

Rules & Regulations
of the
SOUTHEAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
SOUTHEAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.**

Sections under each Article shall refer to basketball where indicated as follows:
BB = Basketball

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

Section 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc. (hereafter referred to as this Association of the SEAAD.)

Section 1.2 The association is incorporated under the Tennessee Non-Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE 2 -OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association are:

Section 2.1 To foster and improve athletics throughout its territory in accordance with the standards and under the rules prescribed by the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB).

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Section 2.2 To protect and promote the mutual interests of its members.

Section 2.3 To institute, regulate and reward athletic championships of this Association.

Section 2.4 To select teams to represent this Association at the National tournaments.

ARTICLE 3 - TERRITORY

Section 3.1 The territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be composed of the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee (except the city of Memphis), Virginia and West Virginia.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1 The membership of this Association shall be limited to bona fide clubs of the deaf, affiliated with the USADB.

Section 4.2 No school shall play in the SEAAD tournament unless it represents and is backed by a bona fide club of adult deaf members affiliated with the USADB.

Section 4.3 A bona fide club shall have at least 15 members, a set of by-laws, hold regular meetings and elect a minimum of 3 officers to conduct the business of the club.

ARTICLE 5 - DELEGATES

Section 5.1 Every member club of this Association shall appoint one delegate to represent their member club at the meeting of the Board of Directors. Such delegates must be members in good standing of member club. A representative shall not represent more than one club and another member club's team during the current SEAAD tournament.

Section 5.2 The past Presidents are entitled to be a delegate at large at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.3 Delegates shall be fined for being late at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.4 The delegate's form must be handed to the Secretary at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.5 Participating member clubs not represented by a delegate at the meeting of the Board of Directors shall be fined.

ARTICLE 6 – MANAGEMENT

Section 6.1 The management of the affairs of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of the club delegates, delegates at large and the elected officers who shall have power to make such decisions as it deems necessary for the betterment of this Association.

Section 6.2 The Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Tournament Director and Hall of Fame Director to serve a two (2) year term starting as of May 1st of the even-numbered year of the election and terminate on April 30th two years later.

Section 6.3 The Executive committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director and Hall of Fame Director.

ARTICLE 7 - DUTIES AND POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall in addition to the duties and powers elsewhere in these rules and regulations prescribed, have power and it shall be their duties.

Section 7.1 To admit to membership any club eligible under these rules and regulations applying thereof, they deem it proper.

Section 7.2 To return any regulation forms, delegate authorization forms, and/or membership application that are found to be lacking information, to the member clubs for correction.

Section 7.3 To remove from office by a two-third (2/3) vote, any member of the Executive Committee who, by neglect of duty, or by conduct tending to impair usefulness as a member of such committee, shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her position on the committee.

Section 7.4 The office of any officer who moves or lives out of the SEAAD region for thirty (30) or more days shall be declared vacated and the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Section 7.5 To fill any vacancies in the Executive Board occurring from any cause.

Section 7.6 To collect the dues and funds of this Association and to expand the same.

Section 7.7 To explain, define and interpret provisions of the Rules and Regulations of this Association upon request of a member club.

Section 7.8 Copies of all correspondence of official nature shall be sent to each member of the SEAAD Executive Board at all times. When the correspondence deals directly with the USADB as well, the Administrative Board of that body shall also be included.

ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8.1 The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the eve of the tournament.

Section 8.2 The SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer shall send a notice and time for the meeting; the minutes of the previous meeting; an unaudited Treasurer's report; the officers' reports and brackets for the tournament to the officers of this Association and to all the member clubs fifteen (15) days prior to any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 8.3 The SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer shall send within 60 days after the annual tournament, the minutes of the meeting and the results of the tournament to the delegates who were present.

Section 8.4 At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the order of business shall pertain only to subject of basketball depending on the type of the tournament held at the time of the meeting. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Roll call of Officers and Delegates
2. Report of the tournament host club chairperson
3. Report of the upcoming SEAAD tournament host club chairperson(s)
4. Report of the following year's tournament host club chairperson
5. Reading of minutes
6. Reports of the Executive Committee

7. Reports of committees
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Selection of the future annual SEAAD tournament host
11. Election of the officers (during basketball season)
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

ARTICLE 9 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 9.1 Any person who is in good standing of a member club shall be eligible to run any office of the SEAAD.

