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Organization establishes Afghanistan National Water Polo team to promote peace through sport.

Bonsall, CA – 11 June 2011 – In the wake of 2008 Olympic success, the Afghanistan Olympic Committee has sanctioned water polo as a new national sport, naming Jeremy Piasecki, of Fallbrook, California, USA, Director and head coach of Afghanistan Water Polo, the governing body of water polo in Afghanistan.

The Afghans are truly an amazing people, having endured hardships that few Americans and other citizens of the western world could fathom. Over years of terrible conflict, families have been decimated; many have had their homes destroyed, family members killed, and have been driven into exile in other countries. Even while facing these obstacles, they are still excited to learn to swim and play “swimming football.”

Afghanistan Water Polo was established to develop and promote sport and peace in a country where sports take a distant place to the realities of war, and is dedicated to developing local, provincial and national team programs, while providing opportunities for the people of Afghanistan to learn, grow, and compete.

By providing Afghans with the opportunity to experience other nations and cultures, we provide them with hope that their country’s re-emergence into the international community is a step closer. Together, our efforts can help stabilize a volatile region of the world, bring hope to the nation, and promote “Peace through sport.”

The team depends entirely on volunteers, donations and sponsorships for their dream of competing outside of Afghanistan. We are always looking for people to get involved and help make a difference. Most positions only take 2-3 hours of time per week, and can be done from anywhere. All you need to get started is access to email and a telephone, and the desire to be part of something amazing.

In addition to volunteer support, the program needs sponsorship and donations to fund a critical training trip to the United States in November 2011, so that they can experience the high-level of training and competition necessary to prepare the team to compete internationally. This training, and funding to support the trip, is unavailable in their home country.

While in the United States, these athletes will experience what the Western World has to offer and the team will come to the understanding of why the United States and other Western World countries are eager to assist Afghanistan, their nation that is in need.

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