This journey began four years ago when I found myself lying in a bed, paralyzed. There I was, staring at the lights of the hospital asking God what I had done to deserve this. Apparently, this dialogue was out loud, because the next thing I knew, my respiratory therapist was shaking his head at me telling me how I had it all wrong. “God only gives you what you can handle,” he said, “So you must be one tough guy.” After my introduction to the tight knit community of wheelchair rugby players, I found that statement to be true. Some of the players could not move anything except for their biceps and shoulders. Yet I never heard them talk about all the things they could not do. Instead, I heard about their jobs, girlfriends and wives, and how they had driven and flown all over the country to play the sport they loved. This is hardly the picture I had in mind when I heard the term, “quadriplegic.”

The sad part of this story was not the paralysis confining me to a wheelchair. No, the sad part of this story was coming home from the hospital and finding out that such a team, rather such a community, does not exist in Las Vegas. Even the local hand bike program is not accessible to quadriplegics, unless of course you don’t feel the need to use the brakes or shift gears...How can this be? Are quadriplegics in southern Nevada just expected to sit and rot?

No.

In 2018, my friends, family and I decided that quadriplegics deserve a chance to stay active and be surrounded by a supportive community of their peers. High Rollers Adaptive Sports Foundation began in June of this year to see those dreams realized. It has been truly inspiring to see all of the people who have been willing to support us both financially and through their volunteer efforts. Without them, it would not have been possible for this project to get off of the ground, much less accomplish all that it has in this year. Through our collective efforts, I am extremely proud to say that in it’s first year, High Rollers Adaptive Sports Foundation has been able to secure enough gym time to hold wheelchair rugby practices twice per week, send four players to a world class clinic in Phoenix, AZ, and host a six-team tournament at UNLV.

With these experiences under our belt, I am eager to see a 2019 filled with more games, more equipment, and more participants realizing it is still possible to get out, get active and compete!

Thank you!

Bradley
2018-2019 Highlights
- Started Backpack Outreach Program
- Attended a Rugby Clinic at Ability360 in Phoenix, AZ
- Hosted 1st Annual Tournament at UNLV
- Won 9th Annual Dallas RISE Tournament
- Placed 2nd at Houston Cougar Cup

2018-2019 Revenue
- Fundraiser $10,579.73 (53%)
- Online Donations $12,161.32 (47%)

Board of Directors
- Bradley Boe President
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About the Foundation

What We Do

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to building a supportive community for the disabled by promoting and expanding adaptive sports opportunities in Las Vegas, NV. The foundation acts as both the booster and club for Las Vegas High Rollers Wheelchair Rugby. Through our backpack outreach program, we provide support and resources to help ease the transition for those who have sustained permanently disabling injuries. Our staff and board consist entirely of volunteers, meaning that 100% of donations go to support adaptive athletes and newly injured patients.

What We Believe

High Rollers Adaptive Sports Foundation believes that adaptive sports are the best therapy for the feelings of helplessness and fragility that accompany a physical disability. Not only do our athletes find a competitive outlet, but they are surrounded by a community that helps maximize their independence. Staying active is beneficial to all people, but it is vital for the mental and physical wellness of the disabled. Adaptive sports both enhance any gains made in the recovery process and prevent secondary complications that so often plague those with mobility impairments. Knowing the many benefits adaptive sports have to offer, High Rollers are committed to opening up recreation, fitness, and competition to all, regardless of their level of function.
Our Mission:

High Rollers Adaptive Sports Foundation’s mission is to build a community of adaptive athletes in Las Vegas, NV by promoting and equipping adaptive sports teams. We believe that adaptive sports are the best therapy for the lifelong recovery process following a life-changing injury. Not only will adaptive athletes find a competitive outlet, but they will be surrounded by a community that will help maximize their independence. High Rollers is convinced it is not only possible but necessary for those with physical challenges to do more and to be more active than they ever were before their injuries.
We are the Las Vegas High Rollers wheelchair rugby team. Our mission is to get out, get active and compete in spite of life-altering injuries, or lifelong disabilities.

