Rules and Regulations of the N. W. A. D. B.

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Official NWADB Basketball Tournament Brackets (3 to 16 teams) (found online)
ARTICLE 1. --- NAME

This organization shall be known as the Northwest Athletic Association of Deaf, Inc. (hereafter referred to as this Association or the NWAAD), which was founded on February 19, 1954 and incorporated by the State of Washington on February 22, 1989. Re-organized on March 10, 2005 to be Northwest Association of the Deaf Basketball, Inc. (NWADB).

ARTICLE 2. --- OBJECT

The objects of this Association are:

Section 2.1. To foster and improve athletics throughout its territory in accordance with the standards and under rules prescribed under Rules and Regulations of the N.W.A.D.B. Article 3.

Section 2.2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of its member clubs/teams.

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

Section 2.4. To send the best team to represent this Association in the National Tournament.

ARTICLE 3. --- TERRITORY

This territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be composed of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Northern California, Utah, and the environs of Reno, Nevada, and the environs of Fresno, California.

ARTICLE 4. --- MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1. The membership of this Association shall be limited to bona fide clubs/teams of the deaf.

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

Section 4.3. Enrollment in any state, regional and/or national association of any member club must be made prior to the December 1st deadline only.

ARTICLE 5. --- DELEGATES

Section 5.1. The president of every member club and/or team representative of this Association with the knowledge of the member club and/or team's secretary must appoint one delegate per club and/or team and one coach per team to represent their member club and/or team(s) at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Such delegates and coaches must be members in good standing of such member club. No such representative shall represent more than one club. The delegate and alternate delegate appointed cannot be a player, coach, or manager for another member club team during the current NWADB tournament.
Section 5.2.  
The appointment of every delegate and alternate delegate shall be in writing, duly certified by the secretary or president of the member club, and sent to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer of this Association on the same day of the team registration form.

Section 5.3.  All past officers of this Association and the general chairperson(s) of the current basketball tournament is entitled to be delegate-at-large at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6. --- BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 6.1. The Board of Directors shall consists of -four duly elected officers of this Association NWADB Recorder, the delegates-at-large, the general chairpersons of the current host NWADB basketball tournament and the delegate from each member club. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of this Association and each member shall have a voice and one vote.

Section 6.2. The Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Secretary-Treasurer and Public Relations Director during annual Board of Directors meeting, during the annual NWADB basketball tournament session. All such officers shall serve a term of two years commencing May 1st in the odd-year until his/her successor is chosen.

Section 6.2.1. The Board of Directors shall elect a Vice-President, Secretary and an Information Director during annual Board of Directors meeting, during the annual NWABD basketball tournament session. All such officers shall serve a term of two years commencing May 1st in the even-year until his/her successor is chosen.

Section 6.3. The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of following officers: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Information Director and Public Relations Director.

ARTICLE 7. --- MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.1. The annual meetings of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be held in the tournament city during the progress of the annual tournament at such time as the NWADB President and the Host Club Chairperson may designate.

Section 7.2. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall send a notice of the meeting; the minutes of last year's meeting; an unaudited Treasurer's report; and a bracket for the tournament to the officers of this Association and to all member clubs/teams fifteen (15) days prior to any annual meeting of the Board of Directors by mail or the NWADB website. Copies of the signed registration forms will be sent only to those member clubs/teams participating in the annual tournament.

Section 7.3. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall send within sixty (60) days after the annual tournament the minutes of the meeting and the results of the tournament to the secretary of every NWADB member club.
Section 7.4. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the order of business shall pertain only to subject of basketball. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Roll call
2. Appoint a parliamentarian.
3. Report of the tournament host club chairperson
4. Report of the upcoming NWADB tournament host club chairperson(s)
5. Report of the following year's tournament chairperson
6. Reading of minutes
7. Treasurer's report
8. Report of the Executive Committee
9. Reports of committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Selection of future annual NWADB tournament city
15. Adjournment

Section 7.5. Executive Committee meeting shall be open to the public before the regularly scheduled delegate meeting at each NWADB tournament site. Time and location shall be announced at the headquarter site. In the event of discussion that requires privacy and vote, the Executive Committee may call a recess of the meeting and may proceed into a private Executive Committee session.

ARTICLE 8. --- DUTIES AND POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Section 8.1. To act on new applications for membership from any bona fide club of the deaf that resides within the prescribed boundaries of this Association. Such a bona fide club must agree to live up to the rules and regulations of this Association. Should said bona fide club of the deaf application be questionable, the Executive Committee shall present the application for action at its next basketball tournament meeting.

Section 8.2. To return any registration forms, delegate authorization forms, or memberships application that is found to be lacking information, to the member clubs/teams for correction.

Section 8.3. Remove from office, by a three/fourth vote, any officer of the Executive Committee who, by neglect of duty, or by conduct tending to impair his/her usefulness as an officer of such Committee, shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her position.

Section 8.4. Fill any vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring from any cause.
Section 8.4.1. In the event an office becomes vacant, the remaining Executive Committee members shall have the option of selecting a temporary officer or leave this vacant position open until the next Board of Directors meeting.

Section 8.5. Collect dues and funds of this Association and expend same.

