Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc.



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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This Association formed the organization on March 2, 1946. This Association became the Certificate of Incorporation in the state of New York on June 8, 1981. This Association filed the Certificate of Amendment under Section 803 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law on February 23, 2004. This Association was approved by the Internal Revenue Service to be recognized for Section 501(c)(3) on March 23, 2004. The name of this Association shall be known as the Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, Incorporated (EAAD).

ARTICLE II

AFFILIATION

This Association may be affiliated with the United States of America Deaf Basketball, National Deaf Basketball Organization and National Softball Association of the Deaf serving similar goals and objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTS

The purpose of this Association is:

1. To foster and improve deaf athletics throughout its territory in accordance with the standards and under the rules and regulations prescribed by the national sport organization.
2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of the member clubs of the deaf.
3. To institute, regulate and award athletic championships of this Association.
4. To conduct annual regional basketball and softball championship tournaments.
5. To send the basketball and softball championship teams to represent this Association to annual national basketball and softball tournaments.
6. To establish regional goals, athletic activities and encourage attainment of the goals.

ARTICLE IV

TERRITORY

The basketball territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall include New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, DC, Canada, environs of Northern Virginia: counties

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of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun and Pennsylvania: except for the environs of the cities of Pittsburgh and Erie and North East territory.

The softball territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania with the exception of the environs of the cities of Pittsburgh and Erie, Delaware, the environs of Baltimore, Frederick and Montgomery counties in Maryland and the rest of Maryland, which the residents may choose to participate in this association or southeast regional.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUBSECTION 1(a). President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer of this Association shall be composed of the Executive Board.

SUBSECTION 1(b). The Executive Board shall be the management of the affairs and shall have the power to make decisions as it deems necessary for the betterment of this Association.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the affairs of this Association shall be vested to be Board of Directors composed of the executive Board, Publicity Director and Tournament Director who shall have the power to perform the check and balance with all officers' duties and have the power to make such decisions as it deems necessary for the betterment of this Association.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

The memberships shall be available to bona-fide clubs and team franchises who apply through proper channels on a voluntary basis and who agree to comply with this Association's Rules and Regulations

ARTICLE VIII

MEETING

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The regular meeting of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors shall be held at the time of the Championship Tournament. In the other time, the meeting shall be held by the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the Auditing Committee annually. The Vice President shall appoint individuals from this Association as the Law Committee annually.

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order*** shall govern this Association in all instances when they are applicable and not inconsistent with these by-laws and any other special rules the organization shall adopt.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

The Bylaws, Basketball, Softball and Hall of Fame may be amended, changed or rescinded by the delegates present and voting at the Delegates meeting at the time of Championship Tournament.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, all tangible assets shall be sold and all money after outstanding debts are paid, realized there from together with any other money remaining shall be given to the United States of America Deaf Basketball in which this Association is currently with to be held in trust for a minimum of five (5) years and turned over to a new or recurring eastern organization. In no case shall the appointed organizations be liable for any debts of this Association.

Revised by *March 13th, 2026*
Agron Deski; *Vice President, EAAD*

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership Requirements.

SUBSECTION 1(a). Qualified team franchise shall have organized and have a slate of officers and/or the management.

SUBSECTION 1(b). Team franchises in the territory shall be responsible fully by the team representative or its club acceptable to the executive Board.

SECTION 2. Membership Due.

SUBSECTION 2(a). Team franchise shall pay its renewal membership due of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for the Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf to the Secretary-Treasurer either before their 1st sanction invitational tournament or a date set by the Secretary-Treasurer on a yearly basis.

SUBSECTION 2(b). The Secretary-Treasurer shall be notified of this said team's representative of team status to retain the membership on or before a date set by the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 3. New Member.

New applicants, upon the approval of the Executive Board, shall pay an initial fee of One hundred Dollars ($100.00) for first year of membership to the Secretary-Treasurer and shall pay Fifty Dollars ($50.00) annually thereafter to the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Franchise Rejoins Association.

Team franchise failing to remit the annual renewal membership due after January 15th and wishing to apply for readmission into this Association shall follow procedure reserved for new members.

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ARTICLE II

DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Classes of Delegates.

SUBSECTION 1(a). There shall be five (5) classes of memberships: club delegates, team delegates, delegates-at-large, committee delegates and general chairperson along with the members of the Board of Directors.

SUBSECTION 1(b). Club delegates shall be appointed by his/her member club to represent it at the Delegates meeting at the time of the Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(c). Team delegate shall be appointed by his/her member team franchise to represent it at the Delegates meeting at the time of the Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(d). Each past officer of the Association and each past district President shall be entitled to attend the Delegates meeting as delegate-at-large, only if he/she is not attending the meeting as an officer of this Association, club delegate, team delegate or committee delegate.

SUBSECTION 1(e). The chairperson of the Championship Tournament shall be entitled to attend the Delegates meeting at the time of the Championship Tournament during his/her tenure.

SECTION 2. Delegate Rules.

