

Rules & Regulations
of the
SOUTHEAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.
as
S.E.A.A.D.

<http://www.seaad.org/bylaws.php>

Revised: 9/29/2006

Article 14

ARTICLE 14 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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 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 roster 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.