



TEAM USA—2013 World Dwarf Games

Official Newsletter of the Dwarf Athletic Association of America

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Welcome to the March edition of DAAA's TEAM USA newsletter. With less than 10 days remaining to place your TEAM USA uniform on order and less than 30 days to register for the Games, we hope that this newsletter finds you earnestly taking your final uniform measurements and diligently completing your registration materials. If you need more convincing on why you should attend, spend a few minutes reading the articles from Len Sawisch and Brian Hedger on the significance of these World Games. We look forward to your participation as a member of TEAM USA in the largest sporting event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes!

IMPORTANT TEAM USA UNIFORM INFORMATION

Less than 10 days remain for TEAM USA athletes to order their uniforms for the 2013 World Dwarf Games. **Uniform orders must be placed by March 25, 2013.** All TEAM USA members who participate in the World Games must exclusively wear the TEAM USA uniform component(s) that correspond to their events. Please read through all of the attached details to learn how to place your uniform order.

Due to the length of manufacturing time involved with the uniforms, **orders must be placed by March 25th** in order to ensure their delivery prior to the Games. Sorry - **no uniform orders can be accepted after March 25, 2013.** TEAM USA athletes who plan on participating in the World Games must wear the TEAM USA uniform in order to compete and participate in opening/closing ceremonies, so be sure to get your uniform on order today!

As a reminder, TEAM USA athletes that participate in the 2013 World Dwarf Games will be required to wear the TEAM USA uniform components that correspond to the event(s) that they are competing in. As the World Games are a uniquely special event, we want our TEAM USA athletes to look and compete as the champions that they are. In this regard, **all TEAM USA athletes will be required to compete exclusively in TEAM USA uniforms.**

NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR UNIFORM ORDERS IS MARCH 25, 2013. ALL TEAM USA MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD DWARF GAMES MUST WEAR THE TEAM USA UNIFORM COMPONENTS THAT CORRESPOND TO THE EVENTS THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN (SEE BELOW) – NO OTHER UNIFORM SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. TO ENSURE YOUR ABILITY TO COMPETE FOR TEAM USA, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR UNIFORM ORDER IS PLACED PRIOR TO MARCH 25, 2013 (NOTE THAT THE UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE OCCURS BEFORE THE WORLD GAMES REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF APRIL 15, 2013).

Following are the athletic events and the corresponding TEAM USA uniform components that will be required for each event:

Event	Required Uniform Components
Archery	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Badminton	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional)

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TEAM USA Uniforms (continued from page 1)

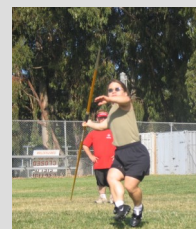
Basketball	TEAM USA Basketball Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts). If you like to wear a t-shirt under your sleeveless jersey, bring <u>both</u> a white t-shirt and a navy blue t-shirt so that it will correspond with the jersey color.
Boccia	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Floor Hockey	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Kurling	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Powerlifting	TEAM USA Basketball Jersey or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Shooting	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt (athlete chooses their own pants or shorts)
Soccer	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Swimming	TEAM USA T-shirt or TEAM USA Polo Shirt as Cover-up for Photos (no TEAM USA swim suit or swim cap is provided)
Table Tennis	TEAM USA Polo Shirt or TEAM USA T-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Track & Field	TEAM USA T-shirt or TEAM USA Basketball Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Volleyball	TEAM USA Soccer Jersey, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete wears their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts)
Opening Ceremonies	TEAM USA Warm-up Jacket, TEAM USA Polo Shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete chooses their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts) or optional TEAM USA Warm-up Pants
Closing Ceremonies	TEAM USA Warm-up Jacket, TEAM USA Polo Shirt, Navy Blue Shorts (athlete chooses their own navy blue shorts or optional TEAM USA shorts) or optional TEAM USA Warm-up Pants

Click here for a sketch of all of the uniform components: [TEAM USA Athletic Wear Sketch](#). Note that actual colors of the uniform may differ slightly from drawings shown.