SUBSECTION 2(a). The appointment of every delegate shall be in writing, duly certified by the secretary of member club or team franchise management presented to the Secretary-Treasurer at the Delegates meeting.

SUBSECTION 2(b). A delegate unable to attend a Delegates meeting may appoint an alternative from the club or team franchise represented.

SUBSECTION 2(c). Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote and shall have a voice at the meeting.

SUBSECTION 2(d). Tardy delegates who arrive at session more than thirty (30) minutes shall be fined five dollars ($5.00) and more than one hour shall be fined ten dollars ($10.00). They shall be allowed to replace the alternate delegate to take the floor for discussion of matters during the business session and shall be permitted to vote.

SUBSECTION 2(e). The timing of the comments in the meeting should be limited to three minutes.

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ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. EAAD Elected Officers.

SUBSECTION 1(a). The officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote of the Delegates at the time of Basketball Championship Tournament every year.

SUBSECTION 1(b). President, Tournament Director and Public Relations shall serve for a term of two (2) years based on odd years. Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall serve for a term of two (2) years, based on even years. The term shall be effective on June 1 through May 31.

SUBSECTION 1(c). Any officers of the Executive Board can participate in any sport sponsored by this Association or in any other region.

SUBSECTION 1(d). The officers shall be prohibited to hold office in the sport organization at the national level.

SUBSECTION 1(e). Any EAAD member of this organization for more than two years shall be eligible to run for an officer position.

SECTION 2. Sworn In.

The newly elected officers shall take the oath of office during the Basketball Championship Tournament at the gym before awards. The highest-ranking outgoing officer to the newly elected officer as follow shall administer the oath:

"Do you solemnly swear to uphold the rules and regulations of this Association, to faithfully perform the duties of your office to the best of your ability; to be firm, yet fair, to all to work diligently at all times toward the betterment of this Association?"

Each newly sworn officer is to respond affirmatively. In cases where no outgoing officer is, then a past Association officer may administer the oath.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES AND POWERS OF ELECTED EXECUTIVES BOARD

SECTION 1. President.

The President shall perform the following duties:

(i) Serve the chief executive and spokesperson.
(ii) Preside at the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Delegates meetings.

(iii) Assign duties to other EAAD officers and committees.
(iv) Perform other such duties pertaining to the office of the President.
(v) Represent this Association at applicable national sport organization meetings.
(vi) Monitor and enforce the provisions, objectives and purposes of this Association.
(vii) Make a status report of the meeting of the national sports organization he/she attends and forward the same to member clubs, Delegates, Board of Directors, and Executive Board of this Association within thirty days (30) days following the meeting of the national sports organization.

SECTION 2. Vice President.

The Vice President shall perform the following duties:

(i) Have the power to perform the duties of the President in the absence of the inability of the latter to act.
(ii) Serve as the Chairperson of the Law Committee.
(iii) Mail updated changes and corrections as well as the typo errors made in the Constitution and Bylaws, Basketball Guidelines, Softball Guidelines and EAAD Hall of Fame to member clubs, member team franchises, the Executive Board and Board of Directors within sixty (60) days following the Delegates meeting.

SECTION 3. Secretary-Treasurer.

In addition to duties specified by the Delegates, the Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the following duties:

(i) Serve as the Chairperson of the Law Committee in the absence of the Vice President.
(ii) Be bonded in such sum as the Delegates may from time to time determine by vote.
(iii) Keep minutes of all Association meetings, handling all correspondences for this Association and notify the member clubs, team franchises, Delegates and Board of Directors of the dates and times of all Association meetings.
(iv) Distribute copies of minutes of the Board of Directors and Delegates meeting to all delegates within thirty (30) days following the Board of Directors and Delegates meeting and thirty (30) days prior to the next Board of Directors and Delegates meeting.
(v) Keep all duplicate copies of all his/her correspondences for this Association.
(vi) Print registration cards for the Championship Tournament sessions and send the same to the chairperson of the next host prior to said Championship Tournament.
(vii) Collect all dues, created where applicable, from the clubs, teams and individuals.
(viii) Receive all money of this Association and pay bills approved by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.
(ix) Establish a bank account in the name of this Association of his/her residential city.
(x) Make all withdrawals and payments by bank check supported by vouchers and receipts and countersigned by the President.
(xi) Deposit receipts in the amount received and all deposits shall be supported by written evidence of source of the money.

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(xii) Submit a financial statement of audited or unaudited complete accounting of receipts and disbursements to the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Delegates at the Delegates meeting during the Championship Tournament.
(xiii) Submit the photocopy of the bank statement to the President monthly.

SECTION 4. Publicity Director.

The Publicity Director shall perform the following duties:

(i) Publicize the activities of this Association.
(ii) Chair the panel of the EAAD Hall of Fame.
(iii) Arrange adequate coverage of the Championship Tournament.
(iv) Keep his/her possession records and results of all Championship Tournaments.
(v) Oversee the EAAD Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony.
(vi) Write the results of the Championship tournament.
(vii) Be the editor of the EAAD newsletter.
(viii) Serve the chief authority of this Association's homepage on the Internet and social media.
(ix) Oversee and appoint a chairperson for Hall of Fame Awareness Day.

