelchairs. The game is fast and fun, and played in dozens of cities. The NWBA comprises over 200 men's, women's, intercollegiate, and youth teams throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Billiards

National Wheelchair Poolplayers Association (NWPA)

https://www.facebook.com/pages/NWPA-National-Wheelchair-PoolPlayers-Association/132128663527118

Phone: 256-778-0449

The NWPA is the sanctioning body of all organized wheelchair billiards. Pool has become a popular sport with men and women around the world, but even more so for hundreds of physically challenged players. Age and disability may limit one's ability to be competitive in other sports. Not so with pool, in fact some of the top players in the USA are quadriplegics.

Bowling

American Wheelchair Bowling Association (AWBA)

http://www.awba.org/ Email: info@awba.org

The AWBA sponsors about 10 tournaments a year and holds a national championship

every June.

Bowling Ramps

http://bowlingramps.com/

Innovative Products Inc.

830 S. 48th Street

Grand Forks, ND, 58201

Phone: 701-772-5458; 800-950-5185 (Toll-free)

E-mail: <u>jim@bowlingramps.com</u>

Innovative Products makes a wheelchair bowling ramp that is controlled by a control

switch.

IKAN Bowler

https://www.bowlingknowledge.com/ikanbowler/

Phone: 813-684-5786

E-mail: contact@ikanbowler.com

IKAN makes adaptive bowling and soccer equipment for power wheelchair users.

Canoeing

American Canoe Association (ACA): Paralympic Canoeing

https://americancanoe.org/competition/teams/olympic-paralympic/paracanoe/

Curling

Paralympic Curling

www.paralympic.org/wheelchair-curling

USA Curling

www.teamusa.org/usa-curling

Fencing

Paralympics: Wheelchair Fencing

https://www.paralympic.org/wheelchair-

fencing?gclid=EAlalQobChMlhoWY072b4glVl4uzCh2l0QffEAMYASAAEgJkr D BwE

Fishing

C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation

http://www.castforkids.org/

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation hosts over 50 events per year in over half of the United States and expands by 8 new events per year and into 2 new states per year on average. The Foundation aims for presence across the nation allowing disabled and disadvantaged children everywhere and of any means an opportunity to learn how to fish.

Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc. (FHNB)

http://www.fhnbinc.org/ 15453 County Highway B P.O. Box 175

Hayward, WI 54843

Phone: 715-634-3185, 800-243-3462 (Toll-free)

FHNB is a national organization with 23 chapters in 11 states, enabling thousands of individuals with disabilities to participate fully in fishing. The site has information on adaptive equipment.

Flying

Able Flight

http://ableflight.org/ 91 Oak Leaf Lane

Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Phone: 919-942-4699 Email: info@ableflight.org

Able Flight's mission is to offer people with disabilities a unique way to challenge themselves through flight and aviation career training.

Freedom's Wings International (FWI)

http://www.freedomswings.org

52 Eton Ct.

Bedminster, NJ 07921 Phone: 201-341-2183

FWI provides the opportunity for those who are physically challenged to fly in specially adapted sailplanes, either as a passenger or as a member of the flight training program.

Football (American)

Wikipedia: Wheelchair Football

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheelchair Football (American)

Golf—see our fact sheet on Golf for more information

National Alliance for Accessible Golf

http://www.accessgolf.org 5500 Military Trail #22-261

Jupiter, FL 33458

Phone: (561) 709-8002 E-mail: info@accessgolf.org The Alliance's mission is to increase participation of people with disabilities in the game of golf. The organization creates and promotes awareness about the benefits of accessible golf, provides technical assistance and training to individuals with disabilities as well as golf course owners and operators, and funds golf programs for individuals with disabilities.

UPRIGHT Golf

http://www.uprightgolf.com Phone: 319-415-5035 Email: jim@uprightgolf.com

UPRIGHT Golf has developed a comprehensive line of easy-to-use golf playing aids that

eliminate all of golf's repetitive bending and stooping.

Handcycling

WeMove: Handcycling

https://moveunitedsport.org/sport/hand-cycling/

Hockey

USA Hockey: Sled Hockey

http://www.usahockey.com/sledhockey http://www.usahockey.com/disabledhockey

1775 Bob Johnson Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4090

Phone: 719-576-8724

E-mail: usah@usahockey.org

This site has illustrated information on sled hockey, a video of the basics, and news on

the sport.

