

**Gateway Chapter PVA  
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**Gateway PVA Sports Points Introduction**

Members of the Gateway Chapter PVA are actively involved in many different recreational activities. They participate in swimming, quad rugby, handcycling, archery, air rifle, bowling, basketball, track and field events, fishing, billiards, table tennis, slalom, sled hockey, weight lifting, snow and water skiing. Two of our most popular activities are the Winter Sports Clinic (WSC) held in Snowmass, Colorado, and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) held every year in a different location. There are also the PVA Bass Tournament and Trap Shoot Circuit, which are held in various locations throughout the U.S.

The goal of the GPVA Recreation Points Program (also known as Sports Points) is to motivate and engage our veterans to participate in activities that benefit them in multiple ways. Members can make new friends, participate in friendly competition, and enjoy food, fun and sun, while living life to the fullest. Points can be earned throughout the sports year by the veteran to help with funding of their participation in three events. These events include the two main PVA sponsored activities, the Winter Sports Clinic and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (WSC and NVWG), and the local JB Recreation Therapy events/program and training/sports events. The three allowed events can be taken in any combination of NVWG/WSC and Recreation Therapy events/programs and training/sports events/clinics.

Also, for those members who don't have an interest in attending athletics/sports activities, points can be earned and used for other forms of entertainment such as movies, gift cards, concert tickets, etc. (Not available for Associate Members). This usage will be awarded at \$1 per point earned, up to \$150 annually, and only awarded in a non-cash distribution such as gift cards or event tickets (minimum of 25 points required to cash in earned points). Members can redeem points for entertainment or sports (three events WSC, NVWG, and Rec Therapy). These entertainment points were established to allow members that are not interested in training/sports to redeem their points for tickets to ballgames/movies or gift cards to have dinner out with friends or family. First-time participants in the NVWG or WSC will be paid in full, less any funding from the JB Post Fund or the VA. To improve member participation, the Gateway Chapter PVA will also allow first-time Recreation Therapy Event participants to receive funding as determined by the BOD.

Sports Points are awarded in different categories (please refer to our website for points details). To obtain Sports Points' credit, members must be present for at least 1/2 hour at luncheons and one hour at all other events. It is the member's responsibility to sign the attendance sheet at each event and/or make sure you have been signed in. Please ask if you don't know who is taking attendance at the event. The person taking the attendance must forward the roster to Chris at [chris@gatewaypva.org](mailto:chris@gatewaypva.org) for approval.

Gateway Chapter PVA sports points earning activities include Chapter luncheons, Board of Directors (BOD) meetings (Non-BOD members only), quarterly membership meetings, fundraising events and many other activities, including writing articles and having them

published in the Chapter Newsletter, as well as volunteering at the Gateway Chapter office. An Excel spreadsheet is maintained for tracking all members' earned and awarded points. Again, it is your responsibility to make sure you get signed in at all activities and this will keep your points up to date.

Points are entered after each activity and redeemed points are deducted from your total throughout the year as you attend funded events. A sports year begins the day after the BOD meeting that occurs at least 30 days prior to the start of the NVWG and ends the day of that BOD meeting (usually in June). All points redeemed for Entertainment must be claimed by the end of our sports year. Participation Points may be redeemed twice per year for Entertainment or Sporting events, but not both. Please contact the Executive Director at [info@gatewaypva.org](mailto:info@gatewaypva.org) if you have any questions or just wish to find out how many points you have earned and/or need.

The amount of full funding is determined by the Board of Directors (BOD) prior to the event and after all costs and credits (JB Post Fund) for the events have been considered. The BOD then votes establishing the amount of full and partial funding at 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%. To get reimbursed for your travel expenses, you will need to complete and mail a travel reimbursement form with original receipts attached. Associate members may use Sports Points for the WSC or the NVWG, but are not eligible for funding of Recreation Therapy Event/outings unless specifically authorized by the BOD on a "space available" basis (SCI member priority). Associate Members are not eligible for Entertainment tickets or gift cards. There is a deadline of 45 days after the event ends for submitting a claim for reimbursement and it is the member's responsibility to get the claim in on time. Requests received after 45 days and up to day 60 will be paid at only 50% of the original authorized funding amount. Reimbursement request forms received after 60 days will not receive funding. The funds a member redeems with his/her points are deducted from the Gateway Chapter PVA Sports Account, so timing is very important for budgeting reasons.

Finally, participating in events throughout the year can be a lot of fun. Fundraisers are the most fun because they usually include sports like Trap and Skeet, Meat Shoots and Bowling where a member can interact with those contributing to our Chapter. This interaction can really help raise needed funds for the Gateway Chapter PVA's Sports Account. Gateway PVA hopes to see everyone at one or more of our functions throughout the year. For more information on how to receive points, see our website "sports" tab which drops down under the Programs menu.