SECTION 5. Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director shall perform the following duties:

(i) Be the head official in full charge of the tournament.
(ii) Keep accurate records of individual statistics in Championship Tournament and submit copies to the Secretary-Treasurer for permanent files of this Association.
(iii) Provide an official scorekeeper with scorebooks, score sheets and necessary items.
(iv) Provide coaches instructions for selecting the all-star team in the Championship Tournament.
(v) Shall report the basketball statistics to the President, and Public Relations after the tournament within seven (7) days.
(vi) Preside at the Coaches meeting.
(vii) Shall not be permitted to be active in any events during the Basketball Championship Tournament.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARDS

The Executive Board shall, in addition to the duties and powers prescribed elsewhere in the Rules and Regulations, have power, and shall perform the following duties:

(i) Admit any qualified organization to this Association under the rules and regulations that they may deem proper.

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(ii) Remove any member of the Executive Board from office by a majority vote of Delegates for neglect of duty or conduct tending to impair his/her usefulness as a member of such board.
(iii) Appoint replacement to hold office (except the President) until the next election.
(iv) Explain, define and interpret provisions of the rules and regulations of this Association upon request of any members.
(v) Make photocopies of their official correspondence (letters, etc.) and submit copies to all parties to keep communications up to date.
(vi) Collect all money due to this Association and spend the same.
(vii) May take action by email or videophone concurrence by a majority of the members in the case of an emergency. Such action shall be noted in a special memo placed in the minute book and signed by the person obtaining such concurrence and shall be reported in the minutes of next meeting.
(viii) May conduct necessary actions by electronic reproduction written communication methods in between its meeting, later ratified in subsequent organizational meetings for the record.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARDS/DELEGATES MEETING

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors/Delegates Meeting.

SUBSECTION 1(a). The Board of Directors and Delegates meeting shall be held at the Championship Tournament site during the process of the Championship Tournament at such time as the President may designate.

SUBSECTION 1(b). The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail the notice of Board of Directors and Delegates meeting to the secretary of all member clubs, to all member team franchises and to all delegates of the Board of Directors and Delegates thirty (30) days prior to the Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(c). The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide a light refreshment at the delegates meeting.

SUBSECTION 1(d). A representative from each team/organization shall present at the delegates meeting otherwise a $20.00 fine will be in effect if they do not.

SECTION 2. Quorum.

At the Delegates meeting, a quorum shall consist of delegates from at least thirty percent (30%) the member clubs and team franchises.

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SECTION 3. Order of Meeting.

At the Board of Directors and Delegates meeting, the order of business shall pertain only to the subject of basketball and softball, depending on the type of Championship Tournament held at the time of the meeting. The following is order of business, as follows: (1) *Roll Call;* (2) *Approval of Previous Minutes of the Meeting;* (3) *Treasurer's Report;* (4) *President's Report;* (5) *Vice President's Report;* (6) *Secretary's Report;* (7) *Law Committee's Report;* (8) *Committees' Report;* (9) *Unfinished Business;* (10) *New Business;* (11) *Bidding for the Tournament Sites;* (12) *Elections;* (13) *Announcements;* and (14) *Adjournment.*

SECTION 4. Powers and Duties of Association.

SUBSECTION 4(a). On the recommendation of the Association by a two-third (2/3) vote may as follows:

(i) Suspend or bar a player, coach, manager or delegate to all Championship Tournament and/or meetings of this Association for unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct which tends to injure this Association and the orderly conduct of its meetings and/or tournament.

(ii) Determine any misconduct leading to a fine, which shall be paid, by him/her, his/her team franchise of his/her club. The respective club in this Association and its team shall be suspended from all activities until the fine is paid.

SUBSECTION 4(b). The Delegates shall decide all protests in this Association.

SUBSECTION 4(c). The Delegates shall make decisions on all matters arising in this Association.

SECTION 5. Parliamentarian.

The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian with the approval of the board of directors. The Parliamentarian shall represent at the Delegates meeting of the Championship Tournament.

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FINANCES

SECTION 1. Regional Fee.

This Association shall pay annually its renewal regional fee to the national sports organizations.

SECTION 2. Expenses of Elected Officers.

SUBSECTION 2(a). The expenses of five (5) elected officers of the Board of Directors to Championship Tournament site shall be paid out of the treasury of this Association and of the host sponsoring such tournament on a fifty-fifty (50-50) basis. For each officer, the reimbursement shall be limited to lodging expenses, which shall be provided and paid by the host.

SECTION 3. Expenses of the Delegates.

This Association shall not be held responsible for the transportation, lodging, lost-time compensation and combination ticket expenses incurred by delegates attending Board of Directors meetings.

SECTION 4. Officers' Honorariums.

SUBSECTION 4(a). The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of two hundred twenty-five dollars ($2.00) payable to the end of his/her term.

SUBSECTION 4(b). The President, Vice President, Public Director and Tournament Director shall receive an honorarium of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each payable to the end of his/her term.

SECTION 5. Registration Fee.

SUBSECTION 5(a). An individual registration fee of ten dollars ($10.00) at the Basketball Championship Tournament and eight dollars ($8.00) at the Softball Championship Tournament shall apply to all players, coaches, managers, athletic directors, Board of Directors, Executive Board, lifetime pass holders, local tournament committee, fans and guests.

SUBSECTION 5(b). The host shall remit new proceeds of individual registration fees to the Secretary-Treasurer immediately following the Championship Tournament on the same day.

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SECTION 6. Incomes and Expenses of This Association.

The receipts from all sources shall be devoted to defraying the expenses of this Association and for printing and other necessary expenses incurred by the Executive Board.

SECTION 7. Check.

The money shall be paid to this Association by check or electronically. Personal checks are allowed. Any bounced check shall be charged fifty dollars ($50.00) to the payee.

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COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. Auditing Committee.

SUBSECTION 1(a). The Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Director during the drawing of pairings meeting two (2) weeks before the Championship Tournament. Such appointed Auditing Committee members serve for a term of one (1) year, starting as of May 1 and terminating on April 30.

SUBSECTION 1(b). They shall audit and examine the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer at the Championship Tournament. They shall make the report during the meeting of the Board of Directors and Delegates. The Chairperson of the Auditing Committee shall have the sole responsibility for making a report in person at the Board of Directors and Delegates meeting.

SUBSECTION 1(c). The Auditing Committee shall also, on the order of the President, require the Secretary-Treasurer to turn over all checkbooks, books, papers, vouchers, bank statements and other records pertaining to his/her office to the Auditing Committee.

SECTION 2. Law Committee.

SUBSECTION 2(a). The Law Committee shall consist of the Vice President as chairperson and four (4) members appointed by the Vice President from this Association. Such appointed Law Committee members serve for a term of one (1) year, starting as of May 1 and terminating on April 30.

SUBSECTION 2(b). The chairperson shall rule on all questions pertaining to the Rules and Regulations of this Association.

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SUBSECTION 2(c). This Law Committee shall have authority to propose amendments of its own to the Rules and Regulations of this Association, subject to the approval of the Delegates.

SECTION 3. Special Committee.

For other special committees, as may be deemed necessary, the President shall determine and appoint the number of members with the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX

LIFETIME PASSES

The lifetime passes issued to all past Board of Directors who have served at least three (3) full terms in such capacity, the elected EAAD Hall of Famers and same players, coaches and managers winning three (3) consecutive EAAD Basketball and Softball Championships with same team shall entitle them to attend any sanctioned tournaments held by this Association with the exception of the EAAD Hall of Fame Ceremony.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. Change.

SUBSECTION 1(a). All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Law Committee Chair at least thirty (30) days before the date of the annual basketball and softball meetings.

SUBSECTION 1(b). No amendment shall be made to the Rules and Regulations at the Delegates meeting, except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.

SUBSECTION 1(c). Changes in Constitution and By-Laws and various guidelines, exception of the Softball Guideline may be made only during the Delegates meeting held at the time of the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(d). Changes in Softball Guidelines can be made only during the Delegates meeting held at the time of the Softball Championship Tournament.

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BASKETBALL GUIDELINE

ARTICLE I

EAAD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

SECTION 1. Date of EAAD Basketball Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(a). This Association shall hold its Basketball Championship Tournament between the last weekend of February and the middle of May at the host's convenience. The last game of the Basketball Championship Tournament shall be started no later than 3:00 PM, Sunday.

SUBSECTION 1(b). Such a date shall be announced by September 15th. If an announcement can't be made due to unforeseen circumstances - then to be determined.

SECTION 2. Bidding Host.

SUBSECTION 2(a). Selection of the Basketball Championship Tournament city shall be decided three (3) years in advance by ballot at the Delegates meeting at the time of the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 2(b). Only delegates armed with letters of authorization from the bidders on their stationary with their appropriate letterheads may speak in bid for the host.

SUBSECTION 2(c). The authorized delegates bidding shall be able to show consents from their clubs, using their clubs' stationery and letterheads; they shall have confirmations in writing as to hotel headquarters, gymnasium, ballrooms, breakfast or brunch for the EAAD Hall of Fame and meeting rooms for the Board of Directors, Delegates and Coaches meetings.

SUBSECTION 2(d). The club bidding for future host of the Basketball Championship Tournament shall have been a member of this Association for at least two (2) years and have a team in the previous year, host year and the following year. A winning bidder shall field its own basketball teams for men and/or women during its host year. A host failing to field its men's and/or women's teams in its host year and following year shall pay a two hundred-fifty-dollar ($200.00) fee each year to the Secretary-Treasurer.

SUBSECTION 2(e). After electing the winner a bid of the host of the Basketball Championship Tournament, the bidder shall deposit with the Secretary-Treasurer a sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00). Of this amount, one hundred dollars ($100.00) shall be a fee for holding such a Championship Tournament and

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two hundred dollars ($200.00) for a performance bond. The deposit shall be returned to the bidder if its bid is rejected or not acted upon.

