

# **NEAAD CONSTITUTION**

## **REVISED AND RATIFIED - 2009**

### **ARTICLE 1. *NAME***

**SECTION 1.1** The name of this organization shall be known as the New England Athletic Association of the Deaf (NEAAD), Incorporation.

**SECTION 1.2** It is affiliated with United States of American Deaf Basketball (USADB) and National Softball Association of the Deaf (NSAD).

#### **SECTION 1.3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:**

**SECTION 1.3.1** This association is incorporated under the Connecticut nonprofit corporation act of 1982

### **ARTICLE 2. *OBJECTIVE***

**SECTION 2.1** To encourage and maintain athletic events among the organization of this Association, in according with the rules and regulations of the USADB and /or NSAD.

**SECTION 2.2** To provide, adopt and enforce regulations and conditions to govern the tournaments of this Association.

**SECTION 2.3** To send eligible qualified teams for any sports to represent this Association at the national tournament of the USADSF'S affiliated organization such as USADB and NSAD during the same year.

### **ARTICLE 3. *TERRITORY***

**SECTION 3.1** The jurisdiction of this Association shall comprise Region 8 of the USADB/NSAD to consisting New England states of six (6); Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

### **ARTICLE 4. *MEMBERSHIP***

## **SECTION 4.1 ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:**

**SECTION 4.1.1** The membership of this Association shall be opened to organization of the Deaf under the jurisdiction of USADSF'S affiliated organization.

**SECTION 4.1.2** An organization is defined as one that meets the regular intervals for the transaction of business and elects its own officers to administer its affairs and has been in existence for least one year.

**SECTION 4.1.3** Membership of NEAAD shall have been in existence one year after approval of NEAAD officers.

**SECTION 4.1.4** In addition, must furnish a copy of their By-laws.

**SECTION 4.1.5** NEAAD member organization shall honor NEAAD Basketball and Softball tournament weekend by not hosting social event on the same weekend.

**SECTION 4.1.6** If NEAAD member organization failed to honor NEAAD Basketball and Softball tournament weekend by hosting social event on same weekend shall be fined. (See Article 26 - Financial

## **ARTICLE 5. *REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBER***

**SECTION 5.1** There shall be four (4) categories of memberships; organization delegates; delegate-at-large; player representative and general chairperson along with officers of this Association, which shall constitute the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.2** Member organization of this Association shall be entitled to one delegate at every meeting of this Association at the designated place. One alternate delegate can not have voice and vote during the meeting unless delegate is absent from the floor.

**SECTION 5.2.1** There shall be sport council at every council meeting of this association at the above designated place. One player representative from each team can have voice and vote during the council meeting.

**SECTION 5.3** If original delegate could not make it, an alternate delegate or appointed replacement delegate by organization's officer must have official letter stating that he/she is a replacement delegate.

**SECTION 5.4** Appointed delegate who attend and remain throughout meeting shall be eligible to receive free passes to games and social events, with the exception of Hall of Fame banquet during the tournament and registration fee.

**SECTION 5.5** Any member organization has outstanding debts to the Association shall not participate in any compete sport until the debts is paid.

**SECTION 5.6 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NEAAD:**

**SECTION 5.6.1** Each past president of this Association shall be entitled to attend annual meeting of this association as a delegate-at-large. Delegate-at-large must be an active member of an organization which is a member organization of NEAAD. He/She shall have voice and vote at the meeting except for bidding vote.

**SECTION 5.6.2** All pass presidents of this Association shall be issued a lifetime pass, which shall entitle them to attend all NEAAD regional tournament games and social events for free, with exception of Hall of Fame banquet and registration fee. They are to furnish their own transportation/hotel expenses.

**SECTION 5.7** General chairperson of any sports shall entitled to attend meeting, have voice and vote at time of their respective tournament during his/her term of chairperson.

**SECTION 5.8** Appoint of every delegate shall be signed duly certified by their Secretary or President of each member organization with letterhead as required and give to Secretary/Treasurer at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 5.8.1** NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer shall furnish each NEAAD member organization with an official standard certified form (See ARTICLE 13 DUTIES OF OFFICERS).

**SECTION 5.8.2** An organization delegate shall not represent more than one organization.

**SECTION 5.8.3** A member organization shall send one delegate and one player representative to NEAAD annual meeting.

**SECTION 5.8.4** Delegate and alternate delegate can not be served, if one is a player, coach or manager for another member organization other than delegate represents the organization during the tournament is being held.

## **ARTICLE 6. MEETING**

**SECTION 6.1** Annual meeting of NEAAD shall be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of February at host basketball tournament site. NEAAD President shall announce snow date for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February with 2 years trial.

**SECTION 6.2** Basketball coach meeting shall be held at John Philip Annual Memorial Invitational Basketball tournament on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December opposite of New England School for the Deaf Tip Off Classic.

**SECTION 6.3** Softball coach and delegate meeting shall be held on last week of June.

**SECTION 6.3.1** Delegate - Each member organization shall appoint or elect a qualified delegate to attend the meeting.

**SECTION 6.4** NEAAD officers who arrive late at the meeting shall pay a fine.  
(See Article 26 – Financial)

**SECTION 6.5** Host organizations shall not provide social event on the same day of NEAAD annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE 7. RULES OF THE MEETING**

**SECTION 7.1** The quorum for NEAAD meeting shall be at least fifty-one (51 %) percent of delegates present from member organizations plus the majority of NEAAD officers.

**SECTION 7.2** The following shall be in order of business of this Association.

### **GENERAL SESSION**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Roll Call                     | 7. Unfinished Business          |
| 2. Reading of minutes            | 8. New Business                 |
| 3. Officers Report               | 9. Selection of Tournament City |
| 4. Tournament Chairperson Report | 10. Election of Officer         |
| 5. By-laws Committee Report      | 11. Announcement                |
| 6. Special Committee Report      | 12. Adjournment                 |

**SECTION 7.3** Emergency delegate meeting may be called by the president at his/her discretion when necessary at such time and place as he/she designates.

**SECTION 7.4** NEAAD Constitution may be amended, changed or omitted three-fourth

(3/4) vote by the delegates, eligible representative and officers at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 7.5** By-laws, Rules & Regulations and Policies may be amended or changed two-third (2/3) vote by the delegates and officers at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 7.6** Once the Constitution, By-laws, Rules & Regulations and Policies were approved by the NEAAD officer's eligible representative and delegates at the annual meeting shall go effect after ratification at the end of the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SECTION 8.1** NEAAD officers shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer and Sports Director.