Section 8.6. Explain, define, and interpret any provision of the rules and regulation of this Association upon request of a member club.

Section 8.7. Appoint an Advisory Board Committee of former NWADB officers when needed. Members of this committee may be removed and appointed at any time.

Section 8.8 The Webmaster receives compensation from NWADB of $100.00 per year. The Webmaster is not required to attend the annual basketball tournament.

ARTICLE 9. --- OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 9.1. Any person who is a member in good standing of a member club shall be eligible to run for any office in the NWADB regardless of whether that person is a delegate.

Section 9.2. The NWADB President shall:
- preside at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors;
- control all business of the Executive Committee;
- perform such other duties appertaining to the office of President;
- be the Basketball Commissioner;
- make a status report of the national meetings and send same to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer;
- select a staff of editor and reports to prepare, write, edit, and print the annual NWADB newsletter.

Section 9.3. The NWADB Vice-President shall:
- have power to perform the duties of the NWADB President in the absence or inability of the latter to act;
- act as the Chairperson of the Law Committee and the Finance Committee and the All-Star Committee.
- within 30 days after the business meeting, inform the NWADB webmaster to update the bylaws on its website.

Section 9.4. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall:
- receive all the money of this Association;
- pay all bills approved by the NWADB President with the knowledge of the Executive Committee. Each check written must be supported by a voucher signed by the NWADB President;
- deposit all money to the credit of the Northwest Association of the Deaf Basketball in a savings bank of his/her city of residence;
- submit and turn over to the Finance Committee all money, accounts, books, papers, vouchers, and records, including bank books, pertaining to his/her office and shall turn over the same to his/her elected successor when selected before his/her term ends;
- send the status report from the NWADB President to all member clubs/teams;
- keep the host club guidelines updated.

Section 9.5. The NWADB Information Director shall:
- serve as the recorder of this Association;
- keep accurate records of names of players including their playing records;
- be responsible for all-star ballots for a period of six months after it has been tabulated; the names of all first and second team all-stars and most valuable players; tournament sites; team statistics; the names of coaches, delegates, and the NWADB Officers in all tournaments and meetings held by this Association; provide all said information to the Hall of Fame Committee and the NWADB Officers;
- provide official scorebooks for the tournament games with the cost borne by the NWADB;
- supervise all scorekeepers and statisticians and be responsible for all scorebooks and statistics;
- be assistant to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer during all meetings of this Association;
- provide a write-up of the results of the tournaments to the national organization’s Publicity Director to be printed in the national publications;
- compile and maintain permanent files of documents, records scorebooks, meeting minutes, program books, and such other historical items of importance.
- send the records of the past 2 years as the NWADB’s history vault after completing the term of 2 years of NWADB’s recorder. NWADB President shall determine the location of the holding of the NWADB’s history vault and the information shall be shown on the NWADB’s website.

Section 9.6: The NWADB Public Relations Director shall:
- serve as Public relations representative for the association
- focus on marketing efforts to give NWADB better publicity to attract more teams and fans.
- assist the President with Sponsorship requests when needed.
- assist the local chair person of the tournament with publicity of the tournament
- create the tournament flyer/brochures of the program book when requested from local chair person
- Share the organization minutes, revised bylaws, any updates to the organization’s documents with the members and public.

ARTICLE 10. --- DUES AND EXPENSES

Section 10.1. NWADB shall pay its representative to appropriate basketball national organization thirty-five dollars ($35.00) per diem for his/her expenses in addition to lowest applicable cost of airfare, ground transportation and lodging at the Headquarter single room rate (Basketball-5 nights).

Section 10.2. The host club sponsoring the annual NWADB tournament shall pay to the officers of this Association their transportation, equivalent to the lowest applicable round-trip airfare plus their ground transportation to and from the airport (a flat rate of thirty dollars ($30.00) per officer) on a 50-50 basis with the NWADB.
Section 10.3. The host club shall provide at the annual NWADB tournament headquarters hotel/motel three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), two to four small room for all officers, depending on availability of funds without cost to the NWADB officers or to this Association from the beginning of the tournament to the end. Failure of the host club to pay promptly the bill incurred shall result in the host club being suspended from all NWADB activities for a period of no less than five (5) years.

Section 10.4. The host club shall also have the option of providing lodging for all NWADB officers for Wednesday night session upon agreement between the host club and NWADB officers.

Section 10.5. The NWADB shall pay a sum of not more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) to the host club of the NWADB tournament for printing the NWADB registration forms. The amount shall be paid to the host club before the NWADB tournament. If any the total amount over exceeds the $100.00 limit, the balance shall be sole responsibility of the host club. If any amount under the $100.00 limit, the host club may keep.

Section 10.6. The host club shall pay to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer, sixty (60) days prior to the annual NWADB tournament, the cost as set by our affiliated sport organization.

Section 10.7. The NWADB fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Section 10.8. Budget Limit: The budgeted expenditures of the NWADB shall not at any time exceed the budgeted income from January 1 to December 31.

Section 10.9. The budget proposal must be sent to the delegates fifteen (15) days prior to the NWADB Board meeting during the basketball tournament.

Section 10.10. The budget as approved by the delegates shall not be subject to revision in any form at all.

