

NEAAD Coaches Meeting  
At Hartford Deaf Club  
February 2, 2009

Basketball Coaches meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Dennis Palka, NEAAD Sports Information Director.

Attendees: Dennis Palka(NEAAD Sports Information Director), Lou Volpintesta(NEAAD Basketball Commissioner), Don Powers(coach of Vermont Men's), Allen Bradley(coach of North Shore Men's), Danny Chorlton(North Shore player), Pam Szpakowski(coach of Holyoke Men's), Anthony Cipriano(coach of Providence Hope Women's), Arthur Larson(coach of Bridgeport Women's/NEAAD interim BPAC Representative of USADB), David DelPizzo(coach of Worcester Men's), Jesus Marchan(Bridgeport men's) (late), Bruce Beston(NEAAD Hall of Fame), Lynn Williams(NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer), Bob Backofen(NEAAD President)

Dennis Palka thanked all coaches coming down to coaches' meeting. He let Lou taking his floor that Lou explained basketball rules to coaches.

Basketball rules:

Uniform: Must have matching colors, undershirt should match team's color.

Free throw positioning: move up one spot.

Time out: 30 seconds time out – when it goes down to 15 seconds, referee would approach coaches and say first call – when time out runs out – referee will approach and say 2<sup>nd</sup> call.

Coach's responsible to control players/team's conducts. It's important because of the fans and children at tournament could see poor sportsmanship so it's important for coaches to encourage teams to demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Double foul: both players playing rough then referee would call double foul. Offensive team will retain possession.

Need to stress this – if there is fight, player is ejected from that game and cannot play in next game. Two technical fouls then ejected automatically. If player gets into second fight, player will be suspended for one year.

If a player gets technical foul, that player will receive technical foul and personal foul.

No pierced tongue allowed along with pierced ears.

If team has two different players receiving technical foul – coach is automatically ejected.

Halftime: Five minutes

Questions/Answers:

Don Powers: Do we have 35 second shot? Yes, we do.

Lynn Williams verified to be all teams paid their fees.

For those who haven't paid will need to submit a check to NEAAD now.

Arthur Larson, NEAAD Interim BPAC representative for USADB:

Arthur volunteered to be interim BPAC Representative due to vacant position and decided to fill in so we all can be well informed of what's going on with USADB.

Remember from last November's meeting that we sent a letter to USADB requesting all positions of USADB officers and Chief Representative for Men's except USADB Commissioner to step down/resign for failure to perform their duties as stated in USADB's bylaws.

Examples:

Cannot permit hearing player to play in USADB sanction tournament.

One coach went beyond region and asked David Hamilton, USADB Vice President to see if they are allowed to sign high school player which David Hamilton approved.

CAAD had two teams who didn't pay \$20 USADB individual membership fee but were allowed to play in CAAD region.

David DelPizzo asked question: is USADB still under USADSF?

Lynn Williams explained that Shirley Platt, USADB Interim Secretary emailed to all regions on December 31, 2008 stating that USADB is affiliated to USADSF. I decided to check USADSF website, I noticed Basketball - "Apply as NSO now!" I scratched my head. I decided to email USADSF Vice President of Members for finding out the status of USADB and was told that USADB is not affiliated with USADSF. I will show few emails between me and him at our NEAAD meeting later.

Arthur: Chief BPAC representative is Darrell Woods. Arthur wondered how Darrell became Chief BPAC representative.

Lynn Williams checked with USADB to find out. She asked who are CPRS of men's and women's and was told by USADB that there are no CPRs due to any funds.

Don Powers questioned Arthur: If problems or issues – who does he contact?

Arthur stated that Darrell Woods announced BPAC meeting tomorrow night (Sunday night). He found out about that meeting from other BPAC.

Dennis Palka praised Arthur Larson for staying on top of communication loop with BPAC and USADB and Lynn Williams for staying on top of this whole USADB issues and keep all of us posted.

Lou joked with all coaches that he got tired of receiving a lot of emails from Lynn.

Lou: I wanted to be sure if you all are aware of FREE AGENT, only ONE free agent per team. Motion related to free agent was put on 2 years trial which was passed last year at USADB national tournament in Florida.

If team has 2 or more free agents – if questionable – will use driver's license to verify their residence – if no driver's license or cannot show drivers license cannot play.

Coaches are responsible for the form – any wrong doing or forged will be suspended for two years along with player who committed wrong doing or involved in forged signature.

Arthur: on USADB bylaws – coach is fully responsible for team registration form which means coach should be on top of free agent rule and make sure they follow the rules.

Allen Bradley: I have a free agent from Indiana. In addition, I have a player who moved to Massachusetts and is working in Beverly, MA and will make sure to find out the status of this player's driver's license.

Don Powers: what is free agent?

Lou answered: team can get one player from outside of NEAAD region.

Lou wants to discuss about FINE – in bylaws when it comes to fines relating to forms then it becomes NEAAD officers who will decide the amount of fine.

Lou: Deadline of the form was by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The form is submitted in NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer's by past deadline of February 1st, the team will be fined \$50.

Dennis Palka: Three forms were submitted late from Vermont men, Bridgeport men and women teams. NEAAD fined \$50 to them.

David DelPizzo moved to close discussion and makes a motion.

David DelPizzo moved to waive \$50 fine imposed Vermont men, Bridgeport men and women teams. PASSED 4-3.

Anthony Cipriano moved to recount vote: will vote via secret ballot.

Secret ballot recount result: All fines waived.

Lou: One team, North Shore had team name crossed off is fined \$100.

Motion: I, Allen Bradley moved to waive \$100 fine imposed on North Shore for team name cross off. Don Powers seconded.

Vote by secret ballot. Secret ballot result: 6 – 4 vote to impose \$100 fine to North Shore.

Allen Bradley moved for recount: Recount results – no change.

Motion: I, Don Powers moved to allow coach and two players to sign tomorrow. Allen Bradley seconded.

I, Arthur Larson moved to amend to allow coach sign but not two players. Jesus Marchan seconded.

Vote on amendment result: Passed to allow coach sign but not two players.

MAIN MOTION: I, Don Powers moved to allow coach sign the form today. PASSED.

For team uniform color during NEAAD tournament will be based on agreement between two teams.

For Men's Basketball – seedings are as follow #1 Bridgeport, #2 North Shore, #3 Vermont.

For Women's Basketball – seedings are as follow:

Motion: I, David DelPizzo moved to have best 2 out of 3 women's championship series during NEAAD tournament. Anthony Cipriano seconded. PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