**SECTION 8.1.1** It shall precede the annual NEAAD meeting.

**SECTION 8.1.2** NEAAD officers shall carry its duties and powers as prescribed in NEAAD Constitution and By-laws at this meeting (See ARTICLE 13, SECTION 13.9, DUTIES OF NEAAD OFFICERS).

## **ARTICLE 9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 9.1** The officers of NEAAD shall be elected by ballot and majority vote at the NEAAD annual meeting at **odd** number year for President & Secretary/Treasurer, **even** number year for Vice President & Sports Director (effective 2008) .

**SECTION 9.2** President shall serve up to three consecutive two (2) years term of six (6) years. After two years of it's three consecutive terms, President shall served for the same position again.

**SECTION 9.2.1** All officers other than President can served at unlimited terms in their respective positions.

**SECTION 9.3** Exchange of duties shall take place effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECTION 9.4** All officers shall serve a two (2) year term.

**SECTION 9.5** Upon election of officers, they must be nominated by delegates and /or eligible representative from the floor during annual meeting.

**SECTION 9.5.1** Non-delegate can be nominated by the delegate and eligible representative from this floor during regular meeting. Delegate may provide official letter from his/her organization for non-delegate who is not able to attend

meeting.

**SECTION 9.5.2** President may appoint any non-delegate within thirty (30) days after the annual meeting to fill in any vacant position, if necessary and must be approved by delegates through mail ballot.

**SECTION 9.5.3** Any individual who is either nominated or appointed, shall be an active member of NEAAD member organization in good standing.

**SECTION 9.6** No NEAAD officers shall serve as officers of NEAAD member organization.

**SECTION 9.7** INSTALLING OF OFFICER - Each officer shall be administered the oath at an installing ceremony; "So you solemnly swear to uphold the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies of NEAAD? To faithfully perform the duties of your office to best of your ability, to be firm? Yet fair, to all? To work diligently at all times toward the betterment of the NEAAD?" Each newly some officer is to respond affirmatively; "I do." at the Basketball Tournament.

## **ARTICLE 10. BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 10.1** Amendments to NEAAD Constitution, By-laws, Rules & Regulations and Policies submitted in writing by the member organization to chairperson of the NEAAD Law Committee for reviewing, revising and add to rules and regulations.

**SECTION 10.1.1** Any proposal changes to Rules & Regulations shall have By-laws workshop for further studying, revising and adding ten (10) days before November 1<sup>st</sup>

**SECTION 10.1.2** Once proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations were done at the workshop, they shall mail to each member organization no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SECTION 10.1.3** After approval from each member organization, they are to return their approval and /or last minute amendments to the chairperson of NEAAD law committee by December 15th.

**SECTION 10.1.4** NEAAD law committee and chairperson shall mail update changes in rules and regulations to member organization for vote with instructions to their delegate and /or eligible representative on final changes 15 days prior to annual meeting and signed by organization's officer.

**SECTION 10.1.5** Delegates are responsible to bring update rules and regulations to annual meeting, if the delegates do not receive them from member

organization; he/she must ask organization secretary to get a copy.

**SECTION 10.1.6** Proposed changes submitted by an individual will not be accepted.

**SECTION 10.1.7** Late amendment presented at annual meeting by member organization's delegate at organization's request shall be referred to law committee for review and presented to next year's annual meeting..

**SECTION 10.2** NEAAD Constitution may be amended, omitted or changed three-fourth (3/4) votes by officers, delegates and eligible representative at annual meeting.

**SECTION 10.3** By-laws, Rules & Regulations and Policies may be amended or changed two third (2/3) votes by the delegates, eligible representative and officers at annual meeting.

**SECTION 10.4** Once the Constitution, By-laws, Rules & Regulations were approved by NEAAD officers and delegates at annual meeting shall be in effect on May 1st.

## **ARTICLE 11. *PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY***

**SECTION 11.1** Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, and shall be referred to as Parliamentary Authority of all meetings of the NEAAD.

**SECTION 11.2** MANAGEMENT - Management of NEAAD is to be vested by elected officers..

**SECTION 11.2.1** President shall be chief Ex-officio of the committees except for By-law committees.

## **ARTICLE 12. *DISSOLUTION***

**SECTION 12.1** IN THE EVENTS OF DISSOLUTION:

**SECTION 12.1.1** All tangible assets are to be sold and all moneys realized therefore together with any other moneys remaining shall be turned over equally to the USADB/NSAD to be held in trust against eventual revival of this or similar

organization.

**SECTION 12.1.2** Similar organization shall be eligible to receive these funds only after it has been existence for a minimum of five (5) years.

**SECTION 12.1.3** Income from said trust shall accrue to the USADB/NSAD.

**SECTION 12.1.4** In no case shall the USADB/NSAD be liable for any debts of this organization.

## **NEAAD BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE 13. *DUTIES OF NEAAD OFFICERS***

#### **SECTION 13.1 DUTIES OF PRESIDENT:**

**SECTION 13.1.1** The president shall preside all meetings of this Association and the Executive Board shall perform all duties required of his/her official capacity.

**SECTION 13.1.2** He/she shall be an ex-officio of all committees except By-law committee.

**SECTION 13.1.3** He/she shall be Association's representative at annual meeting of USADB/NSAD. If he/she cannot go, he/she shall appoint designated representative within NEAAD to attend in his/her absence.

**SECTION 13.1.4** He/she shall have the right to form any committee which may be deemed necessary in interest of this association.

**SECTION 13.1.5** He/she may appoint special committee to investigate financial matters with an approval from the NEAAD officers, if necessary.

**SECTION 13.1.6** He/she shall not sign any official registration form and also shall not play, coach or manage for any sports team including Athletic Director.

### **SECTION 13.2 DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT:**

**SECTION 13.2.1** Vice President, in absence of the President, shall perform all duties of the office of the President.

**SECTION 13.2.2** He/she shall also serve as Chairperson of Law Committee and shall be responsible for keeping update NEAAD Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies.

**SECTION 13.2.3** He/she shall be able to interpret upon request any rules or regulations, herein, required bringing Robert's Rules of Order at all time.

**SECTION 13.2.4** He/she shall be endowed with the power to appoint two (2) or more person from the NEAAD officers and delegates to serve with him/her on Law Committee.

**SECTION 13.2.5** He/she shall coordinate all Rules & Regulations of all sports, working closely with the Sports Director.