DAAA has chosen to work with My Stature, an apparel company based in Arvada, Colorado, that designs and manufactures clothing exclusively for persons with dwarfism. While each uniform will not be custom tailored to each individual athlete, My Stature designs incorporate attention to proportion so that pockets, sleeve cuffs and design details enhance the overall look of the uniform.

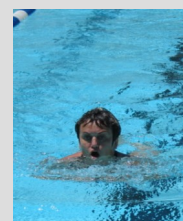
Orders must be placed on-line or postmarked by midnight on March 25, 2013. As a reminder, **all TEAM USA athletes will be required to compete exclusively in TEAM USA uniforms**, so be sure to place your uniform order prior to midnight on March 25, 2013.

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“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.”

~George Herman
“Babe” Ruth~



“Never give up! Failure and rejection are only the first step to succeeding.”

~ Jim
Valvano ~



TEAM USA Uniforms (continued from page 2)

Unfortunately, due to the time required to manufacture the uniforms, **no uniform orders can be accepted after March 25, 2013**.

Should you have questions regarding the order forms, measurement guide, garment sizing, or order status, please contact Mary Lane at My Stature at info@mystature.com or 303-319-5916.

We do not want financial hardship of the uniform cost to discourage any athlete from participating on TEAM USA. We encourage any athlete who may have a concern about financial hardship to make contact with us. Please contact Mike Cekanor at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com **prior to March 10th** should the financial implications of a uniform purchase inhibit your ability to participate in the Games.

DAAA is currently engaged in a fundraising campaign to help offset the cost of athlete uniforms. After financial hardship cases are addressed, funds raised through the uniform fundraising campaign will be used to offset the cost of athlete uniforms. The potential amount of offset will depend on the success of the fundraising campaign.

We look forward to watching our TEAM USA athletes participate in the World Dwarf Games in East Lansing, Michigan - proudly representing our great country in their TEAM USA uniforms.... Go TEAM USA!!!!

Click here to read the remainder of the announcement regarding the details of TEAM USA uniforms <http://www.2013WorldDwarfGames.org/PDF/TeamUSAUniformFinalx.pdf>, including pricing, uniform descriptions and information on how to place your order.

Click here to be taken to the My Stature website to place your TEAM USA uniform order [My Stature - Official Uniform Provider for TEAM USA](#)

Click here for the mail-in forms for TEAM USA Uniforms: <http://mystature.com/download/DAAA%20catalog.pdf>

World Dwarf Games Registration

We are about 30 days away from the close of initial registration period for the 2013 World Dwarf Games. Registrations are being taken either on-line or by mail. To access both the on-line and mail-in forms, visit the Registration page of the World Dwarf Games website by clicking here: [Register Now! - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)

Please read through the instructions prior to beginning the registration process. There is some information that you will want to have at your finger tips prior to beginning the registration forms (classification measurement data, event information and schedule). The registration page of the website will provide you with the details of information you will need in order to complete your registration form. Remember, to avoid late fees, **registration forms are due by April 15th**. For an additional fee, registration forms will be accepted until April 30th. Unfortunately, **no registrations will be taken after April 30** (there will be no on-site registrations taken for the World Games). Make sure to get your registration in on-time to ensure your place on TEAM USA!

Note: LPA has offered a \$50.00 discount off of the LPA Conference Early Registration fee for families and individuals registered for both the DAAA World Dwarf Games and LPA Conference. Additional details will be provided by LPA in the LPA Conference Registration book (published in April).



"Luck? Sure. But only after long practice and only with the ability to think under pressure."

~ Babe
Didrikson
Zaharias~



"True disputants are like true sportsmen: their whole delight is in the pursuit."

~Alexander
Pope~



Scouts Honor: A Special Appeal to Parents

from DAAA Co-Founder Len Sawisch

I tell people I helped start organized dwarf sports so I would have someone to beat. It's not true. I wrestled in high school (I lied to pass the physical). My worst beating came at the hands of the only other LP I ever wrestled. It really tore me up, and here is why (and why your kids should be at the World Dwarf Games):

When I was a kid, people use to tell me 'you're just small, that's all.' And I really wanted to believe them (even though it's not true). I use to fantasize that if I was the same size as everyone else, I would be one Bad Dude! I carried that image locked inside until that senior year wuppin'. It took years to get over. First I had to accept that if I chose my peer group by size, there were actually folks out there my size who could kick my butt. Second I had to accept that no one can be the same size as everyone else; what a foolish idea to begin with! Third, and probably most devastating, I had to accept that I really wasn't all that special.