Section 9.2 The SEAAD President shall:

Section 9.2.1 Presides at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He/she performs such other duties pertaining to the office of President. The office of the President shall be served a term of 2 years and is eligible for reelection.

Section 9.3 The SEAAD Vice-President shall:

Section 9.3.1 Have power to perform the duties of the SEAAD President in the absence or inability of the latter to act; serve as the Chairperson of the Law Committee. He/she shall select a committee of three (3) persons to serve on Auditing Committee.

Section 9.3.2 Select 3 auditors for SEAAD financial report during BB event.

Section 9.4 The SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer shall:

Section 9.4.1 keep the record of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, conduct all official correspondence, issue notice and time of the meetings of the Board of Directors, keep a complete copy of records of all meetings and athletic events held under the auspices of this Association.

Section 9.4.2 receive all the monies of this Association and shall pay all bills approved by the SEAAD President with the knowledge of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.4.3 deposit all the monies to the credit of the SEAAD, Inc. in an interest bearing savings account and/or checking account in a bank of his/her residence city.

Section 9.4.4 submit and turn over to the Auditing Committee all monies, accounts, books, papers, vouchers, records, receipts, bank books, and statements pertaining to his office and shall turn them over to his/her successor after the election within 45 days.

Section 9.4.5 be bonded by a reputable bonding company subjected to approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.4.6 supply the Secretary of the USADB the names and addresses of the newly elected officers of the SEAAD within 10 days of the election.

Section 9.4.7 mail the annual SEAAD affiliated Clubs Directory to all member clubs.

Section 9.4.8 receive an annual expense account of \$300 dollars for services rendered.

Section 9.5 The SEAAD Tournament Director shall:

Section 9.5.1 be in charge and preside at the coaches meeting whenever he/she deems a necessary.

Section 9.5.2 inspects and approves the facilities 1-year prior to a tournament date.

Section 9.5.3 select Head Statistician to help him/her maintain vital statistics relating to the SEAAD tournament. The statistician shall receive expense accounts as agreed by the SEAAD Boards for service rendered.

Section 9.5.4 enforce the rules of competition of the tournaments.

Section 9.5.5 be responsible for printing up bracket pairings for the host club to use during the drawing before tournament dates.

Section 9.5.6 be responsible for printing of score sheets and statistic paperwork regarding said tournament and hand over the same, within 60 days following the end of the tournament, and will be responsible for updating and maintaining all records of the tournaments.

Section 9.5.7 shall make a checklist paper for all coaches for team to check the list of do's for the club team.

Section 9.5.8 shall not be a member of any team for the sports he/she serves.

Section 9.5.9 send the member clubs sponsoring a team; copies of completed roster forms fifteen (15) days before the tournament date.

Section 9.5.10 be a chairman of all-stars Selecting Committee and be responsible for updating and maintaining all the records of the tournaments. These records will be published in the program book and the SEAAD Newsletter.

Section 9.5.11 in conjunction with the statistician shall have the names and uniform numbers of all players to give to the all-stars Committee and other responsible for all-stars selections.

Section 9.5.12 bring a camera to take a picture of the championship teams and send them to the USADB. Print the pictures in the SEAAD website and include the highlights of games.

Section 9.5.13 Copies of the signed registration forms will be sent only to those member clubs participating in the annual tournaments.

Section 9.6 The SEAAD Hall of Fame Director:

Section 9.6.1 be responsible for publicity related to matters concerning the SEAAD once every three (3) months (printing the newsletter). He/she shall write a pre-release news or write-ups immediately after the tournaments and distribute copies to all member clubs and officers of the SEAAD. (All member clubs of the SEAAD are to be reminded to inform the Secretary of any ADDRESS CHANGE or CORRECTIONS.)

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Section 9.6.2 will be responsible for the printing of special ballot sheets for the purpose of selecting the all-stars.

Section 9.6.3 oversee the SEAAD Hall of Fame proceeding as guided by his/her adherence to the Rules and regulations under ARTICLE 19. He/she shall report and outline plans for the Hall of Fame Banquet at the annual basketball meeting. The Hall of Fame induction shall take place during the annual basketball tournament.

Section 9.6.4 send to host camera-ready sheets of Hall of Fame list, records and any other material for the tournament program books.

Section 9.6.5 make reports to prepare, write, edit and print the SEAAD website.

ARTICLE 10 - COMMITTEES

Section 10.1 The Auditing Committee shall audit and examine the accounts of the SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer and reports its finding to the Board of Directors during the SEAAD tournament.