Section 10.11. If any section of the budget runs short of funds allocated to it, there shall be no transfer of funds from one section to the section short of funds. Each section of the budget shall adhere strictly to amount of funds allocated to it. Any committee or officers overrunning its budget shall be responsible for making up the deficit.

ARTICLE 11. --- COMMITTEES

Section 11.1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of members of the Executive Committee and two members of the NWADB club appointed by the NWADB President; the NWADB Vice-President shall be the Chairperson. The committee shall set up a budget, audit, and examine the accounts of the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer and make its report at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 11.2. For the five or greater participating teams, the 12 individual awards shall consists 10 of All-Stars (5-First All Star, 5-Second All Star), 1 MVP, 1 MOP and 1 Best Defensive Player with the 5 awards for the 1st-5th place teams of each organization. The team sportsmanship and coach of the tournament of each organization shall be on the list of the awards. The NWADB officers shall vote for the team sportsmanship and coach of the tournament awards. The basketball coaches and NWADB officers shall
vote for the 13 awards with the 18 nominations. NWADB Vice President shall be neutral and shall not vote except for tie-breakers. The 6th and 5th place teams shall nominate 2 names of their own team and 1 name of each team will be awarded. The 4th and 3rd place teams shall nominate 3 names of their own team and 2 names of each team will be awarded. The 2nd and 1st place teams shall nominate 4 names of their own team and 3 names will be awarded. The MVP award must be from the Championship team, the MOP may be from any team and the Best Defensive Player must be from the 1st or 2nd place team. There shall be no two individual awards for each individual (MVP, Best Defensive Player and All-Star). The nomination names shall play at least 2 games if they are playing in the 5 teams bracket and 3 games if they are playing in the 6 teams bracket or greater.

Section 11.3. The Law Committee shall be composed of members of the Executive Committee. The NWADB Vice-President shall be its chairperson.

Section 11.4. Other Committees as may be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the NWADB President.

ARTICLE 12. --- CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Section 12.1. The conditions of competition in and the rules governing any athletic tournament given by this Association shall be prescribed in the rules and regulations of the appropriate national sports organization.

ARTICLE 13. --- CONDUCT OF THE PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND FANS

Section 13.1

All persons, who are participants or spectators in the athletic event of NWADB and sanctioned tournaments, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the NWADB and its regulations and also regulations of the current national organization sanctioning the tournament. The bylaws can be found on NWADB website and current national sport organization website. They shall conduct themselves at NWADB tournament site, and hotel site, and wherever the meetings, banquets and activities are held at, appropriately, and in conformity with state, county, city, civil and local laws, codes, rules and regulations.

Section 13.1.1 CODE of CONDUCT for Players
Exhibit good sportsmanship.
Demonstrate proper attitudes toward and respect for officials.
Demonstrate proper respect during the playing of the national anthem.
Operate within the rules of the sport
Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
Refrain from any behavior that may bring the league into disrepute.
Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
Be a positive role model.
Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
Work equally hard for yourself and your team.

Section 13.1.2 CODE of CONDUCT for Coaches

Set a good example for participants and fans to follow.
Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect.
Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.
Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
Throughout the tournament, always display good sportsmanship.

Section 13.1.3 Rules of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Officers, host committee/volunteers, and fans
Once people attending the NWADB tournament and related activities, fill out the registration form, and are informed of the waiver indemnification protection. After signing the form, they are expected to conduct themselves at all times at NWADB tournament site, and hotel site where the meeting are held, appropriately, and in conformity with state, county, city, civil and local laws, codes, rules and regulations, along with the NWADB bylaws and current NSO bylaws. Any criminal activities will be handled through appropriate law enforcement agency.

Section 13.1.4 List of Behaviors, as applied to fans, players, coaches, officers, and volunteers, which will not be tolerated:
Some list behaviors that will result in probation or suspension such as

- Initiating a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, or spectator
- Physically, verbally abusing, gesturing, or confronting coaches, players or officials. Verbally abuses officials, players, or spectators, including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures, or racial, ethnic or sexual slurs
- Throwing or causing anything to be deposited any object on the court
- Taunting, Coercing, Bullying
- Refusal of Cooperation, or working with officials, referees, coaches and volunteers

Section 13.2 Any complaints brought in by fans, officers, host committee members, players or coach concerning coach, player, officer, committee volunteer, or fan violating code and rule of conduct shall be first brought to the attention of the NWADB Officers. All complaints by writing, email or in person will be thoroughly investigated by the NWADB Officers, immediately and penalties may occur fitting the severity of the infraction/violation. The penalty will be given by the NWADB President, after discussion among the officers. The decision may be enforced and can be final after appeal. Coach, player, officer, committee volunteer, or fan shall be placed on suspension list, barred from being involved in any NWADB activities for violation of CODE/RULE of CONDUCT. Anyone suspended
from all NWADB activities for violation of this code will receive a letter from the NWADB Board and name placed on suspension list on the NWADB website.

**Section 13.2.1** Any members, violating CODE OF CONDUCT, code, rules and regulations of properties, facilities, state, county, and city where the athletic event held, can be suspended from all NWADB regional tournaments, and any current NSO (national sport organization) tournament events for two (2) years or more and/or one (1) year or more on probation, depending on the severity of the infraction/violation. Punishment can be adjusted, depending on severity of infraction/violation. For lesser infraction/violation, depending on severity of infraction/violation, NWADB President and Officers can issue one (1) year or more of probation, after discussion among the NWADB officers. The person, being on probation, as served immediately are allowed to participate in any NWADB tournament and related activities, and also can play at the NWADB tournament and any current NSO (national sport organization) tournament events as long as that person observes pertaining code, rules, regulation and Code Rule of Conduct for the duration of the probation.

**Section 13.2.2** Any person being suspended or on probation has the right to file appeal immediately. After NWADB President with discussion among the officers, may agree to hear the appeal if supporting evidence warrants any change in suspension or probation, he/she must show up at a meeting as set up before, during, after the NWADB tournament and related activities, by the NWADB Officers, to present their grievance. He/she must serve the suspension and/or probation immediately if the appeal denied.

**ARTICLE 14. --- REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

**Section 14.1. Bid for Future Tournaments**

**Section 14.1.1.** Selection of the tournament city shall be decided three (3) years in advance by ballot at the annual tournament meeting of the NWADB Board of Directors.

**Section 14.1.2.** A member club bidding for future NWADB host tournament shall have been a member of the NWADB at least three (3) years.

**Section 14.1.3.** A member club, before submitting a bid for an annual NWADB tournament at any annual tournament meeting, shall deposit a sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) with the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer. With the deposit, the delegate shall present a letter of consent from the member club's president and secretary to authorize the bid. The deposit shall be returned without interest to the member club if its bid is rejected or not acted upon. If the member club's bid is accepted, the deposit shall be placed in the NWADB's general fund and shall not be refunded.

**Section 14.1.4.** If no bid was made by any member club for the coming year, the NWADB officers as the Executive Committee, is empowered to name any city as the site of tournament, to form committee from the member club located in the city, with the NWADB officer(s) as the co-chairperson.

**Section 14.1.5.** To retain host club rights the member club hosting a future NWADB tournament, hereafter known as their assigned tournament, shall send their team to participate in the NWADB tournament for three (3) consecutive years prior to hosting their assigned tournament. An automatic fine of five hundred dollars ($500.00) shall be assessed to the assigned club if their team fails to appear and
participate in the NWADB tournament for three consecutive years prior to their assigned tournament. The $500.00 shall be divided 50%-50% between the host club of the current tournament and the NWADB. Should the assigned club not pay the $500.00 fine within sixty (60) days after the current tournament has been completed, they shall be penalized twenty-five ($25.00) per month until payment is rendered up to twelve (12) months before said club is to host their tournament or forfeit all rights to host their assigned tournament. Should the assigned club fails to send a team for a second time during three (3) consecutive year waiting period, they forfeit all rights to host their assigned tournament.

Section 14.1.6. In the event a host club withdraws prior to the tournament or forfeits all rights to host the tournament, the NWADB Executive Committee shall have the authority to seek a substitute.

Section 14.2. Registration

Section 14.2.1. The annual NWADB tournament shall be open to all active NWADB member clubs/teams desiring to participate. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall send one (1) or more players' registration form with instructions to each NWADB member club and a mailing list of all active NWADB member clubs/teams to each NWADB member club.

Section 14.2.2. The deadlines for the basketball registration forms will be due on Feb 6th.

Section 14.2.2.1. The registration forms shall be mailed with all fees paid in full to the NWADB Secretary/Treasurer by the deadline. The forms shall be mailed by certified mail and the name of the express company and tracking number shall be emailed to the NWADB Secretary/Treasurer within 24 hours. Failure will result in a penalty of $100.

Section 14.2.2.3. Each team shall fax or send by any electronic format via email a copy of completed and signed registration form to the NWADB Secretary/Treasurer by the deadline. Failure will result in a penalty of $100. The final cut-off date for team registration is February 10th with the $100 penalty. Any registration forms with February 11th’s postmark will not be accepted. Coaches will email full name spelling of their players to the Secretary/Treasurer on the same day that they mail their forms.

Section 14.2.3. There must be eight (8) or more players, coach and manager signed on the signed registration form to be eligible for the annual NWADB tournament. The players are required to put down the uniform number on the registration form. Any number changes must be submitted at coaches meeting prior to tournament.

Section 14.2.3.1. The coach, manager, and players must be full-time residents of the NWADB region.

Section 14.2.3.2. Coaches must submit audiograms of new players to the NWADB Secretary by the registration deadline date for eligibility consideration or at coaches meeting. A "new player" is a first-time participant in the NWADB tournament unless more evidence warrant eligibility allowance.
Section 14.2.3.3. NWADB players/coaches who participated in NWADB for 3+ years who moved out of region are eligible to participate as a NWADB member in the subsequent year rather than as a “free agent”. If they join another region in the subsequent year, they can only participate as a “free agent” as outlined by USADB bylaws. Purpose is to maintain loyal NWADB members.

Section 14.2.4. The participating male players and managers shall pay a flat team fee of $600 for Men’s Team. It shall be collected by the NWADB secretary-Treasurer for part of or whole activities including social held during the time of any annual NWADB tournament. Eighty-Eight Dollars ($88.00) shall go to the men’s tournament champions. Sixty-Two Dollars ($62.00) shall go to the men’s runner up. Thirty-Eight Dollars, ($38.00) shall go to the third place men’s team.. Winning teams will be paid at the awards ceremony. Two hundred Twenty Five Dollars ($225.00) shall go to the host club for tournament expenses. The remaining one hundred eighty seven dollars ($187.00) shall go into the NWADB Treasury.