### **SECTION 13.3 DUTIES OF SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

**SECTION 13.3.1** Secretary/Treasurer shall keep records of all meetings of the delegate and Executive Board, conduct all official correspondence, keep complete record of all athletic events held under auspices of this Association and perform such other duties as may prescribed by Constitution and By-laws.

**SECTION 13.3.2** He/she shall receive all moneys of NEAAD, collect its fees

from the member organization, remit all fees to USADSF'S affiliated organizations such as USADB and NSAD, and pay all outstanding bills approved by the President and the majority of NEAAD.

**SECTION 13.3.3** He/she shall deposit all moneys to credit of NEAAD in a reputable bank with FDIC; (FEDERAL DEPOSITORY INSURANCE CORPORATION) insured in city or town of his/her residence.

**SECTION 13.3.4** The Bank shall send all bank statement and balance of the account to Secretary/Treasurer of NEAAD then have him/her to copy account for safeguard and protection and return them to the President.

**SECTION 13.3.5** He/she shall turn over all accounts, books, papers, vouchers, and all records appertaining to his/her office to President and Chief Auditor and must show NEAAD bankbook to them verifying correct statement of the account.

**SECTION 13.3.6** He/she shall furnish financial report and pass out the copies to all delegates and eligible representative at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 13.3.7** He/she shall notified to Sports Director to inform the webmaster to announce the NEAAD General Meeting on the website and mail to the member organizations, forty five (45) to sixty (60) days notice of the next meeting of this Association due to take place, date, time, location and minutes of recent meeting.

**SECTION 13.3.8** He/she shall receive salary from this Association, payable at the end of the basketball and softball season based on their performance as determinate by NEAAD Board (See ARTICLE 26 FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 13.3.9** In the event of the Secretary/Treasurer has done such pilferage from NEAAD any amount with evidence, he/she is not qualified to receive an annual salary.

**SECTION 13.3.10** He/she shall keep financial reports/records and books on basketball and softball separately.

**SECTION 13.3.11** He/she shall send out member organization USADB registration forms through first class mail on or before November 15th and NSAD registration forms on or before May 15th.

**SECTION 13.3.12** He/she shall be responsible to count the registration pass number and amount of registration fee after receiving from the Host of the tournament (See ARTICLE 23 - PASSES).

**SECTION 13.3.13** He/she shall furnish each NEAAD member organization. With an official standard certified form.

## **SECTION 13.4 DUTIES OF SPORTS DIRECTOR:**

**SECTION 13.4.1** Sports Director shall be responsible for publicizing the activities of NEAAD in public press and NEAAD Bulletin including web page.

**SECTION 13.4.2** He/she shall be responsible for arranging the coverage of the annual basketball, softball and volleyball tournaments through local press, wire service, and the web page.

**SECTION 13.4.3** He/she shall be in charge of and edit the NEAAD bulletin and photo of events during the tournaments including the web page.

**SECTION 13.4.4** He/she shall be responsible to develop the financial plan for requesting to supply the material with an approval of the President.

**SECTION 13.4.5** He/she shall work with Hall of Fame Chairperson for more information on history.

**SECTION 13.4.6** He/she may develop the yearbook of NEAAD history for selling to any fans, and member's organization.

**SECTION 13.4.7** He/she shall turn over past tournament records to the successor.

**SECTION 13.4.8** He/she shall be responsible for all-stars ballots after NEAAD vice president has tabulated them.

**SECTION 13.4.9** Recorder shall be responsible to compile, validate and preserve all presently established records made by deaf athletics in all sports: to update and maintain all NEAAD basketball and softball tournament.

**SECTION 13.4.10** He/she shall be responsible for preparing, organizing and oversee NEAAD basketball and softball tournament.

**SECTION 13.4.11** He/she shall be responsible for scoring all games and keep all tournament records after each tournament.

**SECTION 13.4.12** He/she shall turn all tournament data to Secretary/Treasurer of this association with approval of the NEAAD officers and Host organization.

**SECTION 13.4.13** Records of any sports history should be inputted into the computer using spreadsheet for storage use and copied onto CD diskette.

**SECTION 13.4.14** He/she may select official scorekeepers and /or a timer to help keep the score and /or time of the games (See ARTICLE 26 – FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 13.4.15** He/she shall collect old photos and other information events relate to history of the NEAAD.

**SECTION 13.4.16** He/she and the Hall of Fame committee shall show display of past and present photos, program books, history record of old timer and anything during the host tournament.

**SECTION 13.4.17** He/she may select the Webmaster to assist on web page only.

**SECTION 13.4.18** He/she shall notified the webmaster to update the webpage every two (2) weeks.

**SECTION 13.4.19** He/she shall notified the webmaster to insert the NEAAD history, most recent NEAAD tournament pictures and results, future NEAAD tournament host flyer, Invitation tournament, Hall of Fame, NEAAD officers, By-laws, Minutes of recent meeting, Calendar and related links.

**SECTION 13.4.20** The Sports Director shall appoint the basketball and /or the softball commissioner with approval by NEAAD officers.

## **SECTION 13.5 DUTIES OF APPOINTED BASKETBALL and /or SOFTBALL COMMISSIONER**

**SECTION 13.5.1** The Commissioner shall preside over rules of tournament and games, described elsewhere in rules and regulations.

**SECTION 13.5.2** The Commissioner of this association shall decide on method and time for drawing of pairing.

**SECTION 13.5.3** He/she shall be vested with authority of establishing the seeding, follow the collective opinion of the delegates present and get on information data from the regular games.

**SECTION 13.5.4** The tournament play shall be in accordance with layout plan furnished by Commissioner of this association and host organization chairperson.

**SECTION 13.5.5** There shall be no deviation there from without written consent of this Association.

**SECTION 13.5.6** The Commissioner of the Basketball and Softball shall be in charge and preside at coaches and managers meeting whenever it seems necessary.

**SECTION 13.5.7** He/she shall prepare the agenda of the meeting. Each coach

and the manager shall know the planning and rules to the tournament games.

**SECTION 13.5.8** They shall see the coaches and managers follow the game rules and the procedures of the tournament.

**SECTION 13.5.9** He/she shall have a right to inspect the gym(s) and softball field(s) prior to one (1) year before the tournament after winning the bidding.

**SECTION 13.5.10** He/she is required to carry an update rules book in his/her specialty at all times.

**SECTION 13.5.11** He/she should have the right to make complaint to NEAAD officers when he/she does not get proper respect from the coach(s) or the player(s).