Wheelchair rugby—sometimes called quad rugby, or murderball—is a Paralympic sport designed for athletes with impairments of at least three limbs. Players are assigned a number of points based on physical function. Teams may field up to four players at a time for a total of eight points, with twelve people on a team.
ATHLETE: Rick Werry
CLASS: 1.0

ATHLETE: Austin Cogar
CLASS: 2.0

ATHLETE: Sean Ladner
CLASS: 0.0

ATHLETE: Matt Bambrough
CLASS: 2.5
Inpatient Outreach

Part of being a High Roller means reaching out and mentoring the newly injured. Having sustained permanently disabling injuries, the High Roller athletes understand the temptation to view such a situation as life-shattering, or an end to all previous potential. All of the support and platitudes of able-bodied friends and family cannot match a visit from someone who has stared down similar obstacles and found happiness and success on the other side. We know that all aspects of life are still open, including a career, relationships, and recreation. The High Rollers are eager to listen, share stories, and deliver backpacks full of resources to ease the transition for the newly injured.
2018–2019 Expenses

- Marketing: $1,656.85
- Clinics: $900.00
- Travel: $10,328.68
- Equipment: $6,140.97
- Tournaments: $1,100.00

Total: $20,126.50

Projected 2019–2020 Expenses

- Marketing: $8,500.00
- Clinics: $11,500.00
- Travel: $30,000.00
- Equipment: $9,000.00
- Tournaments: $12,250.00

Total: $71,250.00
2018–2019 Event Calendar

Wheelchair Rugby Fundraiser
Las Vegas, NV
October 5

High Performance Training Camp
Phoenix, AZ
November 2–4

Rugby Knights in Vegas Tournament
Las Vegas, NV
November 30 – December 2

Rise 9th Annual Tournament
Dallas, TX
February 15 – 17

Best of the Rest
Houston, TX
April 25–28
2019-2020
Event Calendar

Pay-2-Play Fundraiser
Las Vegas, NV
September 5

Home Training Camp
Las Vegas, NV
September 27-28

High Performance Training Camp
Phoenix, AZ
November 2-4

Rugby Knights in Vegas Tournament
Las Vegas, NV
November 22-24

Texas Hold 'em Tournament
Las Vegas, NV
TBA

Rise 10th Annual Tournament
Dallas, TX
February 15-17

Best of the Rest
Houston, TX
April 25-28
2019-2020 Sponsorship

How can you help?

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all donations are tax deductible.

**Cash Sponsor**

Donate money and we will say thank you in accordance with the sponsorship proposal.

**In-kind Sponsor**

Donate products or services in-lieu of cash.

**Media Sponsor**

Donate the photography, filming, & editing of our events to help promote adaptive sports.

**Promotional Partner**

Make social media posts and reach out to public figures & local celebrities to help spread the word.
What are our needs?

Pay-2-Play Fundraiser

Las Vegas, NV
September 13

Silent Auction Items
Entertainment
Catering
Venue
Photography

Home Training Camp

Las Vegas, NV
September 27-28

Coaching Fee $2,000
Presenter Fee $500
Gym Rental $2,000
Transportation $2,000
Photography & Video $1,500
Food $500
Total $8,500

High Performance Training Camp

Phoenix, AZ
November 2-4

Entry Fee $3,000
Flights $5,000
Hotel Rooms $5,000
Total $13,000

Rugby Knights in Vegas Tournament

Las Vegas, NV
November 22-24

Referee Fee $3,500
Classifier Fee $3,250
Gym Rental $2,000
Transportation $2,000
Photography & Video $1,500
Food $500
Total $12,750
2019-2020 Sponsorship

Texas Hold ‘em Tournament
Las Vegas, NV
TBA
Presenter Fee $2,000
Photography & Video $1,500
Food $500
Total $4,000

Rise 10th Annual Tournament
Dallas, TX
February 15-17
Flights $5,000
Hotel Rooms $4,500
Entry Fee $500
Total $10,000

Best of the Rest
Houston, TX
April 15-17
Flights $5,000
Hotel Rooms $4,500
Entry Fee $500
Total $10,000

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Season Sponsor $5,000
➢ Logo display on foundation website
➢ Large logo display at ALL events
➢ Individual social media acknowledgement

Home Event Sponsor $3,000
➢ Small logo display at ALL home events
➢ Group social media acknowledgement

Single Event Sponsor $1,000
➢ Small logo display at a single event
➢ Group social media acknowledgement