FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you would like to participate in any of these events or if you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive information about future events or clinics, complete the following form and mail to:
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Challenged Sports Competitions & Clinics
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Charleston Area Medical Center’s Medical Rehabilitation Center, located on the campus of CAMC General Hospital in Charleston, WV, sponsors a variety of statewide sporting competitions for athletes of all ages with physical disabilities. The center also sponsors other events, clinics and a variety of sports when there is a need or upon request by schools or special interest groups.

**TRACK & FIELD EVENTS**
The West Virginia Challenged Track & Field Championship began in 1995 to provide competitive sporting opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

Track events include 40 meter and 60 meter races (juniors only); 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, 1,500 meter, 5,000 meter, 10,000 meter and pentathlon races. Field events include club, shot-put, discus and javelin.

**SHOOTING COMPETITION**
The WV Marksman Championship, held in Nitro, WV, began in 1997. The competition joins with the National Rifle Association to provide regional competition for marksmen with physical disabilities. Marksmen compete in both air rifle and air pistol events.

**BASKETBALL LEAGUE**
Individuals from around the state form teams to compete in a seven-week winter league at a Charleston community center. The league is co-sponsored by Charleston Parks and Recreation.

**OTHER EVENTS**
The Challenged Sports Program also offers annual competitions and clinics in swimming, golf, tennis and archery.

**OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED SPORTS**
The CAMC Medical Rehabilitation Center Challenged Sports Program is sanctioned by WASUSA. Founded in 1956 as the National Wheelchair Athletic Association, the name of the organization was changed in 2009 to WASUSA to better reflect the organization’s mission and goals. The initial impetus is on sports for physically challenged athletes. The event is sanctioned by the US Para-Olympic Committee and Wheelchair Sports, USA. Athletes who meet national qualifying standards can only be eligible upon meeting specific criteria in performance at a sanctioned meet and venue with certified officials, timers and field judges. National record breaking or setting performances require format verification from the above personnel and meet director. The staff of the CAMC Medical Rehabilitation Center will assist West Virginia athletes who meet qualifying standards with preparation and training for national competitions.

**CAMC MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTER**
As the largest hospital-based rehabilitation program in the state and one of only two hospital-based rehabilitation centers in West Virginia, the CAMC Medical Rehabilitation Center offers a sophisticated array of services that simply are not available at other hospitals in the state. For example, CAMC offers the only medical rehabilitation program with physiatrists who have completed specialized training in brain injury and spinal cord rehabilitation. The 40-bed facility is staffed by physiatrists who hold the Functional Independence Measure Certification. In addition, the center offers CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited programs in brain injury, spinal cord rehabilitation and comprehensive integrated inpatient care.

The goal of the Medical Rehabilitation Center is to support activities that help patients integrate physical challenges into their lifestyle. Here, patients recover from a wide range of physical disabilities, including spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, stroke, amputations and orthopedic injuries. Our staff believes people with disabilities are contributing members of society and have the right to participate in all aspects of community life. Thus, the center works closely with a patient’s referring physician and family to set a plan for achieving the patient’s goals.