

APPENDIX C - GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 GENERAL RULES OF TOURNAMENT – The conditions of competition, and the rules governing any and all athletic Tournaments sponsored by the MAAD, shall be as prescribed in the Rules and Regulation of the applicable naaD.

- A. DATES – The dates of MAAD Tournaments shall be as set by the Players Council.
- B. SPONSORS/HOSTS – A MAAD-sponsored Tournament is to be hosted by a MAAD Member Club selected through a bidding process at the Annual Meeting of the MAAD Board of Delegates. This selected MAAD Host Club shall pay all relevant fees to the MAAD Treasurer no later than two (2) weeks prior to the respective tournaments, including but not limited to the tournament fee and fifty percent (50%) of transportation costs for the Elected Officers of MAAD.
- C. CLUBS – A Club Member of the MAAD shall have the privilege of bidding to host a Tournament, provided that Club has been a continuous member in good standing of the MAAD for at least three (3) years. Any Club that seeks to bid, must provide to the MAAD Secretary the following:
 1. a check for the required bid deposit, and
 2. a letter with the Club's letterhead authorizing the club to bid the tournament and signed by the Secretary of the Club.
- D. TEAMS – Any team seeking to participate in a MAAD Tournament must be a Club Member of the MAAD and of the applicable naaD before December 1st of the year preceding any Tournament. A Club Member that submits its official MAAD/naaD Players' Registration forms to the MAAD shall be considered as having declared its intention of entering the Tournament.
- E. ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS – Each team that is within the MAAD region is required to play in the MAAD Tournament before any such team can enter the National Tournament. Failure to play in the MAAD Tournament prior to the National Tournament shall result in an automatic suspension and ineligibility to play in the National Tournament.
- F. TEAM WITHDRAWAL AND PENALTY –
 1. A team that has already submitted a roster with the names of its players but seeks to withdraw from participating in any MAAD tournament shall be fined
 2. The team shall pay such a fine to the Host Club no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the Tournament.
 3. Failure to pay the fine shall result in an indefinite suspension until such fine is paid in full.
- G. BRACKET/FLIGHT – The MAAD Tournament Director shall have copies of the designed tournament brackets, based on the number of the registered teams.
- H. SEEDING AND PAIRING – The seeding and pairing of teams shall be done according to applicable national sports association rules and regulations (such as the NCAA), and shall be based on the results of the previous year's Tournament. Once the pairings are set, they may not be altered.
- I. PRIZE -
 1. CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM – Any team that wins the championship of a MAAD Tournament, in each division, shall receive a money prize of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). If the Tournament has more than five (5) teams participating in any division, the champion of that division shall receive a money prize in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), with an additional one hundred dollar (\$100) awarded for each team in excess of the five teams, up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). MAAD shall provide the funding for this expense from its Champion Fund.
 2. RUNNER-UP TEAM – The runner-up team shall receive a money prize equal to half of the amount that is awarded to the championship team in

- the same division. MAAD shall provide the funding for this expense from its Champion Fund.
- J. PLAYERS – Each player can only participate in MAAD events and tournaments if he/she meets the Qualifications requirement of the Bylaws, specifically Article 12, Section 1.
 - K. COACHES/MANAGERS/TEAM STATISTICANS – Coaches/Managers/Team Statisticians may only Participate in MAAD events and tournaments if he/she meets the Qualifications requirement of the Bylaws, specifically Article 12, Section 2.
 - L. REGISTRATION FORMS – Coach can sign more than one (1) team form from the same Club, with additional fees may apply.

