

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE FOURTEEN. USADB National Tournament Rules

14.01 - ELIGIBILITY RULES.

1. No Discrimination toward any athlete on the basis of race, nationality, sex, color, religion or creed.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --

14.02 - TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES.

1. Each team shall be a member of the USADB through its regional association as outlined in the bylaws, Article 1, Section 3 in order to participate in any of the current year's regional and national tournaments.
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14.03 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. 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.
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2. 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.
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3. Players shall have attended a school or 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 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.

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4. Hearing persons shall not play on any USADB member team in any regional or national tournament. Teams desiring to have hearing coaches shall be permitted to do so.

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5. Any high school student/player shall not play for any USADB 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.

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6. 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 USADB team during that same season, in accordance with NCAA regulations.

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14.04 - PLAYER RESIDENCY RULES:

- i. 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 and documentation which provides such proof of residency within that region for at least thirty (30) days. Region shall resolve disputes regarding player residence and send final approval of the appropriate USADB Commissioner prior to February 15th.

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14.05 - PROTESTS.

1. Any protest regarding the eligibility of any team or any player shall be made before the start of any regional or national tournament.

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14.06 - VIOLATIONS OF THE ELIGIBILITY RULES.

1. Any violation of these rules shall result in the suspension of the member club/independent teams and/or the player for a period one (1) year. This suspension shall be for both regional and national tournaments. Region shall be allowed to impose fines as approval by the USADB Executive Board.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --

1. Any player who is suspended by region or USADB, have the right to appeal under USADB Bylaws, Chapter Twelve, Grievance Procedures.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --

14.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

1. The USADB secretary or Treasurer shall supply each regional Secretary-(Treasurer) with a sufficient number of yearly dated blank official team's registration, USADB GUIDELINES OF USADB TOURNAMENT RULES, and waiver forms on or before October 1. The regional association or any USADB team members thereof shall not be allowed to devise or make use of any other type of player's registration form as such shall be considered invalid.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
2. A member club or an independent team may be permitted to register more than one (1) team in regional or national tournaments.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
3. The annual team registration fee shall be determined, in Section 13.04, for regional tournaments and national tournaments.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
4. The annual player registration fee shall be determined, in Section 13.04, for USADB membership and USADSF membership fees. The USADB membership fee and the USADSF membership fee shall be collected from each individual player, coach, and other participant who is listed on the team registration form.
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5. All official player registration forms, team fees, and/or surcharge fees shall be received by the USADB Treasurer by February 15. Failure to do so shall be subjected to a fine of \$100.00 to the region.
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6. All team registration forms shall be mailed to regional secretaries by February 1. Regional secretaries shall keep the team registration forms packets with postmarked to be mailed to USADB Treasurer.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
7. Any team who submitted the USADB registration form with USADB teams fee, USADB player membership fees and/or region team fee (surcharge fees), after February 1 (postmarked), shall not be allowed to play in the regional tournaments or national tournament. This rule shall not be suspended for any reason.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
8. All basketball guidelines as sent from the USADB Secretary to regional secretaries are binding.
-- Effective 4/05/2006 --
9. All teams are required to participate in their regional tournaments before entering the USADB National Basketball Tournament as regional championship team and inviting teams determined by BPAC.
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10. The USADB membership shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
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11. Any removal of names on the USADB registration form shall be subjected to a fine of \$10.00 per line to the team. Regional secretaries shall collect this fine before allowing team in question to play in the regional tournament. The fine shall go to USADB general fund.
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14.08 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM & PLAYER REGISTRATION RULES:

1. All forms, team pictures and all fees are due to the USADB Secretary no later than 72 hours after their respective regional tournament. If any team fails to do that, they shall be subjected to a fine, in amount as determined in Section 13.04. The fine shall be paid in full before they can participate in the USADB National Tournament.
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2. The maximum of 12 players and 3 (coach, assistant coach, statistician, and/or manager) shall be enforced.
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3. If there are no runner-up team from any region, decide not to participate the USADB National Tournament, BPAC have the right to pick any third place teams from other region to replace the runner-up team, as at-large team.
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14.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE:

1. The BPAC and the USADB Men's and Women's Player Representatives shall agree by majority vote on the seeding of teams entering the national tournament.
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2. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner-up and at large teams shall be seeded 9th through 16th.
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3. No two teams from same region shall meet in the first two rounds of the tournament unless third team from any given region is added and will be seeded at-large.
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