### **SECTION 13.6 DUTIES OF APPOINTED HALL OF FAME CHAIRPERSON:**

**SECTION 13.6.1** Hall of Fame Chairperson shall be appoint by the Sports Director at every annual meeting.

**SECTION 13.6.2** He/she can form Hall of Fame committee by appointing 3 or 5 members committee using past participants of the NEAAD or the delegates with approval from the NEAAD officers to serve under him/her during the meeting. It shall be called the Hall of Fame committee.

**SECTION 13.6.3** He/she shall serve as chairperson of the Hall of Fame committee.

**SECTION 13.6.4** They shall direct election of candidates into Hall of Fame.

**SECTION 13.6.5** They shall mail out preliminary selection forms in November of each year.

**SECTION 13.6.6** He/she shall make an annual report to NEAAD officers at the annual meeting of this Association and notified inductees of their selection one year advance after the annual meeting.

**SECTION 13.6.7** He/she shall compile and maintain permanent files of the documents, records, scoreboards, meeting minutes, program books, and such other items of importance as history of NEAAD.

**SECTION 13.6.8** He/she shall be responsible for enshrining the names of the outstanding deaf players, coaches, and leaders who have contributed exceptional and worthwhile service to NEAAD including the USADSF, USADB and NSAD.

**SECTION 13.6.9** He/she shall be responsible for purchasing perpetual display plaque, individual Hall of Fame plaques and providing for engraving at discretion of the NEAAD.

**SECTION 13.6.10** He/she shall be responsible for free Hall of Fame banquet tickets to all inductees, who are presented to receive their award.

**SECTION 13.6.11** He/she shall notify all inductees of their selection one (1) year advance to allow inductee sufficient time to make travel arrangement and to be presented to receive his/her award.

**SECTION 13.6.12** He/she shall be in charge of Hall of Fame committee selecting seven (7) interested individuals to serve on Hall of Fame selection panel.

**SECTION 13.6.13** He/she shall place candidates on ballot form that comes in mail including a list of players and their histories.

**SECTION 13.6.14** He/she shall oversee the proposed of Hall of Fame policy.

**SECTION 13.6.15** He/she shall make a copy of revision and send it to NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 13.6.16** Chairperson shall prepare appropriate revision approved by the Hall of Fame management committee and forward same to the NEAAD vice president for proper action at the NEAAD officers meeting.

**SECTION 13.6.17** NEAAD recorder shall appoint 2 members with approval from Executive Board to serve under him/her during his/her two (2) year term.

### **SECTION 13.7 DUTIES OF NEAAD AUDITORS (3):**

**SECTION 13.7.1** Auditors shall be appointed by the NEAAD President with approval by the delegates during the NEAAD annual meeting.

**SECTION 13.7.2** There shall not be more than one (1) auditor from the same organization.

**SECTION 13.7.3** Shall audit all NEAAD bank account, all incoming /outgoing moneys of the association.

**SECTION 13.7.4** Auditors shall verify that all fees had been collected from all participating teams in timely manner.

### **SECTION 13.8 PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR**

**SECTION 13.8.1** Public Relation Director shall seek sponsorship from any business and charitable organizations with understanding that any donation must be forward to Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 13.8.2** He/she must get an approval from Secretary/Treasurer before mailing to any donation letter to any organizations.

### **SECTION 13.9 DUTIES OF NEAAD OFFICERS:**

**SECTION 13.9.1** NEAAD officers shall follow, in addition to duties and powers described elsewhere in these rules & regulations.

**SECTION 13.9.2** They shall admit to any eligible organization to this Association for membership purpose under the NEAAD.

**SECTION 13.9.3** Any individual of the NEAAD officers shall be removed from office by two-third (2/3) delegate vote for being neglect of duty or misconduct.

**SECTION 13.9.4** They shall fill any vacancies in NEAAD office with an approval by the delegates during the NEAAD annual meeting.

**SECTION 13.9.5** They shall oversee all incoming and outgoing moneys of this association.

**SECTION 13.9.6** They shall explain, define, and interpret provisions of the Rules & Regulations of this Association upon request of any member organization and nonmember organization.

## **ARTICLE 14. *DUES AND EXPENSES***

**SECTION 14.1** Each member organization shall pay an initiation fee for first year member to this association by second Friday of December of this year. They also shall pay each consecutive year to Secretary/Treasurer of NEAAD. If not paid, the tournament host organization shall be automatically suspended from **USADB/NSAD** competitions until the fine is paid to the NEAAD (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL)

**SECTION 14.2** A fine shall be lived against each host organization, who fails to meet the deadline of December 1st. If not paid, the organization shall be losing the privileges from the **USADB/NSAD** competitions until the fine is paid to the NEAAD (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 14.3** Income from any source shall be used to defray all expenses incurred of

this Association.

## **SECTION 14.4 REIMBURSEMENTS:**

**SECTION 14.4.1** Any expenses, incurred by President , Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Sport Director, such as reimbursement for transportation while in the tournament city and lodging, shall be paid by the NEAAD and Host organization on a fifty-fifty (50-50) basis.

**SECTION 14.4.2** Each officer must notify NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer before making lodge reservation for host tournament during the annual meeting.

**SECTION 14.4.3** Reimbursement for travel expenses shall be limited to the amount of cost per mile depending on today's data of a numerical kind of value. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 14.4.4** Officers claiming such reimbursement shall measure distance travel to tournament site only from where they reside. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 14.4.5** Any NEAAD officers except for President and Secretary/Treasurer who participate in NEAAD tournament as player, coach, manager or scorekeeper will not be covered for hotel and transportation expense.

## **SECTION 14.5 EXPENSES OF THE PRESIDENT:**

**SECTION 14.5.1** The expenses of the officer who attending the USADBSF affiliated organization such as USADB and NSAD Executive Board meeting shall be paid by NEAAD. If or when USADB/NSAD upgrades number of rooms, officer will have a room or share with other regional officers.

**SECTION 14.5.2** Reimbursement shall be limited to the cost of transportation, to and from the meeting/tournament using the lowest round trip air fare.

**SECTION 14.5.3** Lodging shall be five (5) nights for basketball tournament and four (4) nights for softball tournament, pending the agenda.

**SECTION 14.5.4** Officer shall rent car at reasonable rate during USADB and NSAD tournament and submit final invoice to NEAAD for reimbursement.

**SECTION 14.5.5** Allowance for NEAAD officer shall be limited to two hundred (\$200) dollars maximum for USADB and NSAD tournaments.

