



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

2012 National Softball Association of the Deaf  
Las Vegas, NV August 2-5, 2012  
Reported by Lorrie Shank, MAAD Commissioner

There were 24 men's teams, 6 women's teams and 14 coed's teams playing in NSAD Tournament in Las Vegas during August 2-5, 2012 with 553 fans. The weather was extremely hot with over 100 degrees.

There were 6 MAAD teams that played in NSAD which are:

### Men's (2 teams)

Sioux Falls-CSD Blue Sox won 4<sup>th</sup> place (All-Stars - Jacobly Anderson and Jacob Browning).

Olathe Reapers won 5<sup>th</sup> place (All-Star-Mike Wiesner).

### Women's (1 team)

Midwest Runnin' Rebels won the women's championship (All-Stars - Nancy Moore, Michelle Malcolm, Mollie Easter, Barbara Servalli, Angela Kuehn, Leigh Statler; MVP - Honesty Powell; Coach of Tournament – Steve Williamson; Batting Avg – Michelle Malcolm; Golden Glove – Michelle Malcolm; Most Outstanding Player – Nancy Moore)

### Coed's (3 teams)

NEWB won 3<sup>rd</sup> place (All-Stars – Shane Winkenwader, Bradley Vickers, Andrea Smith and Michelle Heathington).

Minn DeafJacks' in 5<sup>th</sup> place and St Louis Mavens won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Bracket B.

At the Softball Council's Meeting, Brian Van Bavel (from Olathe Reapers) was male representative for MAAD along with me as region commissioner. There were only 3 player representatives out of 16.

Below are descriptions of some of the motions that will affect MAAD:

- 1) NSAD Softball Council shall be represented by Executive Board and Board of Directors (region officers) which means no longer includes player representatives.
- 2) MAAD made a proposal to include 8 counties in East St. Louis, Illinois under MAAD and CAAD's delegