

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 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