SUBSECTION 2(f). A performance bond of two hundred dollars ($200.00) shall be a guarantee of compliance with agreed upon plans. The entire sum of this bond shall be returned intact to the host upon completion of the terms between this Association and the host.

SUBSECTION 2(g). The holding fee of one hundred dollars ($100.00) is nonrefundable if the host is rejected or not acted upon.

SUBSECTION 2(h). Under no circumstances, whatsoever, will any oral bids be considered.

SUBSECTION 2(i). Basketball Championship Tournament shall be hosted under EAAD regions.

SECTION 3. Host Withdraws and New Host.

In the event no new host is found within six (6) months prior to the Basketball Championship Tournament Date, EAAD will take over as the host of the Basketball Championship Tournament. The Tournament Director shall become the host chairperson.

SECTION 4. Host Responsibilities. (See Host Guideline)

SECTION 5. Scorekeepers and Statisticians.

SUBSECTION 5(a). The host shall provide at least four (4) qualified official scorekeepers to keep scores and two (2) statisticians for tabulation of the Basketball Championship Tournament statistics. This Association shall be responsible to compensate the scorekeepers and statisticians for their time.

SUBSECTION 5(b). The team delegates shall approve the list of qualified official scorekeepers submitted by the host at the Coaches meeting. The Tournament Director shall approve the name of the statisticians. The Tournament Director shall supervise the scorekeepers and statisticians.

SUBSECTION 5(c). Should the host be unable to provide the scorekeepers and statisticians, the Tournament Director shall appoint scorekeepers and statisticians and the host shall then pay the scorekeepers and statisticians. The scorekeeper and statistician shall be paid six dollars ($6.00) per game and twelve dollars ($12.00) per championship game.

SECTION 6. Trophies and Awards.

SUBSECTION 6(a). The host shall acquire trophies and awards from men and women each and the President shall present trophies as follows:

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(i) First through fifth places
(ii) Each team in order to recognize each team to receive at least one All-Star Players
(iii) Most Valuable Player
(iv) Coach of the Tournament
(v) Team Sportsmanship
(vi) Most Outstanding Player
(vii) Rookie of the Year
(viii) Defensive Player of the Tournament
(ix) Sixth Man of the Tournament

In the event of seven (7) or less teams participating, the Tournament Director and host shall determine the number of the trophies.

SUBSECTION 6(b). All-star selection shall be based solely on the players' performance and statistics in the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SECTION 7. Championship Teams.

The championship teams representing the winners of the Basketball Championship Tournament that shall participate in the national basketball tournament shall be reimbursed as follows:

(i) The championship team shall receive based on the number of teams participating in the Basketball Championship Tournament. However, other teams may receive prizes depending on the number of teams: If there are more than 13 teams, the top 5 teams will receive prizes; if there are 10–12 teams, the top 4 teams will receive prizes; if there are 7–9 teams, the top 3 teams will receive prizes; if there are 4–6 teams, prizes will be awarded to the top 2 teams. If there are 3 or fewer teams, the winner takes all.

(ii) To measure the amount of prize: The winners of 1-5 places, as follows: 1st 45%, 2nd %, 3rd 15%, 4th 10% and 5th 5%. The winners of 1-4 places, as follows: 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 15% and 4th 5%. The winners of 1-3 places, as follows: 1st 50%, 2nd 30% and 3rd 20%. The winners of 1-2 places, as follows: 1st 65% and 2nd 35%. (2020)

SECTION 8. Seeding and Drawing Regulations.

SUBSECTION 8(a). The top four (4) seeds in the EAAD Basketball Championship Tournament shall be determined based on regional results and team performance within their respective EAAD regions. The remaining teams participating in the tournament shall be seeded either:

- Through a random draw, or
- Based on their overall season records, as determined by the tournament committee.

SUBSECTION 8(b). Any protests should be made seven (7) days prior to the Championship Tournament date to the Tournament Director.

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SECTION 9. Special-Rate Passes.

SUBSECTION 9(a). Up to fifteen (15) participants per team, each shall pay twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for admission fee and registration fees before the game is started.

SUBSECTION 9(b). Delegate-at-large and Delegates attending the Delegates meeting at the Basketball Championship Tournament shall pay twenty dollars ($20.00) before the Delegates meeting is started.

SUBSECTION 9(c). EAAD lifetime pass holders shall pay the registration fee only. They shall pay the admissions to the EAAD Hall of Fame if they chose to attend.

SUBSECTION 9(d). Current officers of the Board of Directors shall pay ten dollars ($10.00) for the registration fees and the passes shall be good to all functions of the Basketball Championship Tournament and related events.

SECTION 10. Coaches Meeting.

SUBSECTION 10(a). The Coaches meeting shall be held after Delegates meetings at such time as the President may designate.

SUBSECTION 10(b). The coaches meeting shall consist of the coaches, managers and representatives of the teams participating in the Basketball Championship Tournament. The team shall send one (1) representative and alternate.

