



## **Houston County Sharks Win Back-to-Back Wheelchair Basketball State Championships**

*The Sharks Won the 2014 AAASP / GHSA's State Basketball Title in Macon;*

*Sharks and Heat Coaches and Team to be honored by the Atlanta Hawks at Game on April 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**Atlanta, March 17, 2014** – The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) crowned the Houston County Sharks state champions at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual AAASP/GHSA Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championship Game, March 7 in Macon, Georgia. The game was held in conjunction with the Georgia High School Association's State Championships at the Macon Coliseum. The Houston County Sharks defeated the Henry County Hurricanes 38-16 for the title of state Varsity champion, winning back-to-back titles 2013 and 2014. This year's JV title went to the Gwinnett Heat. Teams are comprised of students attending schools within a county school district or cooperating set of districts. (Photos from the state tournament are posted on the Adapted Sports website: <http://www.adaptedsports.org/>.)

The Atlanta Hawks will honor the Varsity and JV State Champions for their outstanding achievements over the next month. First, the Sharks, who hail from Houston County Schools in Warner Robins, will take part in a basketball clinic, with Atlanta Hawks players and coaches this week - on March 20<sup>th</sup> -at Philips Arena. Then, the Houston County Sharks' Coaching Team (Varsity), as well as the Gwinnett Heat Coaching Team, (Junior Varsity) will be honored as part of the "Be Greater Atlanta" community campaign at the game on April 12<sup>th</sup>, when the Hawks take on the Miami Heat.

### AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Champion Events and other Upcoming Dates:

**March 20** – AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Champions to participate in basketball clinic with the Atlanta Hawks players and coaches at Philips Arena. Houston County Sharks and Henry County Hurricanes (state tournament runners up) will participate in the clinic Thursday. (Press interested should email contacts below.)

**April 12** - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship winners and coaches to be honored with the Be Greater Atlanta Award at the Hawks game vs. the Miami Heat. (Houston County Sharks and the Gwinnett County Heat will be at the game on April 12th.)

AAASP wheelchair football and GHSA wheelchair track and field events regular season and post-season competition will take place in March, April and May.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic program for children with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. Many prominent individuals and national organizations in the industry have recognized AAASP as the model for the nation. For more information about AAASP, please visit our website at <http://www.adaptedsports.org/> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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