And that's why dwarf sports is so important. Every kid needs opportunities to learn how not special they really are. Kids like me grow up constantly being told by stares and points and preferential treatment (good or bad) that they are special because they are dwarfs. Our opportunities to not be special are few and far between. But to be part of the largest sporting event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes; to be surrounded by 500+ dwarf athletes of all skill levels from all around the world for a week; to be immersed in a context where only folks with dwarfism are allowed to be stars - that's where reality is truly tested. That is where dwarfism becomes irrelevant.

DAAA was started by parents of dwarf children; all but one of whom were dwarfs themselves. Each grew up without dwarf sports. Each realized, in our own way, that our children and children like us should not be denied a sport venue with such reality-based life-altering growth potential, win or lose. As a result, every dwarf child born in America over the last 30 years has had the potential to be involved in dwarf sports. But the potential is lost if they don't show up.

The World Dwarf Games won't be back on American soil again for at least two decades. The Games may never again be as big as they will be this year in East Lansing, Michigan. So on behalf of all the DAAA founders, we strongly encourage you to find a way to get your kids to the World Games. And keep this bit of irony in mind; in every event and every sport, it's guaranteed that at least one dwarf athlete will prove, to their self and others, that they really are special. It could be your kid. Scouts honor.



"Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly."

~ Shaquille O'Neal ~



"A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide."

~ Mickey Mantle ~



The Gator's Going for Gold ... and You Should, Too!

from DAAA Parent Brian Hedger

I'm a sports nut.

I'll admit it. In fact, I'm oddly proud of it. But the day I found out my daughter Elizabeth was born with a common form of dwarfism (achondroplasia), the "sports nut" in me felt crushed.

Almost nine years ago, I can still remember holding Liz in my arms and thinking about all the things I'd just told her that morning – before I knew. As I massaged her slightly-bowed legs in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the way a pediatric physical therapist had shown me, I promised her the sporting world.

I said we'd work on softball and she could pitch or play shortstop because of her "naturally strong arm."

I said we'd work on basketball and she could become a pass-distributing point guard with a blinding first step. I said we'd play catch with a football, stickhandle a hockey puck, boot a soccer ball and, of course, bump, set and spike the volleyball.

We'd do it all, I told her.

And then they whisked her away for a full body X-ray that changed everything. At least, that's what I thought at the time. Turns out, it really didn't change anything. I guess Liz was listening, because she continues to amaze both me and my wife, Lisa, in the sports that she plays.

She was fearless in soccer. She fell in love with softball (plays second base like her old man). She wants to learn volleyball, shoot arrows in archery when she's old enough and this past winter, she joined a local swim club after learning the freestyle stroke last summer.

Even though her stroke is much smoother, I still call her "The Gator," because she used to look like a small alligator trying to kill its prey in the Everglades as she bravely made her way down the pool. Liz also dabbled in track and field in the "Futures" division at the 2011 DAAA competition in Anaheim, Calif., and there's no telling what she'll come up with next.

So, it should come as no surprise that we're going to make a week of it Aug. 3-10 at the 2013 World Dwarf Games – hosted by Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

We're pretty fired up about it, too, and so are our family and friends.

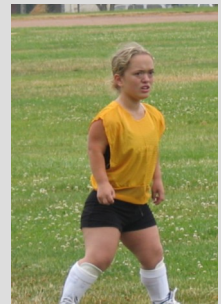
Last fall, I even drove Liz up to MSU for the 2013 WDG press conference – where she and buddy, Emily, met legendary Paralympic swimmer Erin Popovich – the female equivalent to Michael Phelps in U.S. Paralympic Swimming history.