Section 10.2 The Law Committee shall be composed of 3 members. The Vice- President shall appoint the other 2 members to the committee.

Section 10.3 The Hall of Fame Committee shall be composed of 4 members. The Basketball Commissioners shall be CO-chairpersons of the committee and shall appoint the other 2 persons to the committee. Both appointed persons must reside in the territory of the SEAAD (pertaining to the Section 3.1).

Section 10.4 The all-stars Committee shall be composed of 5 members.

Section 10.5 Other committees as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the SEAAD President.

ARTICLE 11 - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Section 11.1 The conditions of competition in and the rules governing any athletic tournament given by this Association shall be those prescribed in the Rules and Regulations of the USADB.

Section 11.2 Copies of all inter-club communication pertaining to the SEAAD matters

concerning competition shall be made for all members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 12 - COMPLAINTS

Section 12.1 Any club or member making a complaint against another club or an individual must submit the complaint in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and must send a copy of complaints to the Executive Committee and to the club or individual against whom the complaints is made.

Section 12.2 The SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer shall investigate the alleged complaints. The expenses of such investigation shall be paid from this Association treasury; and accused member club or individual is to reimburse this Association of the amount spent. In the event that the accused member club or individual is cleared of such complaints, the member club which requested the investigation shall be required to reimburse this Association for the full amount spent within 30 days.

Section 12.3 Any complaint related to a tournament made by a club team during the tournament shall be investigated and resolved by the Sports Commissioner immediately.

ARTICLE 13 - DUES AND EXPENSES

Section 13.1 Every member club shall annually pay to the SEAAD Treasurer on or before December 1st and annual fee of Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars as an active member of the SEAAD.

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Section 13.2 The host club shall provide transportation and hotel lodging (3 nights) expenses for the officers of this Association. This Association and the member host club sponsoring the regional tournament will limit the fare to .31 cents a mile by for officers residing within 400 round trip miles of the tournament city and the lowest air-fare for others. The SEAAD officers shall hand in their airfare or travel expenses receipts (duplicate or copy) to the Host Chairperson upon arriving at Tournament site.

Section 13.3 This Association shall reimburse the President of this Association or his/her alternate, an officer in the next order of rank, for fifty (50%) per cent of the transportation costs he incurs up to the cost of the lowest round trip fare upon of receipt(s) reflecting the mode of transportation to attend the USADB Board of Directors meeting. This Association shall reimburse the SEAAD representative for a limit of hotel lodging or five (5) nights and a limit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for meals for five days in the USADB tournament city.

ARTICLE 14 - REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Section 14.1 BID FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Section 14.1.1 Host Clubs shall be determined by a bidding system according to the two (2) divisions established for the SEAAD territory.

Section 14.1.2 The SEAAD clubs shall submit their bid at the annual meeting 3 years prior to the tournament date of their territory.

Section 14.1.3 A member club bidding for the future SEAAD tournament shall have been a member of the SEAAD at least 3 years.

Section 14.1.4 The member club must have a team at least 2 years to be a qualified bidder. If no qualified club bids for the hostship, any member club may bid.

Section 14.1.5 The 2 divisions will alternate hosting the annual SEAAD and basketball tournaments. The SEAAD club bidding from the hosting division with the highest ballot vote shall be awarded the said tournament. Voting will be done by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting by secret ballot.

Section 14.1.6 The member club granted the tourney bid shall pay a fee of \$200 dollars payable to the SEAAD Treasurer immediately.

Section 14.1.7 To retain hostship rights the member club hosting a future SEAAD tournament, hereafter know as their assigned tournament, shall send their team(s) to participate in the SEAAD tournament for 2 consecutive years to hosting their assigned tournament. An automatic fine of \$200 dollars shall be assessed to the assigned club if their team fail to appear and participate in the SEAAD tournament for 3 consecutive years prior to their assigned tournament. The fine shall be awarded to the host club of the current tournament. Should the assigned club not pay the fines within 60 days after the current tournament has been completed, they shall forfeit all rights to host their assigned tournament. Should the assigned club fail to send team for a 2nd time during their 3 consecutive years period, they forfeit all rights to host their assigned tournament and the host fee shall not be returned.

Section 14.1.8 The Tournament Director will inspect the host city's Facilities in one (1) year advance. Transportation, meals and hotel expenses shall be paid on an equal 50-50 basis by the club and the SEAAD.

Section 14.2 REGISTRATION

Section 14.2.1 The annual SEAAD tournament shall be open to all the active SEAAD member clubs desiring to participate. The SEAAD Secretary shall send 2 players' registration forms to each club. (1 MEN's and 1 WOMEN's)

Section 14.2.2 The registration forms including all financial requirements must be postmarked on or before February 1st (basketball) and be sent to the SEAAD Secretary by CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in a fine

Section 14.2.3 Each team shall prepare all lists of the typed names of players on a white

sheet to send the host club for program book.

Section 14.2.4 A flat rate of forty-five (\$45.00) dollars per team shall be paid to the SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer as the team's registration fee, regardless of the number of players who signed up (twenty (\$20.00) dollars for SEAAD and twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for USADB).

Section 14.2.5 The fee for each member of the team for Basketball team shall be twelve (\$12.00) dollars each. Four (\$4.00) dollars to the SEAAD treasury, and six (\$6.00) dollars to the men's representing team going to the National Tournament from Men's fee, and six (\$6.00) dollars to the women's representing team going to the National Tournament from Women's fee. Two (\$2.00) dollars shall divide equally for 2nd and 3rd place.

Section 14.2.6 A SEAAD club shall be included a guarantee of one hundred-fifty (\$150.00) dollars as bond. This bond shall be returned if team participates. If the team fails to participate, the bond one hundred-fifty (\$150.00) dollars shall go to the host club.

Section 14.2.7 Distribution of Fans registration of twelve (\$12.00) dollars. Six fifty (\$6.50) dollars will go to the SEAAD treasury; one (\$1.00) dollar will go to the SEAAD website; fifty (.50¢) cents will go to the Hall of Fame Fund; and four (\$4.00) dollars each men and women team will go to the representative teams going to the National Tournament (USADB). **Note: If there is no women team participates, two (\$2.00) will go to 2nd place for men team.

Section 14.2.8 No player may register with more than one member club team. If a player signs a second registration form, this play automatically be suspended from all USADB competition for a period of two (2) years from the date of the second signature.

Section 14.3 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Section 14.3.1 The annual SEAAD basketball tournament shall be held annually on the fourth weekend of February or first weekend of March. By weekend shall be meant either Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday.

Section 14.3.2 Such approved date shall be announced one (1) year in advance.

Section 14.3.3 Such tournaments shall be in the complete charge a committee appointed by the host club.

Section 14.3.4 The chairperson of the tournament shall reside within 35 miles of the host tournament site.

Section 14.4 METHOD OF DRAWING

Section 14.4.1 Seeding for the basketball tournaments shall be limited to top 4 teams from the previous year tournament. All other pairings shall be drawn from a hat in pairings the teams in the hat are matched with the seeded teams starting from the top to bottom of the diagram.

Section 14.4.2 The bracket diagrams shall be designed and made by the SEAAD.

Section 14.4.3 Single Elimination system shall be if 8 or more teams are entered. For 5, 6, or 7 teams, Consolation system shall be used. For 4 teams or less Round Robin system shall be used and the Executive Board shall, before the start of the tournament, determine the method for deciding the championship team.

Section 14.4.4 Parings shall be drawn by lot of the SEAAD Tournament Director and two (2) persons appointed by the SEAAD President before the first weekend of February. The SEAAD Tournament Director shall communicate by TDD, e-mail, and /or mail the results of the drawings to the host club of the tournament and the Executive Committee immediately.

Section 14.4.5 The host club shall amount a timetable of the tournament to the SEAAD related Tournament Director.

Section 14.4.6 The Tournament Director shall notify the participating team coaches of the results of the drawings and time of the games 15 days prior to the annual SEAAD tournament.

Section 14.4.7 Once such annual SEAAD tournament pairings have been made, approved, and announced, no changes whatsoever may be made in the diagram.

Section 14.5 TOURNAMENT HOST CLUB

Section 14.5.1 The Executive Committee shall review itemized ticket information including registration fees and individual ticket prices set by the host club at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual SEAAD Basketball tournament. Flyers with itemized prices, may not be distributed by the host club to any SEAAD club without at first getting approval from the Executive Committee. Once approved, the amounts shall not be changed.

Section 14.5.2 The host club shall remit to the SEAAD of registration fee of Twelve (\$12.00) dollars for each fan combination ticket sold. The fee shall be included in the price of such fan tickets.

Section 14.5.3 The SEAAD officers shall pay only registration fees and they shall receive passes for all functions.

Section 14.5.4 The Delegates, Delegates at large and the SEAAD Hall of Fame members shall receive passes to all tourney games, a program book, ballroom pass and registration fees for \$27.00 dollars. Twelve (\$12.00) dollars shall go to the SEAAD. These passes shall be good all functions except the banquet if one held is held.

Section 14.5.5 14 passes to any Basketball tournament (at the special rate of \$10.00 dollars each) shall be given to the roaster each team. Team passes shall be available only to rosters of the team listed on the USADB Player Registration form. Extra team passes shall be \$20.00 dollars each. These passes shall be good for all functions except the program book and the banquet if one held.

Section 14.5.6 The host club shall present awards to the following:

- The first three places
- Consolation winner - (if a consolation bracket is used)
- Twelve (12) individual Championship team player
- Ten (10) All-Stars awards -(five (5) first team and five (5) second team)
- Team Sportsmanship award
- Coach of the Tournament award
- Most Valuable Player award
- Other awards are optional, such as individual Sportsmanship, etc.

If there are fewer teams than 8 teams the second team all-star trophies shall be omitted.

Section 14.5.7 The host club shall properly engrave the awards as follows:

1. Number of annual tournament and name of the sports tournament
2. The year
3. The name of the host club
4. Place of standing or the name of awards
5. Name of donor (optional)

Section 14.5.8 The host club shall provide the official scorekeepers and timers, to keep score and time during the annual SEAAD basketball tournament. The host shall be responsible for compensating the scorekeepers and timers for their time. The official scorekeepers and timers shall be approved by the SEAAD Sports Commissioner on the eve of the tournament.

Section 14.5.9 Should the host club fail to appoint the scorekeepers and timers (basketball), the SEAAD Commissioner shall present a list of names to the Executive Committee for approval. The host club shall then remit to each official scorekeeper and timer (basketball) \$10.00 dollars per game.

Section 14.5.10 The host club shall provide at least 2 new official basketball for all the games at the annual SEAAD basketball tournament. Note: 1 ball Men's standard size and 1 ball Women's standard size.

Section 14.6.1 All SEAAD member clubs shall be responsible for the physical condition of the members of their teams during the tournament games. Any unforeseen accidents or mishaps to players during the tournament games will be the liability of such member club sponsoring the team. The SEAAD, the USADB, and the host club shall not be held liable for any injury whatsoever to.

Section 14.6.2 All participating team members shall sign a waiver and release form before participating in the annual SEAAD tournaments. In case of failure to sign, no team member shall be eligible to participate in any SEAAD tournament games.

Section 14.6.3 Should any club whose name appears on a delegate form or on the registration form of a participating team in an annual SEAAD tournament fail to pay a hotel bill or write a bad check that club shall be suspended for a period of 1 year. Upon

proof of payment of the delinquent bill to the hotel, or the bad check(s) made good, all suspensions shall be lifted. SEAAD shall not be responsible for fan bills.

Section 14.6.4 All participating players, coaches, and managers are recommended to be covered by their club team's or their personal insurance for any and all injuries or claims suffered by them.

ARTICLE 15 - BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

Section 15.1 All games in the annual SEAAD basketball tournament shall have 16 minutes per half and the final championship game shall be 20 minutes per half.

Section 15.2 There shall be 3 minutes overtimes in the case of ties in any basketball game except the championship game, which shall have 5 minutes overtimes.

Section 15.3 The three (3) points shot shall be used. The shot circle shall measure 19'9". The clock shot shall be used for men only. (Optional) The clock shot shall be 45 seconds.

Section 15.4 All team's players shall have a full uniform of the same color and design with the numbers on the back and front of the jerseys.

Section 15.5 All games in the annual SEAAD basketball tournament shall have 2 basketball certified officials and shall be paid by the host club.

Section 15.6 Any participating team that does not have its players on the court ready on time for their scheduled game times shall forfeit their game.

Section 15.7 If a participating team has less than 5 players in uniform on the court at the start of a game, that team shall forfeit their game.

Section 15.8 In event that the Championship Team is unable to send 8 or more players to the National Tournament in compliance with the USADB Rules and Regulations, the regional runner up shall be sent instead.

Section 15.9 All games in the annual SEAAD basketball tournament shall have electronic scoreboards.