SECTION 2 HOST CLUB BIDDING PROCESS –

- A. BID PROCESS DATE – Any Club Member may bid to host a Tournament up to four (4) years in advance of the anticipated date of the Tournament. Each such bid shall be by letter from the Secretary of the Club Member and addressed to the MAAD Secretary. The bid shall include a deposit in the amount as specified in the Budgetary Guideline.
- B. SELECTION – Selection of the Tournament Host Club shall be by a majority vote at the applicable meeting of the MAAD Board of Delegates. The selected MAAD Tournament Host Club shall, through its Officers, sign a CONTRACT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT with the MAAD Executive Board.
- C. REFUND OF DEPOSIT FOR UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS – The bid deposit will be refunded in entirety to any unsuccessful bidders.
- D. REFUND OF DEPOSIT FOR SUCCESSFUL BIDS AFTER COMPLETION – The bid deposit made by a successful bidder to be the Tournament Host Club shall be refunded to that Tournament Host Club only when:
 - 1. the Host Club has executed all requirements of the Tournament CONTRACT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT to the satisfaction of the MAAD Executive Board; and
 - 2. the Host Club has sent a team to participate in tournaments of the sport being hosted as follows:
 - a. the tournament in the year preceding the year hosted by the Host Club;
 - b. the tournament hosted by the Host Club; and
 - c. the tournament in the year after the year hosted by the Host Club.
- E. WITHDRAWAL OF TOURNAMENT HOST CLUB – A Tournament Host Club that seeks to withdraw from hosting the Tournament may do so without penalty if the withdrawal is properly made within one hundred and twenty (120) days after being selected. Withdrawal is properly made when the Secretary of the Host Club submits a formal letter of withdrawal to the MAAD Secretary and the MAAD Tournament Director. If a Host Club makes its withdrawal request after the one hundred and twenty (120) day deadline, the Club shall:
 - 1. forfeit the bid deposit, and
 - 2. be barred from bidding at any MAAD Tournament for five (5) years from the date of withdrawal.
- F. VACANCY – Should any Tournament Host Club withdraw, the MAAD Secretary shall immediately notify all MAAD Member Clubs of the vacancy and solicit bids.

SECTION 3 THE BASKETBALL PLAYER COUNCIL –

- A. PURPOSE – The purpose of the Basketball Player Council shall be to:
 - 1. adopt MAAD Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations;
 - 2. hold a MAAD-sponsored Basketball Tournament annually, at any time during the last two (2) weekends of February or the first two (2) weekends of March, although another date may be permitted by the MAAD Board of Delegates; and
 - 3. promote the Tournament as the “MAAD William N Fraser Memorial Regional Basketball Tournament”
- B. NATIONAL AFFILIATION – The current basketball naaD is the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB), with which the MAAD affiliated in April 2000.

- C. MEETING DATE – The MAAD Basketball Player Council meeting shall coincide with the MAAD Basketball Tournament.
- D. DEADLINE DATE – TEAM ENTRY AND PLAYERS' REGISTRATION – Team entries and player registration shall be mailed by priority mail with delivery confirmation and postmarked no later than February first of each year. No team or player shall be permitted to register after the deadline date.
- E. HOST CLUB TOURNAMENT CHAIR – The duties of the Host Club Basketball Tournament Chair shall begin at the MAAD Board of Delegates Annual Meeting the year prior to the tournament and end at the conclusion of the MAAD Board of Delegates Annual Meeting in the year of the tournament.
- F. ARENA REQUIREMENTS –
For the basketball tournament, there shall be at least two (2) regulation sized basketball courts.
 - 1. Requirements:
 - a. hardwood floor and/or rubber floor, not less than 94' x 50' in size;
 - b. good lighting;
 - c. scoreboard; and
 - d. three-point arc;
 - 2. Recommendation:
 - a. 35-second shot clock; and
 - b. Locker(s) and/or dressing rooms for teams.
 - 3. Table for head statistician and scorekeepers
- G. SCHEDULE OF GAMES – The MAAD Tournament Director and the Host Club Tournament Coordinator shall be responsible for the scheduling of games. Games shall be scheduled to begin no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Friday, and proceed through all of Saturday, with the final game to take place on Saturday before the Awards Ceremony.
- H. REFEREES – Each game shall be officiated by at least two (2) registered official referees. The Host Club must make an agreement/contract with referees after receiving notification from Tournament Director on number of teams and games for the Tournament that they shall adhere to all MAAD Basketball Player Council regulations with no exceptions.
- I. SCOREKEEPERS – The Tournament Director shall be the supervisor to oversee the appointed, qualified scorekeepers and spotters.
 - 1. Each scorekeeper and spotters shall be paid ten dollars (\$10) per game.
 - 2. This cost shall be the responsibility of the Host Club, and
 - 3. The Scorekeepers' responsibility shall be to compute all statistics for all of the games.
- J. TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT –
 - 1. BASKETBALLS – The Host Club shall furnish sufficient official NCAA basketballs. Brand new basketballs shall be "broken-in" if possible, by using them a few times before the MAAD Tournament.
- K. ELIGIBLE TEAMS/REGISTERED PLAYERS –
 - 1. To enter the MAAD Basketball Tournament, a team must have at least eight (8) registered players on official MAAD/naaD registration form.
 - 2. A minimum of five (5) players shall be allowed on the floor at the beginning of the game.
 - 3. At the MAAD Basketball Tournament, a team shall not have more than twelve (12) players on its line-up.
 - 4. During the progress of any games, only the team's player line-up, coach(s), manager(s), and team statistician(s) may occupy its bench.
- L. UNIFORMS – Uniform and jersey numbers shall be according to applicable naaD regulations.
 - 1. number no less than six (6) inches in size on the back of jersey,
 - 2. number no less than four (4) inches in size on the front of jersey,
 - 3. numbered jersey of the same colors and shorts of the same colors,