The participating female players and managers shall pay a flat team fee of $300 for Women’s team. It shall be collected by the NWADB secretary-Treasurer for part of or whole activities including social held during the time of any annual NWADB tournament. Fifty Dollars ($50.00) goes to the Women’s tournament champions. Thirty dollars ($30.00) goes to the Women’s runner up. Winning teams will be paid at the awards ceremony. One hundred twenty dollars ($120.00) shall go to the host club for tournament expenses. The remaining One hundred dollars ($100.00) shall go into the NWADB Treasury.

Coaches who solely coach and do not play; are exempt from any fees. (Limit 1 per team)

If teams do not claim winnings within 30 days at end of tournament, funds are transferred to general funds.

Section 14.2.5. No student who is still in high school (deaf, hearing, or mainstreaming school) and is currently eligible for participation in any of his/her high school interscholastic activities shall be permitted to participate in the NWADB basketball tournament.

Section 14.2.5.1. Any high school student, who is not eligible for participation in any of his/her school's interscholastic activities due to age and/or expiration of four (4) consecutive years after entering the ninth grade for a four-year high school or three consecutive year after entering the tenth grade of a three-year high school, must submit a letter to the NWADB President requesting permission to participate in the annual NWADB basketball tournament and must include written permissions of his/her school athletic director, school administrator, parent(s)/legal guardian(s). Before the student signs his/her players' registration form, he/she must receive a written response from the NWADB President permitting the student to play.

Section 14.2.6. No player may register with more than one member club to another. If the player signs a second registration form, more than one (1) registration form, this player shall automatically be suspended from all NWADB and national competitions for a period of one (1) year from the date of the second signature.

Section 14.2.7. Any NWADB club/team/member may make a request to ban its former players/team/club from another NWADB club Any NWADB member club/team/member may make a
request to the NWADB officers to suspend a former player/team/club from playing in NWADB events when he/she owes the former NWADB club/team/member one hundred dollars ($100.00) or more. If the request were sent by the NWADB club/team/member to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer within thirty (30) days prior to this year's annual NWADB tournament, the request will not be accepted until the end of this year's annual national tournament and the former player/team/club shall be eligible to participate in this year's annual NWADB and national tournaments. After the end of this year's national tournament, he/she shall be suspended to participate in any future annual NWADB tournaments until his/her debt is paid in full to the NWADB club/team/member.

Section 14.2.8. Players on suspension must be cleared by the NWADB club that made the request to suspend them and the NWADB Executive Board by the registration deadline or be ineligible to sign the registration form for any sport.

Section 14.3. Tournament

Section 14.3.1. The annual NWADB tournament must be held annually on the following dates: the fourth weekend of February or first three weekends of March at least 32 days before the national tournament.

Section 14.3.2. Such tournaments shall be in complete charge by a committee appointed by member club sponsoring the annual NWADB tournament. A member of the Executive Committee shall be a member of said committee.

Section 14.4. Method of Drawing

Section 14.4.1.1. The Executive Committee shall be vested with the authority of selecting, which in their collective opinion, the proper number of seeded teams necessary to fit the official bracket. The said seeding shall be final and binding.

Section 14.4.2.1. Any member club which did not participate in the previous year's annual NWADB basketball tournament shall not be seeded for this year's annual NWADB basketball tournament.

Section 14.4.2.2. 3 Game Guarantee modified Double Elimination with Consolation bracket system shall be used at the NWADB basketball tournament. The 3 Game Guarantee modified Double Elimination with Consolation bracket for two loss teams shall be used for 9 teams or less; 10+ teams use 3 game guarantee consolation bracket. Seeding for play will be based on last year’s finish with Champions and 4th place in the top bracket and 2nd place/3rd place team be placed in the bottom bracket. The non-ranked teams will be selected from a drawing and placed into the bracket. In order to retain seeding from the previous year, teams must have same city/team name as part of the current team name and a minimum of 5 players from the previous year on the current year’s roster. Only the top 4 teams from the previous year cab have seeded spots in the current bracket.

Section 14.4.2.3. If any team participating in the NWADB tournament does forfeit a game, that team will be fined $100, unless that club/team does not have sufficient players to make it a team due to injuries/emergency.
Section 14.4.3. Pairings shall be drawn by lot by the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer before February 15th. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall communicate by email, videophone, fax, or website the results of the drawings to the host club of the tournament and the Executive Committee.

Section 14.4.4. The host club of the annual NWADB tournament shall decide the times of the games and submit the timetable to the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 14.4.5. The NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the participating team coaches the results of the drawings and times of the games fifteen (15) days prior to the annual NWADB tournament.

Section 14.4.6. Once such annual NWADB 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 NWADB tournament. No flyers with itemized prices, may be distributed by the host club to any member club without at first getting the approval from the Executive Committee. Once approved, the prices shall not be subject to change.

