



Enriching Lives & Connecting Communities

Adapted Programs

Adaptive Recreation
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Policy Statement

In keeping our commitment to provide quality recreation services for the entire Richland County Recreation Commission Community regardless of abilities, every effort is made to determine and address the needs of children, youth and adults with special needs.

Guidance:

1.0. Adapted Program Services:

All adapted programs are coordinated and supervised by the Adaptive Recreation Supervisor. Each program has guidelines, job descriptions and qualifications for the staff. Since the Richland County Recreation Commission co-sponsors several programs with state and local agencies, the Richland County Recreation Commission adheres to their guidelines in setting up various programs. This is an ever changing process that depends heavily on a network of related community service providers, both private and public. Working with people with disabilities requires a wide diversity of professional expertise. All individuals interested in programs for physically and mentally challenged participants should be referred to the Adaptive Recreation Supervisor for information and possible placement.

Programs for inclusion allow children with and without disabilities the chance to play and grow together and benefit from each other. After-school Program III allows children, ages 5-12, with emotional and developmental disabilities to participate in community recreation after-school programs. Through parent consultation and child placement, handled by qualified staff, children with autism have been successfully integrated into the summer camp programs offered by RCRC.

2.0 Adaptive Sports:

PARTICIPATION & REGISTRATION: The Adaptive Sports Leagues are for individuals with intellectual and physical disability ages 8 – 25. All games are played at our local parks. Registrations for all leagues are at least 30 days prior to the season. Those interested in playing can register at the site or online. For the safety of our players, registration forms must be fully

completed, signed and on file before any child can participate in any league. Information includes; name, permanent address, phone numbers and emergency contacts. Additional persons authorized to pick up your child should be on file with you signed permission.

Adaptive Sports are a fast growing activity across the world. Most sports follow the same rules as able-bodies, except flexibility is required to meet the needs of the participants with disabilities. Example wheelchair tennis players are allowed two bounces of the ball. Adaptive sports like wheelchair tennis offer people with all types of disabilities an outlet to play sports competitively and in recreational programs

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For more information about this policy, contact the Executive Department.