

RULES & REGULATIONS

ARTICLE ONE – ELIGIBILITY RULES

Section 1 NO DISCRIMINATION

1.1 There shall be no discrimination toward any athlete because of race, nationality, sex, color, religion or creed.

Section 2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES

2.1 All teams shall be represented by a region, state, county, city, or town as outlined in the membership requirements rules of NSAD By-Laws, Article 1, Membership.

2.2 Each team's club shall be a member of the NSAD through its regional association as outlined in the By-Laws, Article One, Section 3 in order to participate in any of the current year's regional or national tournaments.

2.3 NSAD shall allow Canadian Teams within boundaries to play in the regional tournament regardless of number of U. S. players playing on the team and be honored if they win the champion in their regional tournament.

2.4 NSAD shall allow resident of Canadian, Cuban, Mexican and Caribbean players within time zone to play in the regional tournament.

2.5 NSAD shall allow Free Agents as player: Men: 1 any age, 1 over 40 and 1 over 45 years old. Women: 1 any age, 1 over 30 and 1 over 35 years old.

2.6 Men's teams are allowed one (1) while Women's teams are allowed two (2) - CODA, SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player.

Section 3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

3.1 A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 db or greater in the worse ear to be eligible. This rule is still subject to deliberation, therefore, not "fully implemented" or "subject to interpretation".

3.2 Players shall have attended a school for the deaf, whether residential or day, oral or combined, shall give their regional secretary a copy of diploma, certificate, or any identified school document as well as audiogram for verification of attendance or graduation. Players who have attended a regular or mainstreaming school are required to submit an old or new audiogram to their regional secretary.

3.3 A player shall not play for a member club outside the region of his/her residence (Look NSAD Rulebook regarding free agent).

3.3.1 A player shall have a valid permanent U.S. driver's license or U.S. state-issued non-driver identification card.

3.4 Players must be at least 18 years old to play NSAD tournament.

3.5 WOMEN: A pregnant player shall be permitted to play only at her doctor's discretion and her signing a waiver form.

Section 4 PROTESTS

4.1 Any protests regarding eligibility of any team or its players shall be made before the start of any regional or national tournaments.

Section 5 VIOLATIONS OF THE ELIGIBILITY RULES

5.1 Any violation of these rules shall cause the member club and/or the player to be suspended for a period of two (2) years from the NSAD and their region. Regions shall be allowed to impose fines as approved by their Regional Board of Directors.

ARTICLE TWO – REGISTRATION

Section 1 OFFICIAL NSAD REGISTRATION FORMS

1.1 The NSAD Secretary/Treasurer shall provide all regional's secretary (and/or secretary/treasurer) information on registration and waiver forms, with additional instructions.

1.1.1 Any NSAD member team can download and print forms online.

1.2 The regional association or any member club thereof shall not be allowed to devise or make use of any other type of player's registration form as such shall be considered invalid.

1.3 A member club may be permitted to register more than one (1) team in regional or national tournaments.

1.4 All official player registration forms, team fees, and/or surcharge fees shall be mailed to the NSAD Secretary from the Regional Secretary/Treasurer by July 10th, postmarked.

1.5 Attendance by all men's, women's and coed teams in their regional, if there are three (3) or more division teams, before attending NSAD.

1.5.1 Men's teams finished top three (3) and Women's teams finished top two (2) from the most recent year's must consist of eight (8) or more players from last year's team with the majority of regional teams division to be approved by their respective region. To submit NSAD team entry fee by June 1st and to submit NSAD and regional form by June 1st. (note: it is two year trial basis.)

1.6 The team roster shall not exceed twenty (20) team members by minimum of 10 players.

Section 2 REGISTRATION RULES

2.1 Each team member shall sign his/her name on the date of signing on the NSAD team registration and Athletic Liability Release and Waiver form between January 1st to July 1st. Failure to date the signatures on the forms shall result in automatic suspension of the team member and he/she shall be ineligible to participate in NSAD or regional competition during the applicable season.

2.2 All coaches shall be responsible for the signatures and any other information of all players on any NSAD registration forms. Any athlete who has been abused, threatened or given intentionally misleading information by a coach or manager for the purpose of defrauding the player, the region of the NSAD or for personal or club gain, shall have the right to lodge a complaint in writing with the regional Secretary-Treasurer. Such individuals found guilty by the region or the NSAD shall be suspended for a period of not less than two (2) years.

2.3 A team member (players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, bat persons, and water persons) shall not register with more than one (1) team. Once registered, team members shall not transfer from one (1) team to another. If the team member signs a second team member's registration form, this team member shall automatically be suspended from all NSAD competition for a period of one (1) year from the date of the second signature.

2.4 All team members shall have their own health and accident insurance.

2.5 If a team member's name and/or his/her signature are determined to be forged on the official player's registration form, the team coach, player and/or manager shall be suspended from all NSAD or regional competition for a period of two (2) years.

2.6 A team allows to add up to 3 players before coaches' meeting at cost of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per player.

ARTICLE THREE – CONDUCTS AND SUSPENSIONS

Section 1 JURISDICTION OF NSAD

1.1 All team members who are participants or spectators, in any NSAD event of any NSAD tournament shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the NSAD and its regulations.

Section 2 CONDUCTS

2.1 Team members shall conduct themselves in conformance with the tradition of NSAD athletics events at all times and in all places. Coaches and managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams.

2.2 Prior to the dismissal of a person who displays unacceptable behavior, the NSAD Executive Committee shall be authorized, directed, and empowered to observe, investigate, hear evidence and determine the facts involved in the violations of the rules of conduct, which are appropriate in the circumstances.

2.3 Any player or spectator who violates the rules of acceptable social behavior and/or regulations governing the use of properties, facilities in the state, county, or city where the athletic events is held shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the host city.

Section 3 SUSPENSION OF PLAYER (S)

3.1 Any NSAD team may make a request to suspend its former team member(s) from playing for another N SAD team when the team member(s) owes the former club and/or team at least one Hundred dollars (\$100.00). All documents and written requests for suspension shall be sent to the regional Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary

shall verify the documents and finds them to be in order, then the request shall be sent to the NSAD Executive Board for its final decision. Once suspended, the team member (s) may be reinstated upon the payment of the debt in full to the former club, and or team provided that copy(ies) of the receipt(s) are furnished to the regional secretary-treasurer.

3.2 Any team member suspended by his respective region shall be barred from participating in any regional for that period in which the suspension is in effect. Such suspension shall be reported to the NSAD Secretary within ten (10) days of the regional meeting and copies the report shall be sent to each regional Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4 DRUG POUCIES

4.1 Any person under the auspices of the NSAD who is caught with chemical-based drugs or illegal substances during any NSAD sponsored event shall be immediately banned from the premises and further banned from any association with the NSAD until cleared of such charges or as determined by the NSAD Board of Directors.