U.S. Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association

http://www.powerhockey.com

7216 39th Ave. North Minneapolis MN 55427 Phone 612-568-7216

Email: info@powerhockey.com

This site has a lot of information on power hockey, including rules and equipment, videos,

and links to leagues in the U.S. and Canada

Horseback_Riding—see our fact sheet on Therapeutic Riding and Driving for more information

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH)

http://www.pathintl.org/

P.O. Box 33150 Denver. CO 80233

Phone: 303-452-1212, 800-369-7433 (Toll-free)

PATH members, instructors and centers serve participants of all ages and with a range of physical, emotional, behavioral and cognitive challenges. The organization and its members have developed a variety of different equine-related activities for therapeutic purposes, collectively known as equine-assisted activities and therapies (or EAAT).

Para-Equestrian

https://www.usef.org/ IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allpara.aspx

Para-Equestrian, a part of Fédération Equestre Internationale, supports international equestrian sport for elite athletes with disabilities. The site has links to international and national organizations involved in equestrian sports for people with disabilities.

U.S. Para-Equestrian Federation

http://uspea.org/

The USPEA, an affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation, provides programs, clinics, and competition opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

Hunting—see our fact sheet on Hunting for more information

Buckmasters American Deer Foundation: Disabled Hunters Services

http://www.buckmasters.com/resources/badf/disabled-hunters.aspx

BADF Disabled Services
4121 Caramichael Rd, Suite 301
Montgomery, AL 36106
Mailing Address:
PO Box 244022

Montgomery, AL 36124 Phone: 334-215-3337

Email: dsullivan@buckmasters.com

BADF Disabled Services uses its combined resources to locate and organize

opportunities for people with physical disabilities.

Lacrosse

Wheelchair Lacrosse USA

www.wheelchairlacrosse.com 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 330 San Diego, CA 92108

Phone: 619-807-9327

Email: info@wheelchairlacrosse.com

Pickleball

Adaptive Pickleball

https://adaptivepickleball.com

Greer, SC

Phone: 864-420-5779

USA Pickleball

https://usapickleball.org/play/wheelchair-pickleball/

USA Pickleball is the governing body for the sport in the U.S. They provide the rules for wheelchair pickleball.

Rowing

U.S. Rowing: Adaptive Rowing

https://usrowing.org/index.aspx

This page has links to information on adaptive rowing, programs and camps, the Adaptive National Team, and regatta guidelines for adaptive rowing.

Rugby

International Wheelchair Rugby Federation

http://www.iwrf.com/

4 Park Square. Newton Chambers Rd.

Sheffield, England 5352PH Phone: +44 (0) 114 257 3170

This site has detailed description of the sport and its history as well as information on international teams and competitions.

United States Wheelchair Rugby Association (USWRA)

https://www.uswra.org/

The USWRA provides opportunity, support, and structure for competitive wheelchair rugby to people with disabilities. The site has information on wheelchair rugby, including rules of play, teams, photos and videos, and an event calendar.

Scuba Diving

Adaptive Scuba Programs

www.adaptivescubaprograms.org

801 NE 33 St.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334 Phone: 877-AQUA-TAG

Email: info@AdaptiveScubaPrograms.org

A non-profit organization that provides scuba diving to people with disabilities.

Dive Pirates Foundation

www.divepirates.org

The Dive Pirates Foundation has trained, equipped, and conducted dive trips for people with physical disabilities including veterans, first responders, and law enforcement.

Handicapped Scuba Association

http://www.hsascuba.com/ Phone: 949-498-4540

E-mail: hsa@hsascuba.com

The HSA is dedicated to improving the physical and social well-being of people with disabilities through the sport of scuba diving. The organization has over 4000 underwater

educators, scuba divers with disabilities and supporting members located in over 45 countries. HAS coordinates dive vacations and is an independent diver training and certifying agency.

Shooting

National Rifle Association (NRA): Adaptive Shooting Program

https://adaptiveshooting.nra.org/

Phone: 800-672-3888

The NRA Adaptive Shooting Program offers services that enable thousands of Americans with physical disabilities to enjoy a variety of shooting activities, including competitive events and hunting.

Skiing

Move United: Downhill Skiing

https://www.moveunitedsport.org/sport/downhill-skiing/

Professional Ski Instructors of America: Adaptive Education Resources

https://thesnowpros.org/get-certified/adaptive/

Offers resources for instructors interested in Adaptive Snowsports Instruction.

Ski for Light

http://www.sfl.org

1455 West Lake Street Minneapolis, MN 55408 Phone: 612-827-3232 E-mail: info@sfl.org

The mission of Ski for Light is to enhance the quality of life and independence of visually or mobility-impaired adults through a program of cross-country skiing.