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **ARTICLE 15. *CONDITION OF COMPETITION***

**SECTION 15.1** Condition of competition and the rules governing any tournament given by NEAAD shall be those defined in Rules & Regulations of USADSF affiliated organization such as USADB and NSAD except as otherwise herein provided.

**SECTION 15.2** There shall be no discrimination toward any player in this Association of his race or creed.

**SECTION 15.3** Member organization of Association shall not engage in any sports activities with any member organization under suspension by the NEAAD.

## **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** Check or money order (no cash) shall payable to NEAAD in care of the Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 16.2.4** All USADB/NSAD registration forms shall be returned to Secretary-Treasurer of New England Athletic Association of the Deaf (NEAAD) on or before the deadline. (February 1<sup>st</sup> for basketball and July 1<sup>st</sup> for softball).

**SECTION 16.2.5** Team photo is mandated to wear same uniform and line-up (2 or 3). 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** Team photo must be included with rooster and payment as stated on registration form deadline by February 1<sup>st</sup>.for basketball and July 1st for softball.

**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 to Secretary/Treasurer and the 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 16.3** Individuals, who are either deaf or hearing impaired and are a member in good standing with their organization, are eligible to participate. 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 affiliated organization such as USADB/NSAD. 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/her legal name on team registration form. There shall be no proxies or other methods of signature. No individual may be allowed to transfer from one to another organization (If violated, there will be 1 year suspension for this individual along with their coach).

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

**SECTION 16.3.4** If player is caught with signatures or proxies on two registration form during same sport season will be suspended from all **NEAAD**, **USADB**, and **NSAD** competition for one year from the date of registration form.

**SECTION 16.3.5** Student attending any kind of educational institution, vocational institution and trade school may not sign with or play for any member organization team prior to obtaining NEAAD officer 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.

## **ARTICLE 17. *BIDDING BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS***

**SECTION 17.1** Selection of tournament site shall be decided at least three (3) years in advance vote by the delegates only in a secret ballot at the NEAAD annual meeting.

**SECTION 17.2** At the annual meeting, all member organization(s) bidding for basketball and softball shall present a check along with official letter from their organization for the privilege of hosting the tournament. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 17.3** In the event when host organization withdraw their plan to host the tournament, NEAAD officers are authorized to seek a substitute and forfeit previously selected host deposit fee.

**SECTION 17.4** Any new substitute shall pay one-half (1/2) fee for privilege of hosting the tournament.

**SECTION 17.5** In case when NEAAD takes over the tournament after its host organization withdraw from host ship, the financial loss shall be divided equal.

**SECTION 17.6** Delegates speaking for prospective tournament host shall be prepared to show affidavits confirming their organization's consent to make bid reservation on the tournament location. Without affidavits, they cannot bid.

**SECTION 17.7** They also must have confirmation in writing pertaining to use the hotel, gym(s) or field(s), ballroom and meeting space for NEAAD officers meeting as well as the dates of the tournament.

**SECTION 17.8** Affidavits shall be on 8 1/2 by 11 along with two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) check bearing the signature of organization' president or secretary on organization letterhead. (SEE ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL)

**SECTION 17.9** Any organization that has no team at time of bidding shall be given time to get a team less than (1) year after to participating in next tournament and shall be required to have team for two (2) consecutive years after to its host ship year.

**SECTION 17.9.1** Any organization that has no team at time of bidding shall pay fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per year will imposed to organization for not having a team totaled to seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750).

**SECTION 17.9.2** Any organization that has no team at time of bidding pay seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750).

**SECTION 17.10** Under any circumstance, no oral bids will be accepted.

**SECTION 17.11** In event when host is not found within one (1) year prior to tournament. NEAAD reserve the power to choose the tournament site and split fifty-fifty (50-50) basis between NEAAD appointed host organization and NEAAD. In case of loss, each member organization shall assume equal amount of loss.

**SECTION 17.12** Any organization who have been awarded tournament bid must have team for consecutive year(s) to its host ship year and one year after host ship in order to be reimbursed for performance bond.

## **ARTICLE 18. *RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT***

**SECTION 18.1 HOST NEAAD TOURNAMENTS:**

**SECTION 18.1.1** Host of tournament and their committees shall be in charge of all events (tournament, entertainment, etc.) with approval from NEAAD officers.

**SECTION 18.1.2** Host shall post a performance bond two (2) years before tournament time as guarantee of compliance with agreed plans. Entire sum of this bond shall be returned intact to host upon completion of terms of the agreement between NEAAD and the host within forty-five (45) days. If host is not committed to completion plans as guarantee of compliance, a performance bond may not be refunded. (See ARTICLE 26 FINANCIAL.)

**SECTION 18.1.3** The Commissioner shall determine the pairing of teams that are participating in the tournament during the sport council meeting.

**SECTION 18.1.4** Host shall serve pastry, coffee, and tea at morning during the NEAAD officers meeting and serve lunch or dinner to NEAAD officers and delegates during the annual meeting.

**SECTION 18.1.5** Chairperson of upcoming tournament shall submit a full and completed report of its tournament plans included the date to the officers of NEAAD, approval two (2) years in advance of its tournament at annual meeting.

**SECTION 18.1.6** Once the date and site have been made, approved and announced, shall not subject to change. Otherwise, if the situation is in hardship, the chairperson shall notify NEAAD officers at least one year prior to the next tournament meeting.

**SECTION 18.1.7** If violating the Rules and Regulations of NEAAD, an automatic fine shall be assessed to the organization for changing the date and/or site without notify the NEAAD officers. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 18.1.8** Host shall find the gym to use on Saturday and Sunday for basketball and field to use on Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. if available and Saturday for softball, rain date will be on Sunday.

**SECTION 18.1.9** Hall of Fame banquet shall use at the headquarters hotel for NEAAD basketball tournament. If alternate site is necessary, host must provide NEAAD at least 2 quotes from hotel in order to get approval to use the hall, regardless the number of participating NEAAD softball team, host may use their clubhouse for entertainment purpose and it must meet the fire code.

**SECTION 18.1.10** Host must provide any kind of entertainment. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 18.1.11** Host shall be responsible for paying the referees at state approved IAABO rate or umpires at state – approved ASA/USSA rate.

**SECTION 18.1.12** Host must pay the liability insurance under USADSF affiliated organization such as USADB and NSAD for fans, players among others involved in the NEAAD tournament. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 18.1.13** Host is mandated to send advertisement to Sports Director at deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> for basketball and 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of November for the following host tournament for the NEAAD web page.

