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National Softball Association of the Deaf December 2010

2011 NSAD in Dallas, Texas

NSAD will host the 2011 NSAD National Deaf Tournament at the Kiest Park in Dallas, Texas on August 11-13, 2011. It has six fields The hotel headquarters will be at Embassy Suites with reasonable prices.

Kevin Sowards of Dallas will be our liaison officer and he will use his manpower from Dallas Association of the Deaf to help the tournament.

Last time, we were in Dallas was in 1988, The AAAD (now NSAD), hosted the Softball World in Euless, Texas. Metro Washington Association of the Deaf Club was the first club to take both division titles (Men's and Women's) in the same year! The Championship game went into extra innings (the first time it ever happened!) with MWAD edging over Mercer County of New Jersey in 9 innings.

MWAD was the runner up at SEAAD, it was first non regional champion to win the AAAD title.

Jason Ingraham of Silicon Valley was in the spotlight during that tournament. He has hit 8 homeruns in a row then 10 walks in a row. Finally the Pittsburgh Club decided to pitch to him. He hit a long fly ball against the wind., to the warning track at left and it flied out.

NSAD keeps CODA

Valentine Wojton III, the outgoing Commissioner, has ruled the Softball Council motion #10-18 out of order during his report in the recent Executive Board meeting at Pittsburgh, PA. The rationale behind Wojton's ruling is that since the motion #10-03 has been referred to the Law Committee and the motion #10-18 is related to the#10-03 and should not be voted upon (that motion was passed during the Softball Council). As of now, the CODA/SODA ruling still stands (1 CODA/SODA for Men's team and 2 CODA/SODAs for Women's team).

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Special points of interest:

Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to the headquarter (18 miles)

Love Field Airport to the hotel headquarter (3.6 miles)

Six Flags over TX & Hurricane Harbor (15 miles)

The Ballpark in Arlington (15 miles)

Dallas Association of the Deaf clubhouse (3. miles)

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What are the new **NSAD** rules?

1. Free Agents-
One– over 45 years old
One– over 40 years old
One– any age
You may have 3 free agents who are over 45 yrs. old.
You may have 2 free agents who are over 40 years old plus one player over 45 yrs. old.

2. Three-Games guarantee-
Using WSL 3-game guarantee tournament format.
If team with 0-2. Give them one more chance to continue to play on double elimination tournament format.
Every teams will play at least 3 games in the double elimination

What are the new **NSA** rules?

1. Courtesy runner
The courtesy runner can be any players on the team.

2. "Hit and Sit" Play-
The batter-runner and all baserunners do not have to run the bases on a home run in "Hit and Sit" play.

What are the new **ASA** rules?

1. Base Distance-
Men's Class A and B classification shall be 70 feet

2. Balls for Men's
COR.52 Compression 300

3. Ball/Strikes
The batter shall assume a one ball, one strike count upon entering the batter's box

What are the new **USSSA** rules?

1. Bats-
Old bats withhold USSSA BPf mark cuttently are expected to be grandfathered through the end of 2012 season.
Note: USSSA softball bats with the new Mark are not currently expected to be available until late fall of 2011

Rumor Mill:

NDPT, DeafNation World Expos & NSAD will be in Las Vegas for 2012

National Deaf Poker Tournament may host on Saturday, July 28.

DeafNation World Expo will be in Las Vegas on July 29– August 1, 2012.

NSAD may host in Las Vegas on

August 2-5, 2012 at Big League Dreams

NSAD also may host Hold'em Tournament at the ballpark with discount rate for entry fee for NSAD team members during our tournament time. We will also include the Home Run Derby and maybe have some kind of an entertainment show on Saturday night.

The last time that NSAD hosted in Las Vegas, was in 2000 , It was at Arroyo Grand Sports Complex in Henderson, Nevada.

Carolina Men's and Greater Tampa Bay Women's won the title twice in a row.