New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA)

http://www.nehsa.org/

PO Box 2135

180 Mount Sunapee Rd. Newbury, NH 03255 Phone: 603-763-9158 Email: info@nehsa.org

NEHSA is a group of people who pool their knowledge, skill and courage to participate in sports activities. Skiing, however, is still the central sport because of its amazing adaptability to many types of disabilities. NEHSA offers adaptive ski and snowboard lessons to people of all ages and all disabilities. Among stand-up skiers are amputees, persons who have recovered from polio or strokes, skiers with cerebral palsy, blind skiers, deaf skiers, and persons with developmental disabilities. Participants in the sit-down program may include persons with spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, paraplegia and quadriplegia.

Ski Central: Disabled Skiing

http://skicentral.com/adaptive.html

This page lists links to adaptive skiing organizations around the world.

Soccer

IKAN Bowler

https://www.bowlingknowledge.com/ikanbowler/

Phone: 813-684-5786

E-mail: contact@ikanbowler.com

IKAN makes adaptive bowling and soccer equipment for power wheelchair users.

United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA)

http://www.powersoccerusa.net/

The USPSA governs the sport of Power Soccer in the United States and helps promote the sport on a national and international level.

Power Soccer Shop

http://www.powersoccershop.com Phone: 763-856-2044 ext. 204

E-mail: customerservice@powersoccershop.com

Source for power soccer equipment.

Softball

National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA)

http://www.wheelchairsoftball.org/

The NWSA is the governing body for wheelchair softball in the U.S. with over 30 teams that compete on a regular basis. The NWSA hosts an annual national tournament.

Surfing

AccesSurf Hawaii Inc.

http://www.accessurf.org

P.O. Box 15152 Honolulu, HI 96830 Phone: 808-236-4200 Email: info@accesSurf.org

AccesSurf provides adaptive surfing instruction and therapeutic educational programs on water recreation and assists families in accessing the beach and ocean in a barrier free

environment.

AmpSurf: Association of Amputee Surfers

http://www.ampsurf.org 1251 Shell Beach Rd

PISMO BEACH, California 93449

Phone: (805) 295-5000 E-mail: surf@ampsurf.org AmpSurf provides learn to surf clinics, adaptive surfing, and fun, safe, outdoor activities to disabled veterans, adults and children.

Shaka Surf Camp in Costa Rica

http://www.shakacostarica.com

Shaka Beach Retreat teaches children and adults with disabilities how to surf at a fully ADA-compliant and wheelchair accessible retreat. The camps are offered free of charge for selected non-profits to utilize.

Table Tennis (Ping Pong)

US Paralympics: Table Tennis

https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Table-Tennis

International Table Tennis Federation: Para Table Tennis

http://www.ipttc.org/

This site has information on international athletes and competitions.

Tennis

United States Tennis Association (USTA): Wheelchair Tennis

https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/programs-for-everyone.html#wheelchair-tennis

70 West Red Oak Lane

White Plains, New York 10604

Phone: 914-696-7000

The USTA is the governing body of both Olympic and Paralympic tennis. The site has

wheelchair tennis news.

International Tennis Federation: Wheelchair Tennis

https://www.itftennis.com/en/itf-tours/uniglo-wheelchair-tennis-tour/

This site has information on international athletes and competitions.

Let's Roll Wheelchair Tennis

www.letsrollwheelchairtennis.com

Offers an instructional wheelchair tennis series.

Track & Field

Adaptive Track and Field USA

https://www.atfusa.org/

Volleyball

USA Volleyball: Sitting Volleyball

https://usavolleyball.org/

This page has information on the men's and women's sitting volleyball teams and links to other sports organizations for people with disabilities.

Water Skiing

USA Adaptive Water Ski & Wake Sports

https://www.usaadaptivewaterski.org/

National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability: Explore Adapted Water Skiing

https://www.nchpad.org/resources/water-skiing/

Magazines

Move United (formerly Challenge Magazine)

https://moveunitedsport.org/news-media/move-united-magazine/

Published 3 times a year by Move United.

PALAESTRA

https://js.sagamorepub.com/index.php/palaestra/

A quarterly publication designed to be a single responsible source of valuable information targeting all individuals interested in sport, physical education and recreation involving individuals with disabilities.

Sports 'N Spokes: The Magazine for Wheelchair Sports and Recreation

http:/www.sportsnspokes.com

Published 6 times a year by the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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