**SECTION 18.1.14** Program book must be professional and is not to copied from previous host's program book. If program book is in poor condition or is copied, host will be fined. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 18.1.15** Host organization is required to submit financial report of its tournament to NEAAD officers within 30 to 45 days after the conclusion of the NEAAD tournament.

**SECTION 18.1.16** Host shall held strictly responsible for conduct of fans ON and OFF court and /or the field during the Regional Tournament of NEAAD.

**SECTION 18.1.17** Conducting the regional tournament of NEAAD, the host member organization shall be held responsible for:

**SECTION 18.1.17.1** Rental of gym(s) or field(s).

**SECTION 18.1.17.2** Making proper arrangement for teams, certified officials and the fans

**SECTION 18.1.17.3** Purchase of trophies/plaques (See ARTICLE 22)

**SECTION 18.1.17.4** Purchase two (2) men and women official basketballs per basketball tournament and two (2) men and women official softballs per game for softball tournament.(See ARTICLE 20 - SPECIAL RULES).

**SECTION 18.1.17.5** Provide room for NEAAD meeting.

**SECTION 18.1.17.6** Host pay fifty percent (50%) transportation expenses for four (4) officers of NEAAD.

**SECTION 18.1.17.7** Four (4) suitable headquarters hotel rooms for NEAAD officers during NEAAD basketball tournament and NEAAD softball tournament unless officers notify lesser number of rooms in advance.

**SECTION 18.1.17.8** Required to give fifteen (15) program books to

NEAAD president which will be distributed to regional officers during USADB and NSAD tournament.

**SECTION 18.1.18** Host is to provide long tables to NEAAD for selling things such as photos or display of NEAAD history at no cost. Host reserve rights to set booth rental rate to any organization(s) other than NEAAD.

**SECTION 18.1.19** Host of tournament and its committees shall be in charge of all events (tournaments, entertainment, etc.) with approval from NEAAD officers.

**SECTION 18.1.20** Host shall abide NEAAD right to negotiate on combination ticket pricing with host organization hosting NEAAD tournament and must approved by NEAAD officers one year advance and cannot be changed.

**SECTION 18.1.21** Host shall be required to furnish at least two (2) suitable diamonds for the men's teams and two (2) suitable diamond for the women's teams or one gym for both men's and women's teams for such tournament.

**SECTION 18.1.22** Host during softball tournament can have double elimination games upon approval of NEAAD officers. Host organization will be responsible for all games, which shall be limited to seven (7) innings in winner's brackets and limited to five (5) innings for loser's brackets.

**SECTION 18.1.23** Host shall give nonrefundable amount of money to NEAAD 30 days prior the tournament for the purpose to give each women's and men's championship teams. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 18.1.24** Host of NEAAD tournament shall submit complete report of tournament plan at least three (3) weeks prior to NEAAD officers along with liability insurance documentation from USADB/NSAD.

**SECTION 18.1.25** Host chairperson shall share responsibility with NEAAD officers overseeing the committees in collecting registration fees.

**SECTION 18.1.26** Host shall hold its regional basketball tournament on either **first** or **second weekend of March** at organization's convenience. Last game of NEAAD championship basketball shall be started no later than 5:00 p.m. For softball tournament shall hold its regional tournament ***no later than second weekend of July*** at the organization's convenience. Games may be postpone to Sunday if there is an inclement weather.

**SECTION 18.1.27** Host shall abide special rules for basketball or softball tournament described elsewhere in these rules and regulations (See ARTICLE 20 - SPECIAL RULES FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS).

**SECTION 18.1.28** Host shall provide at least one cash bar at the ballroom.

**SECTION 18.1.29** Beside NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer, Host shall not pay any to NEAAD officer who play or coach at time of the tournament for lodging and transportation expense.

**SECTION 18.1.30** He/she shall be responsible in presenting trophies awards along with NEAAD officers. If person is not present, the NEAAD officers shall hold the trophies awards until the person is presented.

**SECTION 18.1.31** Host shall reimburse the bill of NEAAD tournament to Secretary/Treasurer immediately at end of the tournament.

**SECTION 18.1.32** NEAAD shall be responsible to provide black mat behind home plate.

**SECTION 18.1.33** Host shall hire at least two (2) deaf referees.

**SECTION 18.1.34** Host shall assign one (1) deaf and one (1) hearing referee per game if applicable.

## **ARTICLE 19. SEEDING**

**SECTION 19.1** Pairing of teams for coming tournament shall be decided at site of the host, with presence of NEAAD officers and delegates.

**SECTION 19.2** Best teams shall be seeded upon recommendation to NEAAD officers and chairperson at the sponsor site.

**SECTION 19.3** Seeding shall be No.1 to 4 and 5 TO 8 (optional). Sports Director shall match the order of drawings from container with seeded teams as follows: (See bracket).

**SECTION 19.4** Once NEAAD tournament pairings have been made approved and announced, no change may be made in the brackets.

## **ARTICLE 20. SPECIAL RULES FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

### **BASKETBALL/ SOFTBALL:**

**SECTION 20.1** All basketball tournament rules and regulations shall be according to

USADB rules and regulations.

**SECTION 20.2** All softball tournament rules and regulations shall be according to NSAD rules and regulations.

## **ARTICLE 21. *CONDUCTS OF PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND FANS***

**SECTION 21.1** Athletic Directors, Coaches, Managers and Captain of participating teams shall be held strictly responsible for the conduct of their basketball or softball teams ON and OFF the court/field during regional basketball /softball tournament.

**SECTION 21.2** In event of neglect, riots or other not sportsmanship conduct, NEAAD officers shall be empowered to enforce a fine and/or suspension after giving the case a complete investigation. Police officers may be summoned to take over the investigation.

**SECTION 21.3** Any person, who violates tournament policy, regulations of properties, facilities and anything where the tournament event is held, shall be barred from regional basketball or softball tournament.

## **ARTICLE 22. *TROPHIES/AWARDS***

### **SECTION 22.1 TRAVELING TROPHIES:**

**SECTION 22.1.1** There shall be a traveling trophy for championship team that will be presently annually to the new champion.

**SECTION 22.1.2** Previous champion team is responsible to bring traveling trophy to basketball/softball tournament. They will be fined if they fail to bring the traveling trophy. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL)

### **SECTION 22.2 NEAAD TOURNAMENT TROPHIES:**

#### **BASKETBALL (MEN AND WOMEN)**

**SECTION 22.2.1** Trophy shall be a minimum of twenty-six (26) inches in length or plaque shall be a minimum of 20 by 15 for the championship. (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 22.2.1.1** Trophies or plaques for second through fourth places.

