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Athletes of all ages turn out for Paralympic sports day at Tufts



MEDFORD, MA – OCTOBER 27: Roby Erhabor, 5, of Milton, practices his swing during Adaptive Sports New England's Paralympic Sports Day at Tufts University on October 27, 2019 in Medford, Massachusetts. (Staff Photo By Angela Rowlings/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald)

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Athletes of all ages and abilities tried out new activities during Adaptive Sports New England's Paralympic Sports Day at Tufts University Sunday.

Some disabled children "want to participate in sports but don't think they can, so they just sit on the sidelines," said Anna Johannes, an Adaptive Sports New England board member and Paralympic swimmer. "We encourage and empower the kids and let them know about all the different opportunities, whether it's fencing or tennis or bocce ball or swimming or whatever sport they want to be in."

Osayi Erhabor of Milton said he was happy to see his 5-year-old son, Roby, participate in activities using a wheelchair.

"He is a sports enthusiast so he's here to play different sports like golf, basketball, right now he's playing tennis, and I'm so excited for him," Erhabor said. "Typically he doesn't like to use his chair because most people in his school don't use chairs, but it's so good to come to events like this because he sees other kids in chairs so he's excited to be in the chair like them."

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