Section 14.5.2. The host club shall remit to the NWADB a registration fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) for each combination ticket sold. The fee shall be included in the price of such tickets. Fifteen dollars ($15.00) registration fee shall apply to all ticket holders (NWADB officers, NWADB Hall of Fame member, and including complimentary combination ticket holders) attending the annual NWADB tournament. Five dollars ($5.00) of the $15.00 goes to the Men's Championship Fund and five dollars ($5.00) of the $15.00 goes to the Women's Championship Fund. $3 and $2 is broken down to go to the Men’s and Women’s champions and runner ups fund. The total amount of these Championship Funds is to help pay defray the champions' expenses to the national tournament. Five dollars ($5.00) shall go to the NWADB General Fund.

Section 14.5.2.1 The host club committee may have up to 35 free passes for committee volunteers to events/games during the NWADB tournament.

Section 14.5.3. The host club has the deadline of October 1st to furnish a satisfactory report as to the date and site of the upcoming annual NWADB Tournament, and the name and address of the Chairperson and the headquarters. If the host club fails to report by the deadline, an automatic fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) shall be posted. Upon paying such fine, the deadline shall be extended to November 1st to allow the host club to file a report. If the report and fine are not received by November 1st, the Executive Committee is empowered to name the site of the Tournament, to form a committee from the member club located in the city, with the Executive Committee as the chairperson.

Section 14.5.3.1 The host club shall post a performance bond of two hundred fifty dollars $250.00 along with the host report on October 1st as a guarantee of compliance with agreed upon plans. The host club shall submit an itemized financial report of the tournament to the NWADB Executive Committee within ninety (90) days after the conclusion of the annual NWADB tournament. If such deadline is passed, the host club shall be fined fifty dollars ($50.00) per month until the final financial report is submitted to the
NWADB Executive Committee. The entire sum of the bond shall be returned to the host at the close of the next annual NWADB tournament.

Section 14.5.4. The chairperson of the tournament committee shall make a complete report of the plans for such a tournament to the Executive Committee. The host club will provide the equipment to the NWADB’s Officers such as projector, laptop, printer and a meeting room during the tournament. NWADB’s Officers might have the right to ask the host club for additional equipment if necessary.

Section 14.5.5. The officers of the NWADB (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Recorder) and NWADB Hall of Fame members shall be given free passes to all events held during the annual NWADB tournament except the Hall of Fame ceremony.

Section 14.5.6. Players (limited to 15 including Manager and Coach) shall be admitted free to all tournament games and social events held (awards and dance) except for banquet where free admittance of the large numbers of players, coaches, and managers would impose an undue financial burden on the host club.

Section 14.5.7. The host club shall present trophies, plaques or awards to the following:
- Champion(s)
- Runner-Up(s)
- Third Place(s)
- Consolation Winner(s)
- First All Star Team
- Second All Star Team (only if five (5) or more teams)
- Most Valuable Player
- Best Defensive Player

Section 14.5.8. The host club shall engrave properly on the trophies, plaques, or awards the following:
1. Number and name of annual tournament
2. The year
3. The name of the host club
4. Type of award
5. Name of Donor

Section 14.5.9. The host club shall provide an official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s) to keep score and time during the annual NWADB basketball tournament. The host club shall be responsible for compensating the scorekeeper(s), timer(s), and statisticians for their time. The official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s) shall be approved at the annual Board of Directors meeting. The statisticians for rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks will be chosen by the host club.

Section 14.5.10. Should the host club fail to appoint an official scorekeeper(s), timer(s) and statistician(s), the NWADB Recorder shall present a list of names to the Board of Directors to approve.
The host club will then have to pay each official scorekeeper(s), timer(s), and statistician(s), ten dollars ($10.00) per game. The host club should provide the minimum of 2 statisticians, 2 scorekeepers and 2 timers per game for the semi-final and championship games.

**Section 14.5.12.** No such additional fees shall be imposed by the host club upon participating teams including players, coaches, and managers once the host club has won the tournament bid. Any fees incurred after winning being awarded the host rights that the host site of gym location require including local sanctions, local insurance, or national sanctions other than as required by the NWADB/national organization, shall be paid for and covered by the host club.

**Section 14.6. Emergency, Damage, Bounced Check and Insurance**

**Section 14.6.1.** All NWADB member clubs/teams shall be responsible for the physical condition of their players, coaches, and managers 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 NWADB, the national organization, and the host club shall not be held liable for any injury whatsoever to any player, coach or manager.

**Section 14.6.2.** All participating players, coaches, and managers shall sign their waiver and release forms before participating in the annual NWADB tournament. In case of failure to sign, no player, coach, or manager shall be eligible for participating in any NWADB tournament games.

**Section 14.6.3.** Should any person whose name appears on a delegate form or on the registration form of a participating team in the annual NWADB tournament fail to pay his/her hotel bill or writes a check that bounces, that person, as well as the member club, shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year. Upon proof of payment of the delinquent bill to the hotel, or the bounced check made good, the suspension of the member club shall be lifted. However, the person will remain suspended for the entire year. NWADB will not be responsible for fans. If the person is on the championship team and has already purchased his/her plane ticket and has already cleared the debt, then his/her 1-year suspension will not go into effect until the day after the national tournament.