I've also spent time online searching for swim caps that feature the American flag and looked up record times in swimming and track from past WDGs on the web site, www.2013worlddwarfgames.org. (All I'm going to say is, watch out for Great Britain, because ... man, they're good) (continued on page 6)



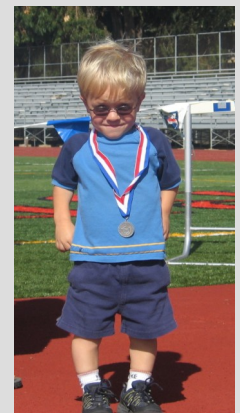
"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward."

~Vernon Law~



"Toughness is in the soul and spirit, not in muscles."

~Alex Karras~



The Gator's Going for Gold...and You Should , Too! (continued from page 5)

Hopefully Team USA is up for the challenge this summer, but either way I know our athletes will give it their best shot. They'll also have a blast doing it.

I know it's a big commitment to participate in the World Dwarf Games, both from a time and financial standpoint. For us, it helps that MSU – my collegiate alma mater – is located only a four-hour drive from where we live.

Truth be told, though, we'd attend regardless of the location. The reason is simple. This is a chance for Liz to experience something unique and memorable. Some people never get to experience what it's like to compete internationally and meet athletes from all over the globe, but my daughter will.

It's also a chance to experience athletic competition on a level playing field. While Liz gets commended by athletes, coaches and parents alike for her "guts" going against kids twice her size, I know she also wonders what it's like to compete against people her size and age.

The World Dwarf Games provides that opportunity and also gives her/us a chance to meet and interact with many families just like us, from all over the world. Imagine the friendships and memories that await competitors and families/supporters this summer.

At the last World Dwarf Games, held in 2009 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, there were 12 countries represented by 250 athletes. In 2005, 14 countries were represented by 136 athletes in Rambouillet, France.

Unlike the great DAAA competitions held each year, the World Dwarf Games are only held every four years – like the Olympics. This will be the first WDG hosted by the U.S. since the first was held in 1993 in Chicago.

It could be a number of years before it returns, so if you're on the fence about joining Team USA, I recommend just diving in and going for it. Spend some time on the WDG's web site, www.2013worlddwarfgames.org, get familiar with everything that's offered and see if you can make it work.

Take it from an excited Michigan State alum and "sports nut" dad: these Games are going to rock and we hope to see you out there. Help us cheer on "The Gator," as she proudly represents Team USA.

About the author: Brian Hedger is a professional sportswriter who lives just outside Chicago in Northwest, Ind., with his wife, Lisa, and kids, Elizabeth and Chance. Elizabeth "Liz" is 8 and will compete in track, swimming, floor hockey and volleyball at the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

Liz Hedger, in her words:

Elizabeth "Liz" Hedger is 8-years old, will be 9 when she competes in the 2013 World Dwarf games and keeps her parents on their toes every single day of her life.

She's also quite the sportsgirl and is excited about 2013 WDG at Michigan State University. Currently, she's keeping busy by excelling in school and training for her main sport: swimming.

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"The rewards are going to come, but my happiness is just loving the sport and having fun performing."

~Jackie Joyner-Kersee ~



"I always felt that my greatest asset was not my physical ability, it was my mental ability."

~Bruce Jenner ~



Liz Hedger

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What do the 2013 World Dwarf Games mean to her?
Well, just ask her...

Q: What's the main thing you're looking forward to about competing in the 2013 World Dwarf Games?

Liz: "The main things I'm looking forward to are the 25-meter freestyle in swimming and just meeting my friends and athletes from other countries."

Q: What do you think about representing your country?

Liz: "It's a big deal to represent my country because I live here and I want to show my spirit. I'm proud that I'm an American."

Q: What sports have you chosen to compete in and why?

Liz: "I chose swimming because I'm really into it and I love it. I chose track because I like that sport, too, and I like to run. I chose floor hockey because my dad likes hockey and writes about hockey. And I chose volleyball because I think it will be fun ... and my friend, Sarah, does it."

Q: Which sport are you most looking forward to competing in this summer?

