



UN Disability Convention: Inclusion in Sport as a Human Right

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Overview

- Disability in Sport program
- UN Disability Convention
- Inclusion in Sport as a Human Right
- Human Rights, Sport and Disability Campaign
- Questions

Disability in Sport program

- Research, Education, Advocacy
 - Management
 - Media
 - Athlete Views
 - Public Awareness
 - Legal Aspects

Disability in Sport program

- Values
 - Respect
 - Legitimacy
 - Equality
 - Opportunity
 - Access
 - Inclusion

UN Disability Convention

- A Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

UN Disability Convention

- UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (1993)
- Division of Economic and Social Affairs
 - High Commission for Human Rights?
- Ad-Hoc Committee
 - June 2002, June 2003, June 2004 (next)
- Working Group
 - January 2004

UN Disability Convention

- NGO Participation
 - Accreditation to Ad-Hoc Committee and Working Group
 - NGO Ad-Hoc Committee Caucus
 - NGO Lobbying
 - NGO Interventions
 - “Nothing About Us Without Us”

UN Disability Convention

- Examples of Draft Articles (25)
 - Equality and Non-Discrimination
 - Right to Life
 - Education
 - Right to Health and Rehabilitation
 - Right to Work
 - Participating in Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport (Article 24)

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- Draft Article 24
 - “States Parties recognize the right of persons with disabilities, on an equal basis with others, to participate in recreational, leisure and sporting activities”

Inclusion in Sport as a Human Right

- People with Disabilities in Sport
 - Integrated settings
 - Without accommodations
 - With accommodations
 - Disability-specific settings
 - Ability appropriate
 - Similar to divisioning by gender

Inclusion in Sport as a Human Right

- Opportunities
 - UN Standard Rules address Sports and Recreation (Article 11)
 - UN Special Advisor to the Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace
 - Governments generally recognize the right to sport participation, particularly integrated settings

Inclusion in Sport as a Human Right

- Challenges

- Continuing to emphasize the human right to sports activities
- Recognizing and understanding disability-specific settings
- Recognizing the role of existing sports organizations and institutions to address disability-specific settings
- Valuing athletic potential of athletes with disabilities in disability-specific settings

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- Human Rights in Sports Panel during June Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings
 - Education on Disability-Specific Settings
 - Address Role of Sport as Vehicle for People with Disabilities
 - Discuss Article 24

Human Rights, Sport and Disability Campaign

- Data Collection
- Policy Development
- Monitoring
- Education
- Coalition Building
- Media Awareness



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Questions?

