

Team USA Wheelchair Rugby

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Team Trainer

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Angie Seals will serve as Team Trainer and Physical Therapist for the 2000 US National Wheelchair Rugby Team that will compete at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Angie began her association with wheelchair rugby in 1990 as a classifier, and was named to her first USA Team in 1994. She has since been named Team Trainer for 5 USA wheelchair rugby teams, and has participated at every Team USA tryout since 1994. Angie is also the chairperson of the United States Quad Rugby Association's (USQRA) Classification Committee, and spends much of the rugby season traveling to tournaments across the US.

Angie is a Physical Therapist working at Cheney Physical Therapy, an outpatient orthopedic practice in Eastern Washington. She is a graduate of the Chicago Medical School, and has been in practice as a Physical Therapist for 13 years. Her interest in disabled sports began early in her career when she taught disabled water and snow skiing to individuals with a wide range of disabilities. She was first introduced to rugby in 1990 by now husband, Allen Seals.

Angie has been married to Allen, a class 2.5 wheelchair rugby athlete for 9 years, and they have a 4-year-old daughter, McKenna. The Seals family lives in Spokane, Washington, and is so crazy about wheelchair rugby that they even named their 110-pound Rottweiler dog, "Rugby". On off rugby weekends, Angie can be found on the tennis court with Allen, or out shredding the mountain snow with her daughter McKenna snow skiing. At four years old, she is already challenging mom to "keep up".