4. lists the players and their correct jersey numbers, and such information should be the same as what is recorded on the program books and/or the MAAD/naaD registration form(s),
 5. As mandated by the NCAA Guide, only these jersey/uniform numbers may be used: 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 through 15, 20 through 25, 30 through 35, 40 through 45 and 50 through 55, and
 6. Should any team fail to meet any requirement for an MAAD tournament, the team shall be required to pay any relevant fine.
- M. GAME REGULATIONS – The games, other than specified in these rules and regulations, shall be played according to the national authority such as is provided in the Official NCAA Guide of Basketball Rules and Regulations.
1. TOURNAMENT HALF-TIME – Half Time (with the clock stopped on all game functions, fouls, free throws, and dead balls) shall be as follows:
 - a) Championship flight games: twenty (20) minutes per half
 - b) Consolation flight games: sixteen (16) minutes per half
 - c) Overtime games: five (5) minutes.
- N. RECORDS OF BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – Copies of all game records shall be turned over to the MAAD Hall of Fame Director after the Tournament.
- O. HALL OF FAME CEREMONY – The Hall of Fame Director shall serve as the Chief Officiator during the annual MAAD Hall of Fame Ceremony, which takes place on Award Night.
- P. AWARDS – A system/formula shall be used to determine award winners:
1. Performance in two (2) or more games.
 2. An individual's statistic includes:
 - a. scoring;
 - b. defense; plus
 - c. Attitude and sportsmanship.
 3. Individual awards for each gender include:
 - a. One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP);
 - b. Ten (10) All-Stars;
 - c. One (1) Individual Sportsmanship;
 - d. One (1) Top Scoring Average;
 - e. One (1) Top Rebound Average; and
 - f. One (1) Top Assist Average.
 4. Team awards for each gender include:
 - a. Championship (1st);
 - b. Runner-up (2nd);
 - c. Third (3rd);
 - d. Consolation Championship;
 - e. Team Sportsmanship; and
 - f. Coach of Tournament.
- Q. AMENDMENTS – Amendments to the MAAD Basketball Council Rules and Regulations shall comply with the amendments provisions of the MAAD Bylaws.

SECTION 4 THE SOFTBALL PLAYER COUNCIL –

- A. PURPOSE – The purpose of the Softball Player Council shall be to:
1. adopt MAAD Softball Tournament Rules and Regulations and MAAD Coed Softball Tournament Rules and Regulations;
 2. hold a MAAD-sponsored Softball Tournament and Coed Softball Tournament annually at any time between the first (1st) weekend of June and fourth (4th) weekend of July, although another date may be permitted by the MAAD Board of Delegates; and
 3. promote the softball tournament as the “MAAD John L Buckmaster Memorial Softball Tournament.”

