

**ARTICLE 16. RULES FOR PARTICIPATING NEAAD
TOURNAMENT TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS**

SECTION 16.2 Each team must be organization member in order to participate in regional NEAAD tournament.

SECTION 16.2.1 Each participating NEAAD member organization shall send only one check or money order to cover all male teams, and only one check or money order to cover all female teams (a maximum of two (2) checks per club). In case of bad check, the team or person shall pay a fine. (See ARTICLE 26 – FINANCIAL)

SECTION 16.2.2 This payment shall include all applicable team registration fees, players' fees, and dance tickets (the players on each team and a limit of one coach, assistant coach and manager per team may purchase dance tickets at limit) (See ARTICLE 26 FINANCIAL).

SECTION 16.2.3 The check or money order (no cashes) shall be made payable to the NEAAD in care of the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 16.2.4 All USADB/NSAD registration forms shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer of New England Athletic Association of the Deaf (NEAAD) on or before the deadline. (February 1st for Basketball and 3rd Monday of June for Softball)

SECTION 16.2.5 The team photo is mandated to wear same uniform and line-up (2 or 3). The team must have at least 1/2 of participating players, coach and manager wearing same team uniform (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

SECTION 16.2.6 The team photo must be included with the roster by deadline date at the annual meeting or February 1st.

SECTION 16.2.7 For softball, not more than twenty (20) players included coach, and manager, shall be listed by each organization team. For basketball, not more than fifteen (15) players plus coach and manager shall be listed by each organization team. If more than required number of players, each player shall buy a combo ticket. (See ARTICLE 26 – FINANCIAL)

SECTION 16.2.8 Any participating teams, that are to play in any official games, must send the Secretary/Treasurer and the league Commissioner of their basketball team scores of their games that they have played up to one (1) week prior to the date of the drawing of pairings.

SECTION 16.2.9 NEAAD formed new Basketball League. (See guidelines)

SECTION 16.3 Individuals, who are either deaf or hearing impaired and are a member in good standing with their organization, are eligible to participate. A player must have 55% or more dB hearing loss in his/her better ear to be eligible for NEAAD and USADB. A hearing test result may be requested for any new incoming player, coach, assistant coach and manager (See ARTICLE 26 – FINANCIAL)

SECTION 16.3.1 Each player must be a member of this organization prior to registering the official registration form for NEAAD and the USADSF's affiliated organization such as USADB/NSAD. Each player must sign his/her own legal signature on the form. There shall be registration fee per player, coach, assistant coach and manager. (SEE ARTICLE 26 – FINANCIAL)

SECTION 16.3.2 Each player must sign his legal name on the official registering form, No proxies or other methods of signature shall be permitted. No player may register more than one organization team of USADB/NSAD and NEAAD. NO player may be allowed to transfer from one organization to another organization (If violated, the player shall be suspended from the NEAAD for 1 year along with the coach).

SECTION 16.3.3 Should any player, coach, assistant coach and manager fail to attend the tournament, the registration and player's fee shall be forfeited including the ballroom ticket.

SECTION 16.3.4 If player signs a second registration form or proxies on the registration form, this player shall automatically be suspended from all NEAAD, USADB and NSAD competition for a period of one year from the date of the registration form.

SECTION 16.3.5 Student attending any kind of educational institution, vocational institution and trade school may not sign with nor play for any member organization team prior to obtaining NEAAD officer's approval.

SECTION 16.3.6 Students must be bona fide member of an organization within the region for which they desire to play.

SECTION 16.3.9 Either college student player or players shall not play for a member organization outside of his region.