**Section 14.7. Penalty for Withdrawal as Sponsor of Tournament**

**Section 14.7.1.** Any NWADB host club which has been awarded the privilege of sponsoring a NWADB tournament and fails to complete responsibility of hosting the tournament by "dropping out", withdrawal, forfeiture shall be automatically fined and suspended from all NWADB activities as follows:

a) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) for each year or fraction of a year thereof that the club has held the privilege to host the tournament.
b) An automatic suspension from all NWADB activities for a period of three (3) years.
c) A deprivation of bidding for another national tournament for a period of four (4) years, commencing on the last day of three years suspension.

**ARTICLE 15. --- BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES**

a) All Games in the annual NWADB Basketball Tournament will be played twenty (20) minutes per half.
b) There shall be a five (5) minutes overtime in case of a tie in any basketball games during the Annual
Basketball Tournament. All games in the annual NWADB Basketball Tournament shall have two (2) or three (3) basketball officials recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). All games will be followed by NCAA Rules and Regulations.

c) Any participation teams that do not have its players on the court, ready, at their initial scheduled time shall forfeit their game to their opponent. If a participating team has less than five (5) players in uniform on the court at the start of a game, that team shall forfeit their game to their opponent. At least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled starting time, each team shall supply the scorekeepers with the name and numbers of each team member and the designated five (5) starters.

d) All games in the annual NWADB basketball tournament shall have electronic scoreboards, plus visual shot clocks. The visible possession arrow display shall be located at the scorer’s and timer’s table. The red-warning light will be placed behind each backboard to indicate when the period-ending horn has sounded.

e) Each team that participates in any games of the NWADB Basketball Tournament shall be subject to the (uniformly same) alike basketball uniform ruling for all players of the team with jersey numbers six inches (6") high on the back and four inches (4") on the front. The numbers on the front and back of the team jersey shall be the same color and style. A team jersey designed to be worn inside the pants shall be tucked inside the pants and the pants shall be above the hips and worn properly. The opposing coach has the option to object to uniforms that have the numbers on only one side of the uniform and the team receives a technical foul. The opposing team receives 2 technical foul shots before the game commences. Objections must be made to referees prior to tip-off of the specific match up.

f) The home team shall wear light colored uniforms and the visiting team dark. Any uniform issues need to be presented to the coaches meeting; such as a team with only one colored side uniform. If opposing coaches object; then each game vs. the violating team, the compliant team gets awarded 2 technical foul shots before tip-off.

g) Jewelry shall not be worn. Taping to cover jewelry is not acceptable. Medical alert medal is not considered jewelry, and must be taped and made visible.

h) Additional rules regarding eligibility of the annual NWADB tournament shall be determined at the annual coach/delegate meeting.

i) Note: Additional ruling may be found in the NCAA Rules and Regulations [http://www.usabasketball.com/rules/rules.html](http://www.usabasketball.com/rules/rules.html)

**ARTICLE 16. --- NON-PROFIT**

This Association shall be a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service tax code.

**ARTICLE 17. --- HALL OF FAME**

**Section 17.1.** Introduction. The purpose of the NWADB Hall of Fame is to honor deaf persons who have contributed exceptional service to the deaf related to any sports in the region under the jurisdiction of the Pre-NWAAD (FAAD-Northern Division, Pre-NWADB (NWAAD) and the NWADB of sports as players, coaches, managers, leaders or writers. If the person was being selected in the USADB’s Hall of Fame, the person shall be entered in the NWADB’s Hall of Fame.

**Section 17.2.** Controlling Body. There shall be a Hall of Fame Committee consisting of the NWADB Recorder as chairperson along with current NWADB officers. Feedback on any nominations shall
continue, by selecting two or more current NWADB Hall of Fame members. In the event that any of the four (4) persons selected, is nominated as a candidate for the Hall of Fame, he/she will be replaced by the NWADB President.

**Section 17.3.** Responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Committee. 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 see to that an orderly file on all nominations, photographs and other related materials are permanently enshrined. These files shall be passed on to their successors.

**Section 17.4.** Timetable. The Hall of Fame chairperson shall email / mail thumbnail sketches of nominations leftover from previous years and request any new candidates to be nominated via email/mail to the electors and member clubs/teams before January 1st. The electors and the member clubs/teams may send in new nominations or update the existing information on the thumbnail sketches via email/mail before 2nd weekend of January. The biographies and the blank ballots shall be emailed/mailed to the eligible electors two weeks before 2nd weekend of February. The marked ballots shall be returned to the chairperson via email/mail before or on the end of the 2nd weekend of February. The chairperson shall notify the newly-elected Hall of Fame recipients the next day after the end of ballot (2nd weekend of February)

**Section 17.5.** Criteria for Selection. Candidates for the Hall of Fame may be nominated by the member clubs/teams of the NWADB and by any Hall of Fame electors with the exception of the Hall of Fame committee members. It should be the responsibility of the nominator to supply all supporting material. However, if the chairperson has additional facts available, it shall be his/her responsibility to enclose the information with the nomination. The nominating party's name shall not be disclosed. Candidates will be nominated on the basis of outstanding leadership, outstanding performance, and/or exceptional contribution to the game, and sportsmanship. No consideration will be given to race, religion, creed, sex, or geographical residence. No candidate shall be nominated to or be a recipient of more than one (1) category.

