

A league of their own: Aphasia friendly fantasy sports groups

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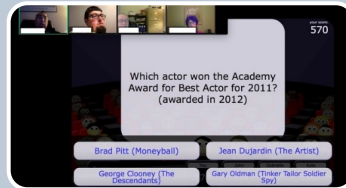


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Why Technology?



Current Technology Program

Computer Lab

- Appy Hour
- Pen Pals
- Language Software & Apps

Technology Groups

- Fantasy Sports
- iPad Skills
- Newsletter
- iPad Travel

Virtual Aphasia Program

- Video Chats

Goal:

To improve access to computers and mobile technology for individuals with aphasia and enhance quality of life within a Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA) framework.

Empowers individuals with aphasia to communicate for themselves

Connects individuals with aphasia and reduces isolation

Provides access to assistive devices with flexible adaptations

Ubiquitous impact of technology on today's culture

Why fantasy sports?



Rituals associated with participating in a fantasy league

Re-engage in or introduce new activity of interest

Learn or practice using technology

Natural activity while incorporating adaptations for people with aphasia

Promotes friendly competition and a natural discussion and flow of conversation

What do our members say?



"I like it very much. I like trading players. The iPad helps keep you up to date. It keeps you up to date daily for baseball. I like competition."



"Fun times man!"

"I not only use the iPad in the sports groups but I use it in the book club group, at home and other places."



"Fantasy football - iPad - talk sports!"

"Learn iPad first. Now so fun. I love it. Use iPad home - check scores all the time."

How do you turn fantasy into reality?



Group needs

- Members
 - Interest in sports
 - Willing to use technology
- Tablets, stands, styluses
- Volunteers
- ESPN app (free)
- Prizes (optional)

Group Structure

- 4-6 members per group
- One facilitator
- Technology support volunteers
- Fall
 - Fantasy Football
- Spring
 - Fantasy Baseball

Group Activities

- First meeting
 - Scoring rules
 - Position
 - Initial draft
- Weekly meetings
 - Weekly drafts
 - Discuss games and plays of week
- Predictions & rankings

ESPN App

- Create account
- Create and personalize league
 - Number of players
 - Player positions
 - Point structure
- Invite players

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Each meeting, we remind our members:

- Technology is not perfect
- When dealing with technology **ALWAYS** expect **CHANGE**

Despite the challenges, there are many rewards!

