



National Softball Association of the Deaf June 2011

Recognition of Women's Softball

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Due to the rich history of women's softball in the 1970s, NSAD has decided to do something different this year with recognizing women's softball. Vance Rewolinski, the NSAD Commissioner, recommended to the Executive Board to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the participation of women's softball in NSAD. Back in 1976, there were two regions that had a tournament open to women (CAAD and old SWAAD). Both regions sent their regional champions to the AAAD Softball tournament. That year, Detroit defeated Dallas. In

1977, NEAAD sent Hartford to the AAAD tournament with Detroit, Dallas and Houston. Dallas won the tournament. In 1978, MAAD send Kansas City to AAAD with five other teams from these regions, SWAAD, CAAD, and NEAAD. Detroit defeated Revere. 1979 saw a big increase in participating teams as 13 women's teams went to the AAAD Tournament. It was not until six years later when there were more women's teams than men's teams. Seventeen women's teams participated, while the men's teams numbered 16. NSAD will officially

recognize the women's championship teams from 1976-1986 at the Dallas NSAD Tournament. Many women's Hall of Famers played during that era, notably Tina Takacs and the late Sandy Hart. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of women's softball, NSAD will use pink softballs this summer, along with a special Hall of Fame ceremony honoring only women inductees. Next year, the NSAD Tournament will follow a single annual number for our Tournament. The 2012 Tournament will be called the 37th Annual NSAD Tournament.

Suiter Appointed 2011 Tournament Director



Richard "Ricky" Suiter has been appointed as the Tournament Director. Suiter comes with years of experience with deaf softball teams. He played for teams in CAAD, SEAAD, and EAAD/ESAD. He started playing with Chicago Crusaders in 1968. He was also a member of MWAD Reds 1984, 1987 and 1988 National

Championship teams. He also was a part of the Montgomery County softball team that won in 2004. Suiter was involved with the planning of the NSAD in 2007 at Dayton and 2009 at Fort Lauderdale as an utility man. He is currently the Dean of Students at Michigan School for the Deaf.

Special points of interest:

- Six Flags over TX & Hurricane Harbor (15 miles)
- The Ballpark in Arlington (15 miles)
- Dallas Association of the Deaf clubhouse (3 miles)
- Dallas Zoo (6 miles)
- Dallas World Aquarium (4 miles)
- The Sixth Floor Museum (JFK Assassination Site) (4 miles)



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The Embassy Suites Hotel at the Dallas Market Center features wonderful amenities and convenience to locations. Only three miles to Dallas Love Airport, Embassy Suites features a microwave, mini-refrigerator, and a sofa bed in each room. Hot breakfast is served every day, along with a "Manager's Reception" Happy Hour with free drinks daily at 5:30-7:30 pm. The hotel will provide shuttle bus services to Dallas Love Field daily, but prior arrangements must be made with the hotel. To make a reservation, call 214-630-5332 (Discount code: NSD)



KIEST PARK:

NSAD will work with ASA umpires at Kiest Park. The Park has six diamonds with the outfield fence 300 ft. away. A portable fence will be added (275 feet away) for women's and Co-Ed divisions. The park also has misting fans at the center of four fields. The softballs that NSAD will use for this tournament: Men's- .52 cor 300 ft. Women's- pink balls with .44 cor 525 ft.

Co-Ed Rules:

1. NSAD Team Registration Form deadline is July 15.
2. The entry fee is \$200 before June 15. The fee will go up \$250 after June 15.
3. Each team is allowed to have up to 2 female CODA/ SODAs and 2 male CODA/ SODAs.
4. There is no restriction on the number of free agents.
5. **You can only use ASA-approved bats**

Viva Las Vegas in 2012



The National Deaf Poker Tournament will host their annual event July 28 through July 29.

The DeafNation World Expo will be at Mandalay Hotel from July 29– August 1.

Our 2012 NSAD Tournament will be from August 2 to August 4, 2012. The NSAD hotel has not been confirmed yet, but more likely will be at Sunset Station, the same hotel from

the last time NSAD hosted a tournament in Las Vegas in 2000.

In 2000, NSAD used the Arroyo Grand Sports Complex in Henderson. The men's and women's teams both successfully defended their titles eleven years ago. The men's Carolina team won and the women's Tampa Bay team won! NSAD looks forward to seeing who will be crowned in 2012!