Liz: "Swimming. I've been training for it a long time and I just love how you feel in the water ... especially when you go off the dive blocks."

Q: Why do you think competing in the 2013 World Dwarf Games is a good decision?

Liz: "I'm really excited because normally when I swim, I'm competing against average-height kids and in the World Dwarf Games, I'll compete against kids who are my size or close to my size, from all over the world."

Q: Is there a certain country you'd like to meet some new friends from?

Liz: "Sweden! That seems like a really nice country and they're good athletes ... plus I chose them for a social studies report and I learned that they're really good at hockey, soccer and they seem really nice."

Q: Any other countries you'd like to meet athletes from?

Liz: "Australia ... because I love their accent and I would love to learn about their culture."

Q: What do you think about the Games being held at Michigan State University?

Liz: "I think it's great because my dad went there for college and I'm really excited to go there again."

Q: Would you like to meet Michigan State's mascot, Sparty, this time?

Liz: "Yes! I would. He seems like a really nice mascot and he's really funny."



"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round."

~Ben Hogan~



"The ideal attitude is to be physically loose and mentally tight."

~Arthur Ashe~



Team Formation for Team Sports

All athletes are encouraged to compete in the team sports events at the World Games. TEAM USA will be allowed to enter as many teams in team sports events as desired.

You do not need to have a team in order to compete in the team sport events. Independent athletes who do not have a team to compete with prior to the roster deadline of May 15th will be placed on a team consisting either entirely of independent athletes or one of TEAM USA's existing teams that have open roster spots or on a mixed country team (as determined by the World Games host committee).

Athletes who desire to can form their own teams prior to the roster submission deadline of May 15th. All athletes on each individual team that competes for TEAM USA must be a citizen or resident of the United States. Athletes are encouraged to reach-out to other athletes in their age division and form teams prior to the **roster submission deadline of May 15th**. Roster forms should be submitted only by the team captains and they must be received in the DAAA office by May 15th. No additional teams will be added after May 15th, with the exception of mixed country teams formed by the competition host. Should a conflict arise amongst rosters (i.e. athlete is named on two rosters), the conflict will be resolved by the Chef de Mission of TEAM USA. Note that the Chef De Mission reserves the right to place independent athletes on existing teams with open roster spots.

Please contact TEAM USA Chef de Mission at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com should you have any questions regarding team formation.

Team USA Medical Evaluation Forms

The Dwarf Athletic Association of America, who is the host of the 2013 World Dwarf Games, is also the sponsor for TEAM USA during the 2013 World Dwarf Games. DAAA will be enforcing their policy concerning Medical Evaluations for all athletes who will be participating on TEAM USA for the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

DAAA requires all athletes who will be participating in any sport to have a current medical evaluation on file. The only exception will be for athletes who will compete only in Boccia. Athletes that have Boccia as their only event will not need a medical evaluation.

Cervical spine x-rays in flexion/extension are required for all types of dwarfism except Achondroplasia. An EKG is required for competitors over the age of 40. All required x-rays and EKG's results should be brought to East Lansing.

The medical evaluation is valid for two years. This means if you had a new medical evaluation completed to compete in 2012 for the National Games in Dallas it will be valid for the 2013 World Dwarf Games. If your medical evaluation was completed in 2011 for the National Games in Los Angeles, you will need to have a new medical evaluation for the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

At previous National Games, Dr. MacKenzie and Colleen Ditro have shown their commitment to DAAA and our athletes by helping complete medical evaluations on-site for those who needed them. Unfortunately athletes will not have the ability to have a medical evaluation completed on-site in East Lansing this year. It is the responsibility of all the athletes to have their medical evaluation completed in advance by their personal physicians. If you are unsure if your medical evaluation is current you may contact the DAAA office via email at daaa@flash.net for information. (continued on page 9)



"My thoughts before a big race are usually pretty simple. I tell myself: Get out of the blocks, run your race, stay relaxed. If you run your race, you'll win... channel your energy. Focus."

~ Carl Lewis ~



"If you can't accept losing, you can't win."

