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Dear Region Secretaries,

On behalf of the USADB Executive Board, we hope that your region have had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin another season of exciting USADB basketball.

We are sending to you the following USADB information early so that your region may prepare for the upcoming season as follow:

1. **National Tournament Site:** Due to unexpected circumstances within USADB executive board, our Tournament Director is working diligently to locate a tournament site that has proper gym facilities with four wooden courts. More information will be forth coming and will be announced on our website. The price of the combo tickets will also be posted on the USADB website as soon as possible.
2. **Website:** USADB is pleased to announce a brand new website and its address is www.usadb.us. The website is still under construction, but we add information to it on a continuous basis. We have added ASL Vlogs on the website for our members and viewers to view the information posted in ASL. Should you have any feedback or comments, we welcome them, and they can be emailed to commish@usadb.us.
3. **USADSF:** The relationship between the USADB and USADSF remains the same since the re-affiliation of USADSF was voted and agreed at the USADB House of Delegates meeting during the USADB National Tournament in Indianapolis, IN in April 5, 2007. USADSF has reduced their \$16.00 memberships/insurance program fees to \$5.00. This allows the USADB take a larger role in overseeing its National Sports Organization (NSO) growth and development.
4. **Insurance:** Since USADSF no longer provide liability insurance policies for our teams, hence, it is imperative that each team/region/invitational host purchase insurance coverage to protect their teams and organizations from any liability during practices and tournaments. See our website for the insurance forms and further information. We purchase our insurance coverage through USSSA who acts as our insurance liaison with Chappell Insurance, the actual insurance provider. Send Insurance forms to USADB Treasurer, Tim Theis, PO Box 11633 Austin, TX 78711.
5. **Team Formats:** The "Sweet 16" men and "Top 12 Elite" women format will again be used. Eight men/women champions and 8 men/women 2nd place teams will be competing for the national championship.
6. **Region Packet:** Attached to this cover letter you will find the following documents:
 - a. 2009 Team Registration Guidelines (make one copy for each team)
 - b. 2009 Team Registration Form (make one copy for each team)
 - c. 2009 Code of Ethics and Liability Waiver (**print** on back of Team Registration form)
 - d. 2009 Region Sanction Checklist (new – for region use only)
7. **Team Distribution:** For each team in your region tournament, please provide them with a copy of the Team Registration Guideline and Team Registration Form (with Code of Ethics and Liability Waiver printed on back).
8. **Region Tournament Sanction:** Please print the Region Sanction Checklist, complete the form, and return this form to the USADB Treasurer by February 1st 2009.

Best of luck and have a great basketball season!

The USADB Board