SUBSECTION 10(c). The Coaches Meeting shall be presided by the Tournament Director.

SECTION 11. Referees.

SUBSECTION 11(a). The Host club must hire the certified referees only (2) referees per game. The International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO), National Federation of State High School Association (NFSHSA) or Deaf Basketball Official (DBO) must recognize the referees. There shall be no discrimination of deaf, hearing, his/her race, color, religion, age or national origin.

SECTION 12. Grievance.

Any club or team member that makes a formal grievance against another club or team member shall type the complaint through email directly to the Tournament Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and President. The person who makes the complaint also shall email a copy of the report to the club or team member that the person is filing a complaint against.

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ARTICLE II

CONDITIONS OF COMPLETION

SECTION 1. Rules and Regulations of the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 1(a). The conditions of competition and the rules governing the Basketball Championship Tournament given by this Association shall be those prescribed in the rules and regulations of the national basketball organization association, except as otherwise herein provided.

SUBSECTION 1(b). A gymnasium shall have a suitable floor in an excellent condition, not less than 94' x 50' in size with good lighting, shot clocks, (if, it applies) and electric scoreboard.

SUBSECTION 1(c). All games shall abide by alike NCAA rules with EAAD's basketball uniform policy.

SUBSECTION 1(d). All tournament games regulations not outlined in the Rules and Regulations of this Association shall be followed as outlined in the official book of the Official National Collegiate Guide of Basketball.

SECTION 2. Uniform.

SUBSECTION 2(a). Competing team's players shall wear complete and matching uniforms consisting jerseys and shorts. Jerseys shall have numbers, six inches (6") high on the back four inches (4") high on the front. Undergarments of any kind extending beyond the seams of jerseys and shorts shall be the same color as the uniform. Teams shall bring two (2) matched sets of uniforms; one light and one dark and the following numbers are legal: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10 to 15, 20 to , 30 to 35, 40 to 45 and 50 to 55. If the team fails to follow these rules, that team shall be fined fifty dollars ($50.00) once.

SUBSECTION 2(b). A team jersey designed to be worn inside the pants shall be tucked inside the pants and pants shall be above the hips and worn properly.

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ARTICLE III

ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. Discrimination.

No discrimination toward any athlete on the basis of race, nationality, sex, color, religion or creed.

SECTION 2. Team Eligibility Rules.

SUBSECTION 2(a). The team shall represent bona-fide members of this Association.

SUBSECTION 2(b). The team shall first be a member of this Association before it becomes a member of the national basketball organization in order to participate in any of the current year's regional and national tournaments.

SECTION 3. Player Eligibility Rules.

SUBSECTION 3(a). Players representing a team shall be deaf or hard of hearing and shall be bona fide members of their member club or independent team before signing the registration forms.

SUBSECTION 3(b). A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 dB or greater in the better ear to be eligible. This is in accordance with the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) Bylaws.

SUBSECTION3(c). Players shall have attended a school for program for the deaf, whether residential or day, oral, or combined, as listed in the yearly reports of the American Annals of the Deaf, for a period of at least two (2) years. In deserving cases, exceptions to this rule can be made by each region but on at its annual meeting. Such a deserving player shall have been a member of a member club or an independent team for a period of one (1) year before his eligibility becomes effective.

SUBSECTION 3(d). Hearing persons shall not play on any national organization member team in any regional or national tournament. Teams desiring to have hearing coaches shall be permitted to do so.

SUBSECTION 3(e). Any high school student/player shall not play for any EAAD team in the same academic year unless he has exhausted his high school eligibility. No one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play.

SUBSECTION 3(f). Any college student who practiced with, suited up with or played for a collegiate team at any time during the college basketball season shall not be eligible to play for any EAAD team during that same season, in

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accordance with NCAA regulations.

SUBSECTION 3(g). Each regional organization member team shall be allowed only one (1) CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) player in any regional or national tournament.

SUBSECTION 3(h). Each team franchise shall be permitted to sign up to three (3) free agent players for participation in the EAAD Basketball Championship Tournament. A free agent player is defined as a player who is not originally rostered with the team franchise within the EAAD region. This rule aligns with the policy established by the National Deaf Basketball Organization (NDBO).

SECTION 4. Player Residency Rules.

Any player whose residency, place of employment, or attendance at an educational institution is questionable shall show proof thereof within the respective region to the Regional Secretary. At least three valid proofs shall be a current driver's license, utilities (cable, internet, electricity, gas and water), student enrollment verification, transcript and documentation, which provides such proof of residency within that region for at least thirty (30) days. The region shall resolve disputes regarding player residence and send final approval of the appropriate National Commissioner prior to March 1st.

SECTION 5. Eligible to Participate at the Basketball Championship Tournament.

The team shall have taken part in at least one (1) game against another team actively engaged in competition. For the purpose of this section, league teams and club teams (deaf or otherwise) are accepted. Teams are required to participate and physically complete at least one tournament with the minimum of five players. Forfeits are no longer considered as participation, therefore they cannot qualify for regionals until they participate. Pick up teams shall not classify as being actively engaged in basketball competition. With the exception of women's teams, if there are two or more tournaments, teams must have taken part in at least one (1) game.

