



Blaze Sports Alaska Participation Questionnaire  
 Please Return to Challenge Alaska as soon as possible  
 The design of this program  
 will be based on the feedback obtained from this form

Fax: 344-7349

Or mail to:

Challenge Alaska  
 3350 Commercial Dr. Suite 208  
 Anchorage, AK 99501

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To participate in a Blaze Sports program an athlete must fall into one of the below classifications and be able to learn and follow rules to games independently. Please check your athlete's classification:

Spinal cord injury

Spina Bifida

Polio

Amputations

Visual impairments

Neuro-muscular

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Would your child be interested in participating in the Blaze Sports Alaska Program?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, please stop here and return survey – thank you)

2. How often would the athlete be available to attend after school practice at a location to be determined (no transportation is provided)?

4 times per month \_\_\_\_\_

2 times per month \_\_\_\_\_

3 times per month \_\_\_\_\_

1 time per month \_\_\_\_\_

3. What type of sporting events would you/your child be most interested in?  
 (please rank in order of interest 1 - 9)

Skiing \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair Basketball \_\_\_\_\_

Goalball \_\_\_\_\_

Track & Field \_\_\_\_\_

Power Soccer \_\_\_\_\_

Swimming \_\_\_\_\_

Cycling \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair Tennis \_\_\_\_\_

Sled Hockey \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Would you be interested in purchasing a uniform for your athlete to practice in?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any concerns with your child using additional adaptive equipment to enable them to participate with children of all levels of ability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Blaze Sports Alaska Program will host meetings to provide more information, answer questions, and address concerns. Which days of the week would you be able to attend?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM (actual date to be established)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM (actual date to be established)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 9:30 – 11:00 AM (actual date to be established)
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (please fill in day/time): \_\_\_\_\_

All meetings will be held at Challenge Alaska located in the *United Way/Success By 6* building located in Mountain View at 3350 Commercial Dr. Suite 208

Thank you for your participation in this survey. Your information will help us customize the design of this program to better serve the needs of young athletes with physical disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Person completing form (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Person completing form (sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Athlete,

For many children with physical disabilities, participation in athletics can present a variety of barriers. For athletes with physical disabilities, these barriers might reduce or even eliminate the opportunity for you/your child to participate at the level he or she would like. The BlazeSports Alaska Program provides an opportunity for you/your child to participate in a variety of athletics for people with physical disabilities right here in Anchorage.

BlazeSports Alaska provides sporting opportunities for people with physical disabilities comparable to those provided for non-disabled persons. BlazeSports introduces able and interested students with physical disabilities, teachers and coaches to adaptive sport instruction and competition. The program also provides news and interactive resources for all students, teachers, and coaches. In addition, the Blaze Program exposes participants to elite international and Paralympic athletes.

Athletics that might be available include:

- Wheelchair tennis – traditional tennis with modifications
- Wheelchair basketball – traditional basketball with modifications
- Goalball – sport for the visually impaired with use of an audible ball
- Track & field – traditional track & field with both wheelchair and non-wheelchair events
- Wheelchair power soccer – traditional soccer played with modifications
- Swimming – a variety of traditional swimming events
- Cycling – traditional bicycle/tandem or handcycle
- Skiing – cross country and alpine skiing with use of adaptive equipment
- Sled Hockey – traditional hockey with use of adaptive equipment
- Sitting Volleyball – traditional volleyball with modifications

The BlazeSports Program is attempting to gather information from parents about level of interest and availability of potential athletes. Please take a few moments to complete the attached questionnaire. For more information, please contact:

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Did you know:

- Currently, there are 11 Universities that offer athletic opportunities for students with physical disabilities.
- Studies show that children with physical disabilities who participate in health and wellness programs experience enhanced self-esteem and improved peer relationships, which correlates to higher achievement and better health.
- Students with physical disabilities that have participated in the University of Illinois wheelchair sports program currently have a 95% employment rate.

For more information about any of the programs mentioned above, please visit the following websites:

Blaze Sports, USA  
[www.blazesports.org](http://www.blazesports.org)

Challenge Alaska  
<http://www.challengealaska.org>

Paralympic Academy  
[www.paralympicacademy.org](http://www.paralympicacademy.org)

U.S. Paralympics  
[www.usolympicteam.com/paralympics/](http://www.usolympicteam.com/paralympics/)