

USA Skateboarding Adaptive Skateboard Program

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Setting Adaptive Skateboarding on it's way in the USA!

Athlete Mike Minor, pictured here at the Dew Tour 2022, will join the Ambassador Team, representing the new UL Class

Future Objectives 2022/2023

- Create Ambassador Team to spread the word and develop the foundation for the future.
- Create a comprehensive classification system, presentable to the IPC.
- Create a clear point system for Para-Skateboarding.
- Create a thorough judging criteria.
- Create a clear pipeline of competitions, regional and international events.
 - Partner with Programs like Adaptive Action Sports to curate camps and comps.
 - Identify and support additional development programs within the USA to begin pipelining potential athletes into the program.





Ambassador Team

6 Athletes

- The Ambassador Team will be made of veteran athletes who have experience with the USOPC and “high performance” training as well as those who participated and earned points in the Grind for Life Adaptive Division in 2022. This team will not only compete but also work with USA Skateboarding to develop the athlete pipeline working on clinic and camp projects. Acting as mentors to pipeline athletes the Adaptive Ambassadors will be the face of the USAS Adaptive Team while the infrastructure is put in place.

Proposed Adaptive Classification

USAS will be working with the classifiers from Para-Snowboarding, to help develop and implement our proposed classification system, outlined below.

Upper Limb - Upper limb impairment or limb loss

Lower Limb 1 - Single lower limb impairment or limb loss

Lower Limb 2 - Double lower limb impairment or limb loss - standing

Lower Limb 3 - Double lower limb impairment or limb loss - sitting

Visually Impaired - Visual impairment or complete loss of vision

Wheelchair - Athletes skating in a wheelchair, will require additional classes according to upper body mobility.

Point System, Pipeline Comps and Judging Criteria

Based on existing ideology

- The USAS Adaptive Skateboarding Point System may be based on our existing point system for “able bodied” competition, remaining within the outlined classification systems and compatible with the USOPC’s codex.
- USAS will sanction a minimum of 5 competitions, to include an adaptive division and our comprehensive classification system. These comps will implement our point system and qualify individuals for USAS Adaptive Nationals and ultimately, the official USAS Para-Skateboarding Team.
- The USAS judging criteria will be drafted and implemented within the proposed pipeline competitions in the Spring of 2023. Our judges will be vetted and educated through the World Skate.



ADAPTIVE ACTION SPORTS



Adaptive Action Sports | Grind for Life

Development Program for USAS Para-Skateboarding

- Adaptive Action Sports has built a name for itself in the development of high level Para-Snowboard Athletes. With roots in skateboarding, AAS will expand its program offerings to include entry level lessons, development and high performance training for Para-Skateboard athletes.
- Grind for Life and the Poseiden Foundation play a large role in the current adaptive skate scene and USAS will look to organizations like these to help grow the sports.
- USAS will seek additional organizations to help build our athlete base. In order to do so, the Adaptive Subcommittee will be developing a handbook for additional pipeline programs to reference.

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