SECTION 6. Protest.

SUBSECTION 6(a). Protest regarding eligibility of team or its player shall be made at the Delegates meeting before the start of the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SUBSECTION 6(b). His/her coach shall be prepared to present evidence of the status of the player's good standing if challenged.

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SECTION 7. Violation of the Eligibility Rule.

SUBSECTION 7(a). Violation of these rules shall cause club, team and/or player to be suspended up to a period of two (2) years determined by the Executive Board. This Association shall be allowed to impose fines as approved by the Executive Board.

SUBSECTION 7(b). The President shall immediately suspend member club and team franchises permitting the use of players who are not eligible, and the case shall be presented to the Executive Board for further debate.

SECTION 8. Contact and Agreement.

No contract or agreement between a team franchise and a player shall be recognized. Only the official registration form shall be used as evidence in case of dispute over a player.

ARTICLE IV

REGISTRATION

SECTION 1. Open Date for Registration.

SUBSECTION 1(a). The Secretary-Treasurer shall send the official registration forms to the member team franchise of this Association before December 1st.

SUBSECTION 1(b). Official registration forms shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer for approval, postmarked by the third Sunday of January.

SUBSECTION1(c). A club may be permitted to register more than one (1) men's/women's team.

SUBSECTION 1(d). Any team submitting registration forms without uniform numbers after the third Sunday of January shall be fined Fifty Dollars ($50.00) and will still be allowed to register for the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SECTION 2. Qualified for the National Basketball Championship Tournament.

The team is required to participate in the Basketball Championship Tournament before entering the national basketball championship tournament.

SECTION 3. Registration Rules.

SUBSECTION 3(a). Players shall be a member of the team of this Association in order to sign an official registration form and in order to participate in the Basketball

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Championship Tournament and national basketball championship tournament. Individual shall affix his/her name in his/her handwriting. No proxy signature shall be accepted on these forms. Players shall register with his/her member team of this Association before the third Sunday of January. (postmarked)

SUBSECTION 3(b). Coaches shall be responsible for the signatures and other information of his/her players on the official registration forms. Athletes who have been abused, threatened or given intentionally misleading information by the coach for the purpose of defrauding the player and the region for personal or club gain, shall have the right to lodge a complaint in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer. Such individuals found guilty by the Executive Board shall be suspended for a period of not more than two (2) years.

SUBSECTION 3(c). The team registration form, including any replacement player(s), shall be locked on February 15th. No additional players or roster changes shall be permitted after this date.

SUBSECTION 3(d). A team who fails to pay players registration fee after the deadline shall be fined twenty five dollars ($25.00) per week until February 15th.

SUBSECTION 3(e). For those teams who have less than 7 registered players, and want to add a player on the roster list after the subsection 3(c) deadline, the fee shall be thirty ($30.00).

SECTION 4. Participating Teams and Players.

SUBSECTION 4(a). A Competing team shall be permitted with a minimum of five (5) players on the floor with a maximum of fifteen (15) players provided that team with a minimum of players on the floor has at least eight (8) registered players listed on the official registration form.

SUBSECTION 4(b). Players, coaches and managers participating in the Basketball Championship Tournament shall carry their own health and accident insurance at no cost to this Association.

SECTION 5. Athletic Liability Release and Waiver Form.

SUBSECTION 5(a). Players, coaches, managers, scorekeepers and water persons shall sign the Athletic Liability Release and Waiver Forms. Failure to sign this Athletic Liability Release and Waiver Forms shall make him/her ineligible to participate in the competitions during the application season.

SUBSECTION 5(b). Pregnant players shall be permitted to play at her doctor's discretion upon signing of a waiver form.

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SECTION 6. Entry Fee.

SUBSECTION 6(a). Entry form shall be accompanied by the sum of non-refundable two hundred dollars ($200.00)

SUBSECTION 6(b). Entry form shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by January 31st.

SUBSECTION 6(c). Entry fee shall be in a single fee for one package.

SUBSECTION 6(d). A team who fails to pay a team entry fee after the deadline shall be fined twenty five dollars ($25.00) per week until February 15th.

SECTION 7. Additional Rules.

Additional rules regarding the tournament shall be determined at the Delegates meeting at the time of the Basketball Championship Tournament.

SECTION 8. Conduct.

SUBSECTION 8(a). Athletic Directors, coaches and captains shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams ON and OFF the gym floor during the Basketball Championship Tournament. In the event of neglect, riot or other non-sportsmanship conduct, the Executive Board, after giving the case a thorough investigation, shall be empowered to enforce a fine or suspension.

SUBSECTION 8(b). Any officers, chairperson, scorekeepers, referees, and committees receiving any verbal abuse, physical abuse, temper tantrums, bullying and outburst of rage from individuals shall be asked to leave the premises for the rest of the tournament.

