



USA Deaf Sports Federation

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To whom this may concern,

This letter is to recognize the USADB as the official offshoot of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) basketball program and annual national basketball tournament.

According to the history of AAAD on our website "The Akron Club of the Deaf in Ohio sponsored the first national basketball tournament in 1945, at which time it established the American Athletic Union of the Deaf. The organization was later renamed the American Athletic Association of the Deaf, and in 1997, the USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF)."

The AAAD was restructured to follow the US Olympic Committee organizational model. In May 1995, the AAAD basketball program and national tournament founded by Thomas C. Elliott and Arthur Kruger were transferred to the newly established national sports organization formerly known as Deaf Basketball Association (DBA) after ratification by the House of Delegates at the AAAD annual meeting in April 1995. The transition became official on May 1, 1995. The name, DBA, then was changed to USA Deaf Basketball (USADB).

USADSF recognizes the USADB as the sole governing body of basketball for the deaf in the United States. USADB is also affiliated with USA Basketball, USA Deaf Sports Federation and the Deaf International Basketball Federation.

Sincerely,

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President