

ARTICLE 12 - PLAYER AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1 QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS – Any player who wishes to play in a competition or tournament of the MAAD must satisfy the following requirements:

- A. Proof of being Deaf, or in specific sports, proof of being a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), with proof to be given to the Hall of Fame Director before and during the Players' Council Meeting, in one of the following forms:
 - 1. an audiogram (official hearing test report, performed and signed by a state-certified or state-licensed audiologist) showing a hearing loss of 55 decibels (db) or greater in both ears;
 - 2. transcripts (which may be in the form of report cards, diplomas or other state recognized documents) from a recognized residential or mainstreamed school with deaf students;
 - 3. proof of participation, including year and sport played, as a player in any World Game for the Deaf or regional tournament for the World Game for the Deaf; or
 - 4. Obtain proof of CODA only (go to www.nsad.org to fill out an application), a birth certificate showing the name of a deaf parent and proof of the parent's deafness through any of the other proof listed in this section (Softball only).

Failure to do so shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament

- B. Proof of membership in a bona-fide MAAD Club Member or an Independent Team Member;
- C. At least 17 years of age at the time of registering;
- D. Proof of high school graduation or GED completion;
- E. Not currently playing in a collegiate and/or professional sport at the time of the MAAD tournament.
- F. Play for only one team in a tournament.

SECTION 2 QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES, MANAGERS, and TEAM STATISTICANS – There shall not be any requirement that coaches, managers, or team statisticians to be deaf or not deaf.

SECTION 3 TEAMS PER CLUB OR INDEPENDENT TEAM – Each Club Member and Independent Team Member may submit more than one team to participate in any tournament, provided that each team meets the requirements imposed by the Player Council for that Tournament. No player on any Club Member Team or Independent Team Member may switch from one team to another even if the two teams are representative of the same Club Member or the same Independent Team Member.