**SECTION 22.2.1.2** Ten All - Tournament players. If there are three teams,

there shall be 5 all - tournament players.

**SECTION 22.2.1.3** Most Valuable Player

**SECTION 22.2.1.4** Coach of the Tournament

**SECTION 22.2.1.5** Team Sportsmanship

**SECTION 22.2.1.6** Defensive Player of the Tournament

## **SOFTBALL (MEN AND WOMEN)**

**SECTION 22.2.2** Trophy shall be a minimum of twenty-six (26) inches in length or plaque shall be minimum of 20 x 15 for the championship.

**SECTION 22.2.2.1** Trophies or plaques for second and third places.

**SECTION 22.2.2.2** Eleven (11) All - Star players. If there are two (2) teams, there shall be five (5) All - Star players.

**SECTION 22.2.2.4** Coach of the Tournament

**SECTION 22.2.2.5** Team Sportsmanship

**SECTION 22.2.2.6** Defensive Player of the Tournament

**SECTION 22.2.2.7** 100 CAREER HITS

## **ARTICLE 23. *PASSES***

**SECTION 23.1** Registration pass number shall be in order number the following:  
1-50 for NEAAD officers, delegates (non-player, delegate-at-large and host committees).

### **SECTION 23.2 LIFETIME PASS FOR HALL OF FAME:**

**SECTION 23.2.1** Free admission to any games at specific sport (i.e. person, who received the hall of fame award for basketball, can attend basketball tournament.

**SECTION 23.2.2** Registration and Hall of Fame is not included free admission.

**SECTION 23.2.3** Free admission to Grand Ballroom.

**SECTION 23.2.4** Lifetime pass size shall be similar to credit card, 2 1/8 x 3 3/8, made of laminated plastic.

**SECTION 23.2.5** Color lifetime pass card is GOLD for leadership, RED for basketball player and BLUE for coach and softball player with letter "NEAAD LIFETIME PASS" with "non-transferable" on the back of card.

### **SECTION 23.3 LIFETIME PASS FOR PAST PRESIDENT:**

**SECTION 23.3.1** Lifetime pass size shall be similar to credit card, 2 1/8 x 3 3/8, made of laminated plastic with letter "NEAAD PAST PRESIDENT LIFETIME PASS" and "nontransferable on back of card.

## **ARTICLE 24. *HALL OF FAME***

### **SECTION 24.1 CANDIDATES FOR HALL OF FAME:**

**SECTION 24.1.1** Candidates must have accumulated to highest points.

**SECTION 24.1.2** Candidates must have accumulated five (5) years of service within NEAAD.

**SECTION 24.1.3** Candidates shall qualify eligibility when accumulating minimum number of points from anyone or all fields listed.

**SECTION 24.1.4** Hall of Fame candidate shall be elected for outstanding performance, integrity, sportsmanship, character, leadership and long service recognition provided by a point system and on listed.

**SECTION 24.1.5** There shall be no discrimination factors involved in selecting a candidate, i.e. race, creed, religion, political views or residence, etc.

**SECTION 24.1.6** Candidate inducted into NEAAD Hall of Fame shall be given ceremonies honors at annual basketball tournament Hall of Fame banquet.

**SECTION 24.1.7** Candidates shall receive free banquet at his/her award ceremonies at expenses of NEAAD.

**SECTION 24.1.8** Candidates shall get Hall of Fame plaque, properly engraved.

**SECTION 24.1.9** Candidates shall have their names engraved on NEAAD perpetual display plaque.

**SECTION 24.1.10** Candidates shall be printed on program book.

**SECTION 24.1.11** Candidates must be retired after five (5) years of five (5) years of service as player to be eligible for Hall of Fame award.

**SECTION 24.1.12** Inductee may play again with an understanding that person shall not be eligible to receive another Hall of Fame.

**SECTION 24.1.13** Candidate is also eligible for Hall of Fame award as best coach or a leader.

**SECTION 24.1.14** Candidate for outstanding player shall be elected every year.

**SECTION 24.1.15** Coach must be retired after three (3) years of five (5) years of service as a coach to be eligible for Hall of Fame award.

**SECTION 24.1.16** Leader who attend meeting regularly and served as officer and/or delegate at least five (5) years in past is eligible for Hall of Fame award.

**SECTION 24.1.17** Special awards and consideration of Old Timer (prior to when NEAAD organized) shall be left to Hall of Fame Management Committee.

**SECTION 24.1.18** NEAAD will cover Saturday night hotel expenses for Hall of Fame recipients at basketball tournament.

## **ARTICLE 25. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**SECTION 25.1** Any organizations of NEAAD who host an Invitational tournament shall present their plans and objectives to NEAAD Secretary-Treasurer to verify that it may satisfy requirements to get sanctioned. He/she will then contact USADB or NSAD Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 25.2** Insurance coverage shall be included in such plan when submitted to NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 25.3** Request for sanction shall be made at least one month before Invitational tournament and no sooner than a postmarked time of 12:01 a.m. said date (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 25.4** Invitational tournaments shall not be sponsoring during period which begins two (2) weeks prior to Regional tournament and extending to the completion of USADB and NSAD tournament in any USADB and NSAD sports.

**SECTION 25.5** No USADB and NSAD member organization shall be permitted to participate in any Invitational tournament without proof of USADB and NSAD approval and sealed sanction notice for sponsoring an Invitational tournament.

**SECTION 25.6** However, USADB and NSAD member organization shall not be permitted to host to participate in any Invitation tournament (basketball and Softball) two (2) weeks prior to respective Regional tournament.

**SECTION 25.7** Any member organization of NEAAD may upon payment of fee to NEAAD Secretary-Treasurer sponsors an Invitational tournament up to two (2) weeks prior to Regional tournament (See ARTICLE 26 - FINANCIAL)

**SECTION 25.8** Any Invitational tournament must be hosted by **DEAF** organization with an approval of USADB and NSAD for sanction if granted and **NO HEARING**, (except **CODA** for softball only) shall be allowed to participating to Invitational tournament.

**SECTION 25.9** Any member organization taking part in or sponsor an illegal Invitational tournament which violating the NEAAD and USADB or NSAD Rules and Regulations, shall be suspended from NEAAD sports activities for one (1) year and shall immediately report to USADB and NSAD Secretary-Treasurer for their suspension.

