



# Afghanistan Water Polo Fundraising and Non-profit Information

**The Dream of Afghanistan Athletics is classified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS code. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.**

## ***Basic Information***

Year Organization Founded: 2008

FEIN: 26-3160909

501(c)(3) organization: Yes

## ***Board of Directors***

Leilani Piasecki (Entrepreneur)

Bahram Hojreh (Professional international water polo coach)

Steve Scott (Officer, United States Navy/Water polo coach in Afghanistan)

Bill McMillan (Pilot, Delta Airlines)

Seth Mason

## ***Program Impact***

Initially, the organization will serve thirty athletes, coaches and support staff will be served directly as members of the two teams. When local and provincial feeder teams are established per plan in Afghanistan, in excess of 600 athletes, coaches and support staff will be served directly, with an order of magnitude difficult to estimate benefitting from the direct and residual educational, social and cultural interaction and international exposure.

In addition to the clear direct and ancillary benefits for the people of Afghanistan, communities, athletes and the youth in the United States will be presented a unique opportunity for rich cultural exchange on a very personal basis. Our plans call for the Afghanistan Water Polo athletes to become goodwill ambassadors for their country, culture and sport by volunteering to perform high-visibility community service and activities in all communities within which the team trains and to heavily participate and accept speaking engagements at local schools, community organizations, and business groups which will help raise local awareness of the situation in Afghanistan and build cultural bridges through the athletes' personal experiences.

The Afghanistan National Water Polo Team will train in many different areas of the United States (and internationally) and will compete against various aquatic teams, both in swimming and water polo, at the age group levels (15 and older) and at the collegiate level (off season). This is a great opportunity for the Afghan people and communities in the United States and around the world.

**Volunteers**

Our plan to achieve Afghanistan's Olympic Dream greatly depends on expanding our list of those volunteering their time and expertise in Coaching and Refereeing, Marketing, Sponsorship, Legal Services, Advertising and Fundraising, Photography, Event Management, Web and Graphic Design, or simply the *"whatever it takes"* attitude that is the hallmark of volunteerism.

**Fundraising**

The non-profit support division of Afghanistan Water Polo will utilize annual fundraising campaigns to contribute to regular, on-going expenses and build the predictable base of support that is the primary source of un-restricted funds. For specific projects and programs, sponsorships and underwriting from corporate donors, foundations, grants and individuals will be essential and pursued aggressively. Direct contributions and volunteerism are also solicited on Afghanistan Water Polo's website, <http://www.afghanistanwaterpolo.com/>. Direct appeals to groups, including the Afghan-American community, will be conducted, as will appeals to water polo and swimming organizations, and the sports community in general.

All fundraising activities will be subject to the review and guidance of the Development and Fundraising Committee of The Dream of Afghanistan Athletics Board of Directors. The Dream of Afghanistan Athletics is a non-profit entity created to provide financial support to Afghanistan Water Polo.

The Dream of Afghanistan Athletics is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code and donations are tax deductible. Giving to The Dream of Afghanistan Athletics and other worthy not-for-profit institutions is not only a great way to take advantage of the tax relief designed to recognize and encourage charitable contributions; it's a wonderful expression of civic engagement and good will!