~ Vince Lombardi ~



TEAM USA Medical Evaluation Forms (continued from page 8)

A copy of the medical evaluations should be mailed to DAAA at 708 Gravenstein Hwy. N. #118, Sebastopol, CA 95472. You may also scan and email the forms to daaa@flash.net. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records and bring it with you to East Lansing.

If you do not have a current medical evaluation on file with DAAA, you may not be able to compete in the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

DAAA wants to ensure all athletes on TEAM USA have a safe and enjoyable experience at the 2013 World Dwarf Games.

Submitted by Linda Peterson, DAAA Administrative Staff

News from the World of Dwarf Sports

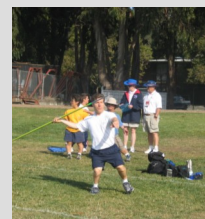
Check-out this article on DAAA TEAM USA athlete Mikey Witous regarding his experience as an actor and stuntman in the recently release Disney film "Oz: the Great and Powerful"
[Mikey Witous - "Oz: the Great and Powerful"](#)

DAAA TEAM USA athlete Anthony Pepicello and his family will host a Celebrity bartending event on March 28th at the Brewerie @ Union Station in Erie, PA. The event will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Anthony and an assortment of local celebrities will tend bar during the event. Proceeds from the event will benefit DAAA's TEAM USA uniform fund. For those athletes and families that live in the Erie, PA area, please take some time and stop by to support Anthony and DAAA!

World Dwarf Games Checklist

As you continue your preparations for the 2013 World Dwarf Games, make sure to spend time on the following checklist items:

- ☒ Order your TEAM USA Uniform [My Stature - Official Provider of TEAM USA Uniform](#) – **Order Deadline is March 25th** (due to length of manufacturing time, no late orders can be accepted)
- ☒ Register for the World Dwarf Games [Register Now! - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#) – **Registration Deadline is April 15th** (late registration, additional fee, until April 30th)
- ☒ If you are not staying at Athlete Village, make your hotel reservations [Other Lodging Options - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)
- ☒ Form your teams for team sports events – **Roster Deadline is May 15th**
- ☒ Send in your completed Medical Evaluation to the DAAA office (required for TEAM USA athletes every two years)
- ☒ Work on your personal fundraising to pay your way to the Games [Personal Fundraising - 2013 World Dwarf Games](#)
- ☒ Sign-up for WDG E-blasts ([WDG E-blast Sign-up Form](#))
- ☒ Continue training for your events



"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe."

~ Muhammad Ali ~



"I was told over and over again that I would never be successful, that I was not going to be competitive and the technique was simply not going to work. All I could do was shrug and say "We'll just have to see."

~Dick Fosbury~



TEAM USA Athlete Profile

- **Name:** Anthony Pepicello
- **Age:** 21
- **Home:** Erie, PA
- **Job:** Sales Associate at Finishline / Flow Team Member at Target
- **How long have you participated in DAAA Games?** Since the California National Games in 1998
- **How did you get involved in DAAA?** I have always been a huge sports fanatic and have been and active participant in every sport imaginable
- **Favorite DAAA Sport:** Football
- **What sports do you play at home?** Basketball, Football, Bowling, Soccer
- **Favorite DAAA memory:** Dallas 2012 – playing football in Dallas Cowboy Stadium
- **What is your sporting ambition?** I drive to perform at my very best and by doing



“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.”

~Tim Duncan~



that, I push my teammates to perform at their best as well. But as long as we are all happy at the end of the day and having fun, that's truly all that matters to us.

- **Why are you looking forward to the 2013 World Games?** I am simply looking forward to the experience. Just to be able to say I competed in the World Games against the toughest competition in the world is all the excitement I need.



“Mental will is a muscle that needs exercise, just like muscles of the body.”

~Lynn Jennings~

Thanks for spending a few minutes with us as we continue preparations for the World Games. Make sure to place your uniforms on order prior to March 25th and get your Games registration taken care of prior to April 15th. We look forward to welcoming many more athletes to TEAM USA – the excitement continues to build for the largest sport event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes!

Sincerely,

Mike Cekanor
Team USA Chef de Mission
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