Categories and criteria for each are as follows:

**Players:** three Men and three Women  
**Writers / Leaders:** Mixed  
**Old Timers:** Mixed

**Men:**

a) Men must have played at least eight (8) years. In lieu of the eight (8) years required as player, up to three (3) years may be substituted for exceptional contributions for the following performances:

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b) Team coaches or managers must have coached or managed a NWAAD/NWADB team for at least eight (8) years.
c) Leaders and writers must have contributed at least eight (8) years of service to sports.

d) Old timers will be those candidates who have not met the criteria of the category to which they are originally nominated. It can consist of players, coaches, managers, leaders and writers.

**Women:**

a) Women must have played at least five (5) years. In lieu of the five (5) years required as player, up to three (3) years may be substituted for exceptional contributions for the following performances:

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c) Leaders and writers must have contributed at least five (5) years of service to sports.

Old timers will be those candidates who have not met the criteria of the category to which they are originally nominated. It can consist of players, coaches, managers, leaders and writers.

**Section 17.6.** Procedure. The Hall of Fame Committee shall screen all nominations and, on the basis of the contribution according to criteria, select not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) candidates in each category who meet the highest standards. In the event that there are less than three (3) qualified candidates in any category, that category shall be left off the ballot. If a nominee is not recognized or noted in five (5) consecutive years, his/her name shall be withdrawn from the thumbnail sketches of nominations leftover. A summary of each candidate's nomination not to exceed three hundred (300) words shall be prepared and be mailed with the ballot. The supporting material shall be confined to the candidate's category. However, if some of the material is deemed significant by the chairperson, such will be treated as supplemental information and will be entered as a footnote to the candidate's nomination.

**Section 17.7.** Electors. The electors shall be as follows: NWADB President, NWADB Vice-President, NWADB Secretary-Treasurer, all past NWADB presidents, all four (4) members of the Hall of Fame Committee, and all former Hall of Fame recipients. The chairperson cannot vote. If the elector is a candidate on the ballot, he/she shall not be deprived of voting on the whole ballot, but shall not vote for the category in which his/her name appears. In the event that an elector qualifies in several roles as specified for an elector, he/she shall only receive one (1) ballot.

**Section 17.8.** Verification of Ballots. The ballots shall be counted and the results tabulated by the chairperson and verified by another member of the Hall of Fame Committee. Ballots and a copy of the tabulations shall be sent to the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer who shall verify the results before any announcements of the winners are made by the chairperson. After a period of six (6) months, the NWADB Secretary-Treasurer shall destroy the ballots.

**Section 17.9.** Points. Electors may vote for up to three (3) candidates in each category on a scale of five (5) points for first choice, three (3) points for second choice, and one (1) point for third choice.
Section 17.10. Awards. All newly-elected Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a standardized plaque as a memento of their induction. Such memento shall be paid for from the Hall of Fame fund.

Section 17.11. Ceremony.

Section 17.11.1. The ceremony must be held at every annual NWADB tournament. The time of the ceremony shall be determined by the host club.

Section 17.11.2. The cost of the Hall of Fame ceremony shall be included in the combination ticket.

Section 17.11.3. For each person attending the ceremony, the sum of one dollar ($1.00) per individual or a flat rate one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) per basketball host club, whichever is higher, shall be placed in the Hall of Fame fund.

Section 17.11.4. Should the Hall of fame banquet or luncheon be provided by the host club, all of the attending NWADB officers and Hall of Fame members shall pay the actual plate cost only except the newly NWADB Hall of Fame inductees. The plaque costs for the NWADB Hall of Fame inductees shall be covered by the NWADB.

ARTICLE 18. --- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Association in the cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and regulations any special rules of order this Association may adopt. The NWADB (officer) shall have a current copy of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised present at the delegates meeting.

ARTICLE 19. --- ALTERNATE BENEFICIARY SURPLUS FUNDS DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, such assets and monies will be divided equally among its member clubs/teams who are active in the last 5 years after a waiting period of five (5) years if no other organization has been organized during that period.

ARTICLE 20. --- AMENDMENTS

Section 20.1. Amendments to these Rules and Regulations may be made at any annual meeting of the Board of Directors applying to particular sport by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. Before a vote is taken on any proposed amendment, the proposed amendment must have been submitted to the Chairperson of the Law Committee as follows:

a) Basketball meeting of the Board of Directors
   All articles
   1) Member clubs/teams no later than January 1st.
   2) NWADB Executive Board no later than January 15th.

Section 20.1.1. Name of member making proposal for amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall
be withheld when posting in the minutes.

**Section 20.2.** The Chairperson of the Law Committee will send copies of the proposed amendments to all member clubs/teams at least fifteen (15) days prior to any annual meeting of the Board of Directors by mail or in website.

**Section 20.3.** Amendment rules and revisions for all articles, as proposed at the respective meetings shall go into effect after ratification, not related to current tournament planning, such as games times, logistics or brackets, etc., immediately at the conclusion of the delegate meeting prior to that current NWADB Tournament.

**Section 20.4.** 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 20.5.** Any national organization dues and fees may be subject to changing rates with the approval of the NWADB Board of Directors.