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## **Which Sport For You?**

When you're ready to choose a sports or exercise program, you may want to consult the lists that follow. They're adapted from *Hemophilia, Sports, and Exercise*, a booklet published by the National Hemophilia Foundation. Experts on VWD note that the recommendations listed here are a good guide for people with severe VWD. However, they also point out most people with VWD have milder symptoms than most people with hemophilia. Therefore, some of the precautions may be excessive for people with mild VWD.

Before engaging in any physical activity, always consult with a doctor to make sure that activity is right for you. Your doctor can help you determine which choices will be safe for you.

## **Activities Many Patients With VWD Can Enjoy**

Most people with VWD can safely participate in the following low-risk activities:

biking	frisbee	hiking	tai chi
fishing	golf	swimming	walking

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## **Activities That Offer More Benefits Than Risks**

These activities offer physical, social, and psychological benefits, and their risks can be reduced by protective equipment, such as helmets, protective pads, and life jackets.

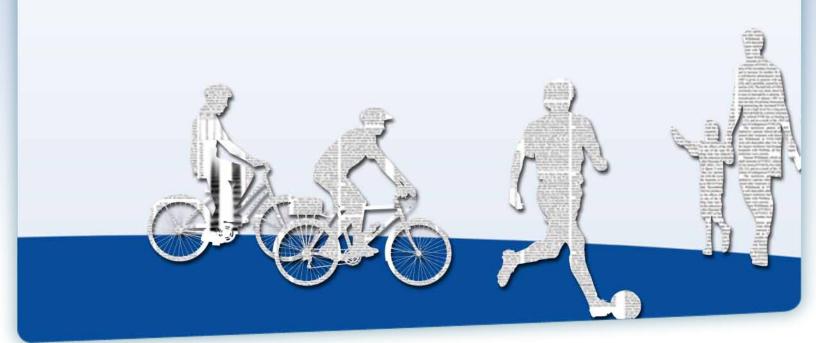
baseball (softball)
basketball
bowling
cross-country skiing
diving (recreational)
downhill skiing

gymnastics
horseback riding
ice-skating
in-line skating
karate
kung fu

roller-skating
rowing
running
skateboarding
soccer
tennis

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## **Activities That Should Probably Be Avoided by Anyone With a Bleeding Disorder**

These activities may be dangerous even for people without VWD. Some might cause severe bruising, and others have high accident rates.

boxing competitive diving football

hockey (field/ice/street) lacrosse

motorcycling racquetball rock climbing

rugby wrestling