

# MAAD Commissioner's Report

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## 2007 National Softball Association of the Deaf Dayton, Ohio

National Softball Association of the Deaf was hosted at Dayton, Ohio on the weekend of August 8-11 with a good number of officers, regional officers, players, and fans with the hot weather. I arrived at Marriott Headquarter Wednesday afternoon and have bracket drawings meeting at 4 pm and get all teams in brackets to be ready for the weekend tournament. Then NSAD board officers and regional president/commissioner meeting (total of 10) at 7 pm at president's suite which was in good progress with new commissioner and deputy commissioner. There are few issues to discuss to inform all of you what's up with the meeting including player council meeting.

The executive board give the official letter that CAAD, already under probation is once again in violations of Bylaws however it is noted that there are a miscommunication between CAAD and the executive board.

The executive board will respond the letter to FWSAD that the agreement between FWSAD and WDB is null and void as is not under Executive board's jurisdiction with membership dues will be refunded to appropriate commissioner, however the dues can be carried over to the year of 2007-2008.

Regional membership revision suggested in the bylaws to discuss in Softball Council meeting : PAD (Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf) will continue to be affiliated in CAAD: whereas any other Pennsylvania are recognized as a part of ESAD. Any player resident in PA. can choose any team only in state of PA to play for.

There are few proposals made:

1. For three (3) consecutive years a regional has six (6) or less teams: NSAD shall no longer recognize the regional as an affiliated regional member (PASSED)
2. The position of Secretary/Treasurer shall be shall be Treasurer under Section 2.3 (PASSED)
3. The Commissioner shall appoint the recording secretary and shall be compensated (PASSED)
4. An appointed recording secretary shall be noted under the Standing Committee (PASSED)
5. The section 1.1 shall read, as the officers of NSAD shall be Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Treasurer, Softball Information Director and Tournament Director. (PASSED)
6. NSAD appoints Nancy Ravindra as our interim Treasurer till the next NSAD officer election (PASSED)
7. NSAD shall remove the membership dues of \$5 (Individual Membership) and \$25 team membership to a flat rate of \$100. (PASSED)

8. Number of players on per team shall be reduced from 20 players to 17 players on per team (PASSED)
9. MAAD move that NSAD suspends the section (###) in the bylaws for 2008 NSAD tournament to enable MAAD to play in the nationals before the regional tournament with an understanding that the teams of MAAD must pay \$100 refundable bond along with \$200 tournament fee and the cash prizes from NSAD until those teams of MAAD made their appearances at MAAD tournament (PASSED)
10. NWSAD moved that all regional tournaments must provide an opportunity for the visiting NSAD officer to give a report during the regional softball delegate meeting otherwise, failed to give the opportunity will result in denial of the regional team's voice and power during the Board of Director meeting at the nationals (PASSED)

The survey was collected from all 8 regional so it's shown in the chart

**Do you feel that you are getting information from NSAD or your regional organization?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	37%	N/A	79%	75%	55%	75%	N/A	64%
<b>NO</b>	63%	N/A	21%	25%	45%	25%	N/A	36%

National Tournament	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<b>Attractive city</b>	276	200	63	18
<b>Excellent ball field</b>	374	130	45	7
<b>Reasonable hotel rate</b>	308	161	51	13
<b>Cheap airfare to tournament site</b>	324	149	38	17

<b>Location (National)</b>	67
<b>Location (Regional)</b>	102
<b>Hard to set up a team</b>	102
<b>Money Issues</b>	192
<b>Other</b>	71

**Are you satisfied with NSAD organization?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	53%	N/A	73%	74%	77%	81%	N/A	77%
<b>NO</b>	47%	N/A	27%	26%	23%	19%	N/A	23%

**Are you satisfied with your region organization?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	35%	N/A	55%	81%	12%	84%	N/A	73%
<b>NO</b>	65%	N/A	45%	19%	88%	16%	N/A	27%

**What is your preferred format of the tournament?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>Double elimination with two day tournament</b>	51%	N/A	34%	38%	57%	28%	N/A	25%
<b>4 Game guarantee including in round robin and double elimination with 3 day tournament</b>	49%	N/A	66%	62%	43%	72%	N/A	75%

**One free agent with any age**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	77%	N/A	72%	57%	88%	78%	N/A	74%
<b>NO</b>	23%	N/A	28%	43%	12%	22%	N/A	26%

**One free agent with over 40 year old**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	75%	N/A	60%	54%	91%	75%	N/A	68%
<b>NO</b>	25%	N/A	40%	46%	9%	25%	N/A	32%

**Unlimited free agent with over 45 year old**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	67%	N/A	61%	49%	65%	81%	N/A	67%
<b>NO</b>	33%	N/A	39%	51%	35%	19%	N/A	33%

**Is it ok to have one CODA on your team?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	68%	N/A	79%	37%	83%	84%	N/A	77%
<b>NO</b>	32%	N/A	21%	63%	17%	16%	N/A	23%

**National Tournament flat fee (\$250) Is it reasonable?**

	CAAD	ESAD	FWSAD	MAAD	NEAAD	NWSAD	SSAD	SWSAD
<b>YES</b>	74%	N/A	77%	56%	86%	74%	N/A	68%
<b>NO</b>	26%	N/A	23%	44%	14%	26%	N/A	32%

ESAD information was not sufficient to make percentage (5 papers)

SSAD did not receive their survey due to their early tournament date. NSAD launched this survey program in July.

Since 1976 NSAD was formed and every regional already had been national championship team except CAAD. The CAAD teams were been in finalist 12 times till this year Chicago Catholic finally win 2007 NSAD National Championship and broke from drought era. So there are chart was shown before Chicago won.

<b>Regionals</b>	<b>Finalists</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Last time/Team</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
SEAAD/SSAD	19	15	Carolina	4	6
ESAD	12	8	Maryland Eagles	2	5
MAAD	7	4	MinnePaul	3	2
NWSAD	5	2	Fremont	3	3
FWSAD	3	1	Orange Co.	2	7
CAAD	12	0	None	12	5
NEAAD	1	0	None	1	1
SWSAD	1	0	None	1	1

In Hall of Fame ceremony was making before Men's championship game and was very good to have 4 Hall of Fame inductees showed up and had each own speeches. One not comes up as have own plan before it was announced. My speeches were simple and sweet. My speeches were spoken "Thanks for voting me and 4 other inductees and it was real big honored to be here. Appreciated it very much. Since 1976 I had been attended NSAD with few misses but enjoyed to be there and had been with those inductees around for 32 years. When I was becoming manager in first time, I got many questions and answers with Vance Rewolinski to make me a better manager and thanked to my many players (Kuehn brothers, Herman Fuechtmann, Ray Fonseca, Dan Buchholz and a lots more) that I went through years and make our team in winning seasons. If not for players I looked nothing in that role and it make a big difference in right times, and worked together to be in the same pages with goals. Those whole memories that I went through good and bad times but always had been in bottom of my heart for forever. Thanks to those players that I had been with!

I, MAAD Commissioner was proud to have 8 MAAD teams to participate in NSAD and they were doing good sportsmanship during the tournament. Give biggest applause to Denver Midwest Express in 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Midwest Running Rebels in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Council Bluffs, Coed team in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Omaha, Coed team in 5<sup>th</sup> place and Olathe men and women teams, Sioux Falls and St Louis Roosters tried their best efforts to play better but they was enjoyed with high chins up themselves...