



FACT SHEET FOR POWERCHAIR SOCCER

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THE NATIONAL TEAM - 2017

The national team is currently made up of twelve players who have been training together since January of 2015. The team will be made up of 8 players on the roster and four alternates.

Archer, Michael***- Greenwood, Indiana

Calvert, Case** - Indianapolis, Indiana

Carpenter, Ben - Orlando, Florida

Cunningham, Andrew- Syracuse, New York

Dickey, Jordan** - Pendleton, Indiana

Dickey, Katie** - Pendleton, Indiana

Hernandez, Tyler - Tampa, Florida

Johnson, Riley – St. Cloud, Minnesota

Mayer, Nathan – Monticello, Minnesota

Russo, Natalie** - Carmel, Indiana (alternate in 2007)

Peyton, Sefick** - Syracuse, New York (alternate in 2011)

Winslow, Pete** – Woodbury, Minnesota

**Denotes # of times on the National Team, including being an alternate*

Team USA athlete's disabilities vary from muscular dystrophy, arthrogyriposis, and birth defect.

COMPETITION

- The USPSA's first national team's first competition was in Tokyo, Japan in 2007.
- Team USA won the 1st power chair football world cup breaking a 1-1 tie in triple overtime, sudden death against France.
- Team USA traveled to Paris, France for the 2011 World Cup, where again they came out on top, a rematch in the Championship game after suffering their first loss to Team England in pool play, Team USA prevails with a 3-0 win for victory!
- Team USA will be defending their title in 2017, this time on their home soil, in Kissimmee, Florida.

GENERAL FACTS

- 4 v 4 game, with a goalkeeper and 3 forwards, who attack, defend, dribble and spin-kick the soccer ball in an attempt to score points on a goal.
- It is played on an indoor regulation sized basketball court with a 13-inch ball.
- The ball is maneuvered with the foot-guard, which is attached to a sports wheelchair.
- There are approximately 65 teams playing competitively in the US, about the same number play recreationally.
- There are 27 countries playing powerchair football around the world.
- People of all disabilities play the sport.

GOVERNING BODIES

- The International organization was formed in 2006, Federation International de Powerchair Football, FIPFA. www.fipfa.org
- The United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA) became a not for profit organization in the Fall of 2006. www.powersoccerusa.org
- FIPFA is a Paralympic recognized Federation.