Section 15.10 Additional rules and regarding games of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 16 - ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY RULES

Section 16.1 All Athletic Eligibility shall not conflict with the USADB's rules and regulations. Excepted noted in Section 17.2.

Section 16.2 Any student attending post secondary educational institution (undergraduate, college or university, Junior or Community College, Vocational and

trade) is eligible to participate in Club or tournament games. Each Club team is limited to have three (3) student players in basketball.

Section 16.3 The players who are students must include a letterhead or email from his/her institution; if no letter, he/she cannot participate.

ARTICLE 17 - INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Special Note:

The Article 17 is suspended temporarily until the SEAAD Secretary receives an update information about sanction insurance from USADB and might remove the Article 17. It depends on USADB.

Section 17.1 Any SEAAD club desiring to sponsor an invitational (USADB sanctioned) tournament shall present its plans and objectives and remit seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars to the SEAAD Secretary at least 1 month prior to the scheduled date of the invitational tournament. Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall go to the SEAAD and the fifty (\$50.00) dollars shall go to the USADB.

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Section 17.2 All rules and regulations of the invitational tournament must follow the USADB's rules and regulations (USADB By-Laws Article 8).

Section 17.3 If the invitational tournament is canceled by the sponsoring club, the sanction fee of the \$75.00 shall not be returned.

Section 17.4 During the fourteen (14) days before the SEAAD tournament, SEAAD club shall not host any deaf tournaments. Hearing league, playoff games or another region's club tournament are expected.

ARTICLE 18 - HALL OF FAME

Section 18.1 INTRODUCTION - The purpose of the SEAAD Hall of Fame is to honor deaf persons who have performing exceptionally in the territory under the jurisdiction of the SEAAD as players, coaches, managers, leaders and/or writers.

Section 18.2 RESPONSIBILITIES - The Hall of Fame Committee shall screen and prepare all nominations, handle all ballots, announce the results, and control and oversee the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony. The Hall of Fame Committee shall also keep all nominations, photographs and other related materials permanently in files. These files shall be passed on to their successors.

Section 18.3 TIMETABLE - The Hall of Fame chairpersons shall mail sketches of nomination leftover from previous years and 1 blank nomination form of each category to the electors and the member clubs before the SEAAD basketball tournament. The

electors and the member clubs may send in new nominations or update the existing information on the sketches before September 30th. The biographies and the blank ballots shall be mailed to the electors before November 20th. The marked ballots shall be returned to the chairperson before December 20th. The chairperson shall notify any newly elected Hall of Fame members on or before January 1st.

Section 18.4 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION - Candidates for the Hall of Fame may be nominated by the member clubs of the SEAAD and by an Hall of Fame electors with exceptions of the Hall of Fame committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to supply all supporting material. However, if the chairperson has addition facts available, it shall be his/her responsibility to enclose the information with the nomination. The nominator's name shall not be disclosed. Candidates will be nominated on the basis of outstanding leadership, outstanding performance, and/or exceptional contribution to sports, and sportsmanship. No consideration will be given to race, religion, creed, sex or geographical residence. No candidate shall be nominated to or be electors in more than 2 categories. Categories and criteria for each are as follow:

- a) **Players** must have played **at least 7 years** with the SEAAD.
- b) **Coaches** must have been coaches at a deaf school within the SEAAD for **at least 5 years**.
- c) **Leaders** and **writers** must have contributed **at least 10 years** of service to sports.

Section 18.5 PROCEDURE - The Hall of Fame Committee shall screen all nominations and on the basis of the criteria, select not less than 3 or more than 5 nominees who meet the highest standards. In category, that shall be left off the ballot. A summary of each nominee's qualifications, not to exceed 300 words, shall be prepared and these shall be mailed with ballot. If a nominee is not elected in 5 consecutive years, his/her name shall be deleted form the leftover list.

Section 18.6 ELECTORS - The electors shall be as follows: the Executive Committee, all past SEAAD presidents, and Hall of Fame members.

Section 18.7 VERIFICATION OF BALLOTS - The ballots shall be counted and the results tabulated and they shall be sent to the 4 members of the Hall of Fame Committee for verification. Ballots and a copy of the tabulations shall be sent to the SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer before any announcements of the winners are made by the chairperson. After a period of 6 months, the SEAAD Secretary-Treasurer shall destroy the ballots.

