

**Melissa Harper, Co-Founder & CEO
Good Sports, Inc.**

Biography

Melissa Harper is the Co-Founder of Good Sports and has been the Chief Executive Officer since its inception in 2003. She also serves as President on its board of directors. Under Melissa's leadership, Good Sports has grown from a grassroots organization storing equipment in her garage for local youth to now supporting over 10 million kids nationwide.

In her role as CEO, Melissa leads Good Sports growth, organizational strategy, and partnership development. In addition to roles in nonprofit fundraising and consulting, she also spent nearly 5 years in the management consulting business with Gemini Consulting and Treacy & Company.

Recent accolades for her leadership in the sports industry include The Woman of Inspiration Award from WISE Boston in 2024 and being named to the Sports Business Journal Game Changers Class of 2023. Good Sports has consistently been awarded a coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator since 2014.

Melissa is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is a lifelong athlete participating in team sports and marathons as well as playing and coaching sports for her four children.