

November 8, 2015

Dearest EAAD community,

When the weather turns cool, the leaves are falling, and the smell of the apple cider in the air shows that the season of fall is here! However, it also represent that the basketball season is just around the corner and I am very excited to get the ball rolling! Lexington Alumni Association had kicked off the season by hosting the first invitational tournament of the season. Congratulations to D.M.V. for nabbing the title and LAA for their hard work to host a successful tournament.

Please take your time to read everything here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail eaadsectreas@gmail.com, and please share your availability to set up a time to go on VP.

If you are interested in hosting an invitational basketball tournament, please contact me to check the date availability and send the information/flyer in order to receive my approval. You will need to pay \$100.00 for sanction fee that is liability insurance for your tournament. I will give you the liability form after I have approved the flyer, information, and date along with the check or money order of \$100.00. The form can be found on: <http://www.eaad.us/sanctionform.html>

North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, (NJCCD) will host the EAAD Regional Basketball Tournament 2016 in Northern New Jersey. After explaining the wishes I had for the next regional tournament, NJCCD was kind enough to find us two basketball courts for the upcoming tournament, and I cannot begin to express how much we truly do appreciate their dedication to ensure that we will have two instead of one! I have attached the flyer in this e-mail, but there is another hotel specifically for the players only for a cheaper rate. Please contact me to obtain the address and hotel code for the second hotel. This is not for the public to use. The hotel on the flyer is EAAD's headquarter for the delegates meeting and emergencies.

All of the teams must play in the regional basketball tournament prior to entering the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) tournament that will happen in April of 2015. The tournament will be hosted in St. Louis, MO on April 28th-30th, 2015. Please see me to get USADB 2016 Region and Team Packets forms at the regional tournament if you are interested in going to the USADB's national tournament. You cannot submit the form on your own, the form requires my signature, and please do see me to get the forms.

The first deadline of the season is to fill out the membership form and be affiliated with the EAAD. The perks of being a member of the EAAD are that you will be insured by our liability insurance. You will be able to raise your opinion at the delegates meeting. On the top of this, you will be able to host invitational tournaments by using EAAD's liability insurance rather than to get on your own. I have attached the membership form in this e-mail and the deadline is **December 31st, 2015**.

You will need to fill out the following forms: *Delegate Registration Form*, *EAAD Team Registration Form*, and *EAAD regional tournament registration form* to pay the team entry fee for the EAAD tournament.

Delegate Registration Form

<http://www.eaad.us/delegateform.html>

We will have a meeting on the day before the basketball tournament, March 11th, and please do fill out who will be representing your team. There will be a \$20.00 fee to participate in the meeting. Please sign and submit the delegate form by **Feb. 15, 2016** to attend the delegate meeting. If you wish to not

participate, you need to communicate with me, but your team will be ineligible to bid for the next tournament OR file an appeal during the tournament weekend, It is imperative for us to have you participate in the meeting to receive all of the information you need to prepare for the tournament. You can contact me if you need any questions, and remember this requires (1) delegate in the meeting.

I strongly encourage you to read the Constitution and by laws on the website to be familiar with the organization and to take your time to think of a new motion. If you wish to make a new motion, please e-mail me your motion no later than **February 8, 2016**, and I will provide you assistance if you need one.

EAAD Team Registration Form

EAAD Team Registration Form can be found attached in this e-mail.
Please do print this out.

– This form should include all of the coaches, players, managers, scorekeepers names, and their signatures. Please print clearly the names and addresses on the form. The EAAD form will apply to EAAD basketball tournament and USADB basketball tournament. The form is due by **February 3rd, 2016**. Teams who submit registration forms after Feb. 1st, shall be fined \$50.00 and allowed to register for the EAAD tournament, but registrations will not be accepted after **Feb. 15th, 2016**. Please remember to collect \$20.00 per person on the form to pay for the tournament fee.

– Each player must be Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

– No more than 15 players, coaches, and managers may be listed on the official form by a team prior to participation in the championship tournament game.

– All members of a basketball team must wear complete and matching uniforms consisting of jerseys and shorts. Jerseys must have numbers at least 6 inches high on the back and 4 inches on the front. Undergarments of any kind extending beyond the seams of jersey and shorts shall be same color as the uniforms. Each team must have 2 matching set of uniforms, one light and one dark.

EAAD Regional Tournament Registration Fee Payment Form

Please find the document attached in this e-mail to register your team for the tournament and the entry fee of \$200.00. The form is due by **February 15th, 2016**.

Form

Deadline

Membership/Insurance Form	December 31 st , 2015
Team Registration Form	February 3 rd , 2016
Motions	February 8 th , 2016
EAAD Regional Team Entry Form	February 15 th , 2016
Delegates Registration Form	February 15 th , 2016

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