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ARTICLE V

SUSPENSION

SECTION 1. Debt.

SUBSECTION 1(a). Member teams may make a request to suspend its former player from playing for another member team of this Association with the player owing the former team one hundred dollars ($100.00) or more excluding membership dues. Documents and the written request for the suspension shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer who has verified the documents and found them in order. Once suspended, the player may be reinstated upon the payment of the debt in full to the former team, providing that a copy of the receipt is furnished to the Secretary-Treasurer.

SUBSECTION 1(b). Players suspended by this Association shall be barred from participating in any regional event for that period in which the suspension is in effect. Such suspension shall be reported to the national basketball organization within ten (10) days after conclusion of the Delegates meeting and copies of the report shall be sent to each regional President.

SUBSECTION 1(c). Member teams of this Association shall not engage in basketball activity with teams under suspension by this Association.

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HALL OF FAME GUIDELINE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc. (“EAAD”) Hall of Fame shall be to honor those who have displayed exceptional performance or service to the deaf in the world of sports as athletes, coaches, leaders, writers and officials.

EAAD HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS CRITERIA

NOMINATORS

- Any interested individual or group may name candidates for the EAAD Hall of Fame.
- The nominator's name shall not be disclosed.
- It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to supply supporting materials.
    - A summary of the nominee’s qualifications shall be prepared and included with the nomination. The summary should include nominee’s history, year by year contribution (teams played for, special recognition, roles taken & etc.)
    - Failure to submit complete information shall result in rejection of the nomination for consideration.

NOMINEES

- Persons who are nominated shall be deaf or hard of hearing and shall be nominated based on their outstanding performances, integrity, sportsmanship, and character. No consideration shall be given to race, religion, creed, gender, or geographical residence.
- Persons who are nominated shall be at least 35 years old.
- Players shall have played for the EAAD region teams for at least 5 years.
- Coaches shall have been active in the coaching profession for at least ten years.
- Leaders and writers shall have contributed at least ten years of service to sports.
- Officials shall have been certified or accredited by a National Governing Body in basketball and shall have worked as an official of organized sports competition for at least fifteen years.
- The EAAD Hall of Fame, Awards and Recognition Committee, at its discretion, may elect “veteran” individuals whom they conclude are qualified for membership in the EAAD Hall of Fame but who may have previously been overlooked for nomination.
- No elected officer of the EAAD shall be eligible for nomination to the EAAD Hall of Fame while still in office.

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NOMINATION FORMS

The nomination form is available in this document. See below.

DEADLINE

The EAAD Director of the Hall of Fame will determine the deadline to submit nominations and votes on a yearly basis.

VOTING

Ballots with summaries shall be put together by the EAAD Hall of Fame Committee. Ballots will be distributed among the Hall of Fame Election Panel. The Election Panel consists of Hall of Fame committees, the Executive Board, and appointed individuals from the community.

Before voting begins, the Election Panel shall review the nominees and use this time to converse about each nominee.

Voting will be conducted by secret ballot to ensure authenticity of each panel member's opinion.

Nominees must have 80% of the Election Panel's vote. When a quorum is present, the vote must be 80% for the nominee to be inducted (i.e. shall the Panel have 7 people, the nominee must have 6 votes).

Nominees' vote can be revisited at the end of election if at least one of Election Panel members deem necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Selections are announced on a yearly basis.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The honors and presentation of the EAAD Hall of Fame awards shall be a separate special event to honor the inductees. Location and time shall be organized by the EAAD Director of Hall of Fame.

The inductee shall receive a citation in the form of the plaque in recognition of his/her achievement and EAAD Lifetime Pass.

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COMMITMENT

The EAAD Director of Hall of Fame shall have full control of the EAAD Hall of Fame program book and guest speaker.

The EAAD Director of Hall of Fame shall be responsible for keeping an orderly file on all nominations and supporting materials, for seeing that photographs and citations are permanently enshrined and for passing all materials on to their successors.

HOF EVENT SEATS SELECTION

The host and director of the Hall of Fame shall reserve seats in the order as follows: EAAD Officers; Former EAAD Hall of Fame Recipients; Delegates-at-Large; Member Club Delegates; Inductees; and Fans.

EXPENSES

The inductee shall be given a free combination ticket at no cost to this Association and, if present, his/her spouse or companion shall receive the combination ticket paid for by this Association.

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Revised By: January 20th, 2020
Peter Badavas, Public Relations/Hall of Fame Director

Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf

Hall of Fame Nominee Form

Nominee's Full Name: _____Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Contact information (email and VP): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Hometown: _____

School(s) Attended: _____

Amount of years contributed to EAAD: _____

Circle all that apply:

Leader Officer Player Coach

Please fill out nominee's history with EAAD below:

Year	**Team**	
(Example) 1946	*Union League*	*3rd Place, 2nd Team All Star*
(Example) 1948	*EAAD Vice President*	*Tournament Chairperson*

Add any additional information about this nominee below (Add papers if you need extra space to write):

Nominated by: _____

Submit your nominations to eaadbball@gmail.com

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