



Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre

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Greensborough VIC 3088
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Attending the 2022 Toyota
Wheelchair AFL National
Championship

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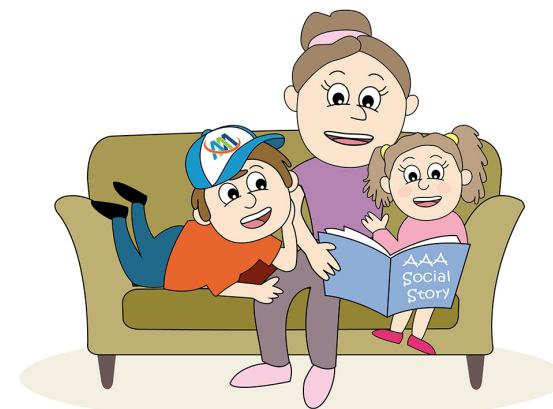


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Disability Sports Australia (DSA) is one of Australia's nine (9) National Sporting Organisations for people with a disability (NSODs), all of whom share a common purpose to improve the lives of Australians living with a disability using sport as the medium.

This Social Story was created for the 2022 Toyota Wheelchair AFL National Championship to prepare individuals for social interaction by providing clear information about specific social situations, outlining why they happen and what typical responses might be over the course of the event.

I am going to watch 2022
Toyota Wheelchair AFL
National Championship at
Diamond Valley Sports and
Fitness Centre.



There are lots of different sporting events at Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre.

Today, I am going to watch wheelchair football.



Wheelchair football is played in competition between sporting clubs.

These are called games or matches.

People watching sporting events are called spectators.



When I arrive for the event, I will see people at reception who work at the centre.

I might also see people in high vis vests.

They are called staff.



There are toilets at Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre.



There is a café where I can buy something to eat or drink.



Wheelchair football will be played on courts.

All the courts are numbered.

My support person or a staff member can help me find the right court to go to for the event I am watching.



There will be seats in the court for me to sit and watch the event.

There are also seats upstairs for me to watch the event in the court below.

I might be sitting with lots of other people too.

I will try to stay seated in my chair so the people behind me can see the game.



It can get very noisy in the courts.

I might hear balls bouncing.

I might hear referees blowing their whistles.

I might hear buzzers when it is time to for the game to start or stop.

I might hear people talking, clapping and cheering.



Sometimes it might sound
loud.

That is okay.

Sporting events can be
exciting.



To help with the noise, I can bring my ear defenders or ear plugs.

I can go outside for some fresh air.

I can go to the quiet space in the multipurpose room.

Staff can show me where the multipurpose room is.

I can take my support person with me.



There will be a big clock in the court which shows how much time is left before the game is finished.

At the end of the game, people might support the players by clapping or cheering.



There might be an award ceremony at the wheelchair football event and somebody talking on a microphone.

I might watch the players receive a certificate, trophy or medal.

People might clap and cheer the players at the award ceremony.



When the event is finished,
lots of people might be
leaving the centre.

It might feel busy and sound
loud.

I can wait with my support
person and leave when it is
quieter.



Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre is a great place to watch the 2022 Toyota Wheelchair AFL National Championship.





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