- B. NATIONAL AFFILIATION – The current softball naaD is the National Softball Association of the Deaf (NSAD), with which the MAAD affiliated in June 1993.
- C. OFFICIAL AUTHORITY – The official authority for the rules of softball and coed softball at the tournaments shall be chosen by the Tournament Host Club from the following:
1. American Softball Association (ASA); or
 2. National Softball Association (NSA); or
 3. United States Softball Association (USSA).
- D. MEETING AND TOURNAMENT DATE – The MAAD Softball Player Council meeting shall coincide with the MAAD Softball Tournament.
- E. DEADLINE DATE – TEAM ENTRY AND PLAYERS' REGISTRATION – Team entries and player registration for the Softball Tournament and Coed Softball Tournament shall be mailed to MAAD by priority mail with delivery confirmation and postmarked no later than 30 days prior to MAAD's Softball Tournament. The same information must be mailed in like manner to NSAD by July first. No team or player shall be permitted to register after the deadline date except under certain circumstances to be determined by the Softball Player Council.
- F. HOST CLUB TOURNAMENT CHAIR – The duties of the Host Club Softball Tournament Chair shall begin at the MAAD Board of Delegates Annual Meeting the year prior to the Tournament and end at the conclusion of the MAAD Board of Delegates Annual Meeting in the year of the Tournament.
- G. FIELD REQUIREMENTS –
The field to be used for the softball tournament shall have at least four (4) softball diamonds.
1. Requirements:
 - a. each field shall have:
 - b. a permanent backstop;
 - c. 65 feet base;
 - d. 50 feet pitching;
 - e. an outfield fence with a minimum radius of 285 feet;
 - f. and a maximum radius of 325 feet of home plate fence;
 2. Table for head statistician and scorekeepers.
- H. SCHEDULE OF GAMES – The MAAD Tournament Director and the Host Club Tournament Coordinator shall be responsible for the scheduling of games, subject to the following:
1. Round Robin games shall be played on Friday,
 2. The tournament shall be based on round robin and double elimination (guaranteed 4 games).
 3. All games shall go to the 7th inning, unless a team is leading by fifteen (15) runs in the 5th inning within one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes.
 4. Championship games – a team leading by fifteen 15 runs after the 5th inning.
 5. "Forced" championship games (each team has one loss) shall go to 7th inning.
 6. In case of game canceled due to inclement weather after 4th inning, the leading team shall be declared the winner.
 7. In case of game(s) canceled due to inclement weather, the highest seeded team in the winning flight shall be declared the champions.
- I. UMPIRES – Games shall be officiated registered official umpires.
1. The round robin games shall have at least one (1) umpire.
 2. The bracket games shall have two (2) umpires for the softball tournament.
 3. The Championship game shall have three (3) umpires for the softball tournament.
 4. The Host Club must make an agreement/contract with umpires after receiving notification from Tournament Director on number of teams and games for the Tournament that they shall adhere to all MAAD Softball Council regulations with no exceptions.
- J. SCOREKEEPERS – Tournament Director shall be the supervisor to oversee the appointed, qualified scorekeepers.

1. Each scorekeeper shall be paid equivalent to the umpire rate per game.
 2. The cost shall be the responsibility of the Host Club, and
 3. Scorekeepers' responsibility shall be to complete the statistic of the game.
- K. TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT –
1. SOFTBALLS – The Host Club shall furnish sufficient official restricted flight softballs. Based on the number of teams registered, MAAD Tournament Director informs to Host Chair on numbers of balls (11 inches for women and 12 inches for men) need for the tournament.
- L. ELIGIBLE TEAMS/REGISTERED PLAYERS FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:
1. To enter the MAAD Softball Tournament, a team shall have at least twelve (12) registered players with a maximum of twenty (20) registered players including the coaching staff, on official MAAD/naaD registration form.
 2. A minimum of nine (9) players is required to be allowed on the field.
 3. At the MAAD Softball Tournament, a team shall not have more than sixteen (16) players on its line-up.
 4. During the progress of any game, only the team's player line-up, manager(s), coach(s) and team statistician(s) may occupy its dugout.
 5. A player who is not deaf but a "CODA" shall be permitted to play, according to NSAD's regulations subject to the following:
 - a. Men's Team: 1 allowed
 - b. Women's Team: 2 allowed
- M. ELIGIBLE TEAMS/REGISTERED PLAYERS FOR COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:
1. To enter the MAAD Softball Tournament, a team shall have at least six (6) males and six (6) female registered players
 2. Minimum of ten (10) players shall be allowed on the field.
 3. Maximum of registered shall be seventeen (17)
 4. A team shall not have more than sixteen (16) players on its lineup.
 5. At least four (4) male and five (5) female players must be in the lineup at all time (six and six if additional hitter is used),
 6. Male and female players must be in the alternate batting order,
 7. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he shall be awarded second base with the next female batter choosing the option to walk or bat on two (2) outs only,
 8. In the event of less than ten (10) players, there shall have a few options to be determined at Players' Council and/or Softball Council meeting(s):
 - a. If four (4) males and five (5) females on the line-up, the 10th batter in the line-up is automatically out.
 - b. The five (5) males and four (4) females are not allowed.
 - c. CODA shall be permitted to play, according to NSAD's regulations, provided that one CODA of each gender is allowed.
- N. UNIFORMS – Uniform and jersey number requirements shall be according to applicable naaD regulations.
1. number no less than six (6) inches in size on the back of jersey,
 2. numbered jersey of the same colors and/or shorts or pants of the same colors,
 3. Undergarments of any kind extending beyond the seams of jerseys and shorts shall be the same color as uniform.
 4. Uniform caps shall be mandatory for men. Women and Coed shall have option to wear headwear or not.
 5. lists the players and their corrected jersey numbers, the same as on program book and/or MAAD/naaD registration form(s)
 6. Should any team fail to meet the requirements of a MAAD Tournament, the team shall be required to pay a fine in the amount determined by the Budgetary Guidelines.