Section 18.8 POINTS - Electors may note for up 3 candidates in each category on a scale of 5 points for 1st choice, 3 points for 2nd choice, and 1 point for 3rd choice.

Section 18.9 MINIMUM POINTS - To be elected to the Hall of Fame, a candidate shall receive 70% of the total points of electors put in no case may this be less than 70% in the event, no candidate receives the minimum 70% of the ballots, there shall be no selections in that category.

Section 18.10 AWARDS - All newly elected Hall of Fame members shall receive a standardized plaque as memento of their induction. Such memento shall be paid for from

the Hall of Fame Fund.

Section 18.11 CEREMONY - The ceremony shall be held at every annual SEAAD basketball tournament at either the banquet, the ballroom or before the championship game.

Section 18.12 HALL OF FAME FUND - Newly elected Hall of Fame shall receive 1 night of hotel/motel and the registration fees. The Hall of Fame fund shall be used to pay these expenses.

ARTICLE 19 - ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Section 19.1 Although the award of Athlete of the Year does not enshrine the person in the Hall of Fame Committee shall assume responsibility for the nominations and balloting of this annual award. The same electors shall serve.

Section 19.2 INTRODUCTION - There shall be an annual Athlete of the Year award given to the deaf person who has brought the most national or international acclaim to deaf athletics. No consideration shall be given to race, religion, creed, sex or geographical residence. A person may win this award more than once. He/she must reside in the territory of the SEAAD.

Section 19.3 TIMETABLE - Request for nominations shall be mailed before 4th weekend of August. Nominations are to be returned by screening committee before September 30. Ballots and biographies are to be mailed before November 20th. Deadline for returning ballots is December 20th. Winner shall be notified by January 1st.

Section 19.4 PROCEDURES - The same procedures as for the Hall of Fame shall be followed. No minimum number of points is required for election.

Section 19.5 CEREMONY - The Athlete shall receive a different plaque. The ceremony shall be held immediately after the Hall of Fame inducted ceremony.

Section 19.6 HALL OF FAME FUND - Athlete shall receive one (1) night of hotel/motel and the registration fee. The Hall of Fame shall be used to pay these expenses.

ARTICLE 20 - ALTERNATE BENEFICIARY SURPLUS FUND

Section 20.1 In the event of the dissolution of this Association, all assets and monies shall be distributed to the State Association of the Deaf in region of the SEAAD. The State Association of the Deaf shall be consisted of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

ARTICLE 21 – AMENDMENTS

Section 21.1 Amendments to Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing to the

Chairperson of the Law Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the Board of Directors Annual Basketball meeting. Passage of an amendment shall require a two-third (2/3) of vote or Delegates present and voting. The Law Committee may also propose amendments.

Section 21.2 The Basketball meeting of the Board of Directors shall consider All Articles except Article 15: Basketball Tournament rules and any sections with "BB".

Section 21.3 The chairperson of the Law Committee will send copies of the proposed amendments to all SEAAD clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 21.4 Amendment(s) proposed at the tournament meeting of the Board of Directors shall be referred to the Law Committee for action at the next tournament meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 21.5 Within 30 days of enactment, the chairperson of the Law Committee shall send to each member club a listing of all approved amendments.

Section 22.6 Law Committee shall recommend an effective date.

ARTICLE 22 – FINES

Section 22.1 Club Membership applications form mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer after mailing deadline. \$ 50.00

Section 22.2 Signed player roster forms mailed back to the SEAAD Secretary- Treasurer not Certified or Registered. \$ 25.00

Section 22.3 Scratch off or white out names on the roster form. \$25.00 each name

Section 22.4 No clubs secretary signature on the roster form. \$10.00

Section 22.5 Bad checks (bounced) from member club. \$ 25.00

Section 22.6 No delegate to represent team at the Board of Directors meeting \$5.00

Section 22.7 Delegates arriving late at the annual Board of Directors meeting \$5.00

Section 22.8 Unsportsmanship conduct by any club, player or delegate during tournament, (Clubs are to be held responsible for the conduct of their players and delegates) Up to \$50.00

Section 22.8.1 Any players who are involved in physical confrontations during the tournament weekend shall be suspended for one (1) year.

Section 22.9 In violation of uniform code rules by any players, coaches, and managers. 1st offense = \$10.00; 2nd offense = \$25.00; 3rd offense = \$50.00 and suspended from the tournament

Section 22.10 Any other violations. From \$5.00 up to \$200.00