



United States Quad Rugby Association

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UNITED STATES QUAD RUGBY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF TEAMS TO RECEIVE QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING FROM THE CRAIG H. NEILSEN FOUNDATION

The United States Quad Rugby Association is proud to announce the four teams who will receive \$10,000 direct funding as part of a Quality of Life Grant from the Craig H. Nielsen Foundation. Teams can use the funds for travel to tournaments, acquiring equipment, or paying for coaching or practice facilities. Teams were selected based on criteria that included community involvement, athlete recruitment and development.

The four teams receiving funding are:

- Boise Bombers (Boise, ID)
- Northeast Passage Wildcats (New Hampshire)
- South Florida Rattlers (Miami, FL)
- Seattle Slam (Seattle, WA)

The Craig H. Nielsen Foundation has awarded the USQRA a Quality of Life grant with \$25,000 to increase administrative capacity and \$40,000 to award four \$10,000 grants to support current wheelchair rugby teams. The \$25,000 was used for strategic planning, infrastructure strengthening and capacity building. The \$40,000 will provide much-needed direct funding support for four teams which represent the best of this sport – peer support, education and empowerment.

The United States Quad Rugby Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit which provides oversight, development and administration to wheelchair rugby teams across the United States. Since 1988 the USQRA has been promoting and supporting wheelchair rugby to provide competitive athletic opportunities to eligible people with disabilities and also to empower people to reach their full potential in all areas of life. Currently the USQRA has over 40 teams with more than 500 athletes across the country. For more information: <http://www.usqra.org/>

The Craig H. Nielsen Foundation provides funding opportunities ranging from \$10,000-\$100,000 for qualifying nonprofit organizations that strive to improve the quality of life for individuals living with spinal cord injury. The Nielsen Foundation's Quality of Life Program Grants are one-year grants that target innovative projects and programs designed to empower individuals with spinal cord injury to live independently and enjoy improved emotional and physical well-being. Funding categories include Assistive Technology, Education, Independent Living, Rehabilitation, and Sports and Recreation. For more information: <http://chnfoundation.org/>

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