

# ACCESS SPORTS

## Summer 2018 Updates

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### Strategic Planning Underway:

Our board is hard at work executing our 2019 strategic business and financial operating models that were crafted and developed over the past six months. These models will guide our efforts over the next 5 years. We held several meetings and analyzed our current business and financial operations, as well as, our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and possible threats to the organization and its daily operations. We established committees that will be meeting over the summer including Website, Fundraising, Finance, and Communications. We look forward to sharing our work with you over the upcoming year – watch for a new website!

### Annual Yearly Planning:

During these long summer days, it provides time for us to plan for the upcoming 2018-19 sport seasons. All documents are evaluated and updated. Schedules are determined and space secured for all programs, trainings, and meetings. Equipment is checked and replaced as needed and we begin the planning for our annual Spaghetti Dinner.

### Save the Date:

#### 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner 2018

Friday, November 2, 2018

5:00 - 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus, Elmhurst



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This past year we added an additional basketball program, opened our track program to our younger athletes, changed our annual volunteer appreciation event to an end of season sport appreciation, and established a social outing program for our older athletes and their peers.

### New Initiatives:

We are in discussions with Elmhurst Rugby on a program called Access Rugby designed for athletes with disabilities. It involves modified rugby drills mixed with OT-based activities and finishes with a touch rugby style game. The sessions are physical and utilize tackle bags and hit shields to get the input that so many kids crave.

We are also discussing and planning a pilot program that we are calling Access Sports All Play. This would be a program in addition to our current programs. It is an integrated sports program bringing individuals with and without disabilities to unite in sports together on a team.

### Getting Involved:

If you are interested in becoming more involved with Access Sports - maybe you want to help with an event, serve on our board, or help on a committee, contact Dena Seidenfuss, Director at [info@elmhurstaccesssports.org](mailto:info@elmhurstaccesssports.org) or 630-290-9514.

*Our mission is to provide young athletes with disabilities opportunities to participate in an array of community based sports in a fun and meaningful way by encouraging individual growth and fostering positive and interactive relationships between athletes, volunteers, families, and communities.*