- O. GAME REGULATIONS – Game regulations, other than specified in these rules and regulations, shall be as by the national authority. For the Coed Softball Tournament only, home runs are unlimited and the game time shall be limited to a maximum of fifty-five (55) minutes.
- P. RECORDS OF SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT – Copies of all game records shall be turned over to the MAAD Hall of Fame Director after the Tournament.
- Q. HALL OF FAME CEREMONY – The Hall of Fame Director shall serve as the Chief Officiator during the annual MAAD Hall of Fame Ceremony, which takes place on Award Night.
- R. AWARDS – A system/formula shall be used to determine award winners:
 - 1. Performance in three (3) or more games and ten (10) or more at plate appearances.
 - 2. An individual's statistics will include:
 - a. runs batted in;
 - b. fielding;
 - c. runs;
 - d. and errors; plus
 - e. Attitude and sportsmanship.
 - 3. Individual awards for each gender shall include:
 - a. One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP) [one of each gender for Coed teams];
 - b. Ten (10) All-Stars [five of each gender for Coed teams];
 - c. One (1) Individual Sportsmanship [one of each gender for Coed teams];
 - d. One (1) Runs Batted In (RBI) Champion [one of each gender for Coed teams];
 - e. One (1) Batting Average (BA) Champion [one of each gender for Coed teams]. And
 - f. One (1) Golden Glove (GG) Championship [one of each gender for Coed teams]
 - 4. Team awards based for each gender [one team award for Coed teams]:
 - a. Championship (1st);
 - b. Runner-Up (2nd); and
 - c. Third (3rd);
 - d. Team Sportsmanship; and
 - e. Manager of Tournament.
- S. AMENDMENTS – Amendments to the MAAD Softball Council Rules and Regulations shall be in compliance with the amendments provisions of the MAAD Bylaws.

SECTION 5 THE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER COUNCIL –

- A. PURPOSE – To:
 - 1. adopt MAAD Volleyball Tournament Rules and Regulation, and
 - 2. Hold a MAAD-sponsored Volleyball Tournament annually during the spring.
 - 3. The Host Club may set other dates subject to MAAD Board of Delegates' approval.
- B. NATIONAL AFFILIATION
- C. NATIONAL AUTHORITY
- D. TOURNAMENT DATE
- E. DEADLINE FOR TEAM ENTERS AND PLAYERS' REGISTRATION
- F. HOST CLUB TOURNAMENT CHAIR
- G. RULES AND REGULATIONS
- H. GAME REGULATIONS (NATIONAL AUTHORITY)
- I. RECORDS OF THE TOURNAMENT
- J. RECOGNITION
- K. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 6 OTHER SPORTS PLAYER COUNCIL – Other specific sports Player Councils may be sanctioned or authorized from time to time by the MAAD Board of Delegates and each shall include the following information:

- A. PURPOSE
- B. NATIONAL AFFILIATION

- C. NATIONAL AUTHORITY
- D. TOURNAMENT DATE
- E. DEADLINE FOR TEAM ENTERS AND PLAYERS' REGISTRATION
- F. HOST CLUB TOURNAMENT CHAIR
- G. RULES AND REGULATIONS
- H. GAME REGULATIONS (NATIONAL AUTHORITY)
- I. RECORDS OF THE TOURNAMENT
- J. RECOGNITION
- K. AMENDMENTS