**SECTION 25.10** Any member organization participating in any Invitational tournament without USADB and NSAD sanction notice shall automatically be suspended from USADB and NSAD for a period one (1) year from date of such tournament. By definition, an Invitational tournament shall be known as any series of elimination games in sports for which USDAB and NSAD hold national tournament, it also consists of more than four (4) teams including at same time.

**SECTION 25.11** Any Invitational tournaments in basketball sponsored by any member organization of NEAAD shall ask for approval and sanction both, the officers of NEAAD and USADB. A fee will be required as payment for privilege or hosting an Invitational basketball tournament. (See SECTION 26 - FINANCIAL).

**SECTION 25.12** No member of the NEAAD shall be permitted to participate in any proposed Invitational basketball tournament unless such tournament has the sanction of both NEAAD and USADB. Organization, sponsoring without sanctioned Invitational tournament(s) shall be barred from regional athletic association basketball tournament period of one (1) year.

**SECTION 25.13** Application to USADB for sanctioned Invitational tournaments shall be accompanied by a check or money as listed in ARTICLE 26 FINANCIAL, In the event, USADB and NSAD sanction if not given, full amount shall be returned.

**SECTION 25.14** At least one NEAAD officer must be presented at sanctioned Invitational tournament with understanding there shall be no charge for NEAAD officers.

**SECTION 25.15** John Philip Memorial Invitational Basketball Tournament shall be hosted by NEAAD annually on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December.

**SECTION 25.15.1** John Philip Memorial Invitational Basketball Tournament is open to all NEAAD men's and women's team.

**SECTION 25.15.2** Participating team who wish to play in **JPMBT** by only be permitted with understanding team must have light/dark color numbered uniforms.

**SECTION 25.15.3** Each participating team must sign wavier form before their team first game.

## **ARTICLE 26. FINANCIAL**

### **SECTION 26.1 MEMBERSHIP DUE (ANNUAL):**

#### **SECTION 26.1.1 USDB:**

- a) Regional member ..... \$50.00
- b) Sport clubs ..... \$25.00

#### **SECTION 26.1.2 NEAAD:**

- a) Initiation fee ..... \$75.00
- b) Renewal membership ..... \$50.00

### **SECTION 26.2 REGISTRATION FEE:**

- SECTION 26.2.1** Officer, delegates, delegate-at- large, Committees, Coach, Players, Managers, Fans and Lifetime Pass Hall of Fame Persons ..... \$12.00
- 1) \$5.00.....NEAAD
  - 2) \$1.00.....Hall of Fame
  - 3) \$1.00.....Web page
  - 4) \$5.00.....Championship Team Fund

### **SECTION 26.3 TOURNAMENT TEAM FEE (BB):**

- a) Team Entry fee for USADB..... \$25.00
- b) Team Entry fee for NEAAD..... \$50.00

### **SECTION 26.4 SANCTION FEE:**

- a) Invitational tournament
  - USADB/NEAAD..... \$125.00
  - NSAD/NEAAD..... \$75.00

**SECTION 26.5 TOURNAMENT BIDDING:**

- a) Basketball/Softball..... \$250.00
- b) Substitute Host (if no bidding)..... \$125.00
- c) Host with no team..... \$750.00

**SECTION 26.6 PERFORMANCE BOND:**

- a) Performance Bond ..... \$250.00

**SECTION 26.7 OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER & TIMER:**

- a) Scorekeeper ..... \$10.00 per game
- b) Timer ..... \$10.00 per game

**SECTION 26.8 *REQUIRED TO HAVE* LIABILITY INSURANCE (USADB and NSAD):**

- a) Liability Insurance (option)..... \$250.00

**SECTION 26.9 JOHN PHILIP MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:**

- a) Team Fee ..... \$150.00
- b) Registration per member on wavier form ..... \$10.00
- c) Fan Admission
  - 1) Adult ..... \$10.00
  - 2) College student with identification ..... \$8.00
  - 3) Student 13 to high school age ..... \$5.00
  - 4) Children under 12 ..... Free

**SECTION 26.10 FINES:**

- a) Not bringing travel trophy ..... \$200.00
- b) Late payment on renewal membership ..... \$10.00
- c) No team photo in program book ..... \$100.00  
(\$50. to the Host and \$50. To the NEAAD) .....
- d) Poor condition or copy from previous  
host's program book ..... \$100.00
- e) Change date and/or site without notify the  
NEAAD Officers and Board of Directors  
after approved the date and/or site prior to  
eight (8) months of its tournament ..... \$500.00
- f) Late arrival for meeting..... \$10.00
- g) Insufficient fee plus bad check balance..... \$20.00
- h) Member organization host social event on same weekend  
of NEAAD regional tournament.
  - 1) First offense ..... \$100.00

- 2) Repeated violation after first offense ..... \$250.00
- i) NEAAD officers may decide fines that are not listed.

**SECTION 26.11 SALARIES FOR THE OFFICER PER YEAR:**

- a) Secretary-Treasurer ..... \$250.00

**SECTION 26.12 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE:**

**SECTION 26.12.1** Officers are to be reimbursed by NEAAD and Host at based on thirty-two (32) cents per mile.

**SECTION 26.13 LODGING EXPENSE:**

**SECTION 26.13.1** Officers are to be reimbursed by NEAAD and Host at the reasonable price (for more information see NEAAD BYLAWS, ARTICLE 14 - DUES AND EXPENSES, UNDER SECTION 14.4 REIMBURSEMENTS).

**SECTION 26.13.2** President stay in lodging for USADB/NSAD is to be reimbursed by NEAAD at reasonable price hotel at Headquarters.

**SECTION 26.14 PRIZES:**

**SECTION 26.14.1** Host shall pay \$250.00 prizes to each men's and women's championship teams to the **highest** placed team going to national tournament if championship team does not go to national tournament. (total of \$500.00).

**SECTION 26.14.2** NEAAD shall pay \$250.00 prizes for each men's and women's championship teams to the **highest** placed team going to national tournament if championship team does not go to national tournament. (total of \$500.00).

**SECTION 26.14.3** Based on the total number of both NEAAD men and women teams, distribution of income from registration fee under NEAAD Championship Team Fund shall be computed to ratio of both men and women participating teams.

**SECTION 26.14.4** Any NEAAD tournament must have at least two (2) women teams for prize money from registration fee under Championship Team Fund and prize from Host and NEAAD.

**SECTION 26.14.5** Prize money shall be used **only** for national tournament expense.

