



## Two-Time World Cup Power Soccer Champions Final Training Camp in Greenwood

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**Greenwood, IN- April 5, 2017** Most sports authorities agree that soccer is the world's most popular sport—whether based on most fans, most participants, or whatever other definition is used to determine popularity. Many games have descended from the sport, and variations have developed from the game. Some were developed out of necessity, while others were modified to cater to people with disabilities. Power Soccer is the first and only competitive team sport developed specifically for power wheelchair users. Athletes' disabilities include quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, and many others. **The World Cup Power Soccer champions of Team USA will play exhibition games open to the public at Mount Pleasant Christian Church's Community Life Center, 407 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood on Saturday, April 29, 1-5pm.**

Star player Michael Archer, of Greenwood will be participating in his final World Cup appearance. "Playing for Team USA is the greatest honor that has come my way. Even though I have played in both World Cup's, each one is more challenging and I strive to beat every challenge that comes my way. Representing my country is the greatest feeling in the world," says Archer. The team consists of eight rostered athletes with five from the Hoosier state and four alternates.

### More About Power Soccer:

The game is usually played in a gymnasium on a regulation basketball court. Two teams of four players attack, defend, pass and spin-kick a 13-inch soccer ball in a fast, skilled, and challenging game similar to the able-bodied game. Four major Championship Cup competitions are held annually around the United States, all sponsored by MK Battery, one of the world's leading suppliers of batteries used in power mobility equipment, and the Official Sponsor of the USPSA and Team USA. The sport expanded to the United States in 2005, governed by the United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA). The International World Cup competition began in 2007, with Japan serving as the first host country. France hosted the second World Cup in 2011. Both World Cups were won by the USA team. Players for Team USA are selected from over 60 club teams currently playing the sport in the United States. USPSA will host the third Powerchair Football World Cup in Kissimmee, Fla, July 5-9, 2017. "This is an expensive sport for traveling to regional and international competitions," says Wayne Merdinger, executive vice president and general manager of MK Battery. "Transporting competition-level wheelchairs and other specialized equipment for both the personal needs of players and for the games are big issues for the athletes, families and the fledgling not-for-profit. They require personal attendants, staff, referees, facilities and other costs typically associated with major sporting events. We encourage other corporations and individuals to step up and sponsor this worthy sport, especially for the tax deductible costs associated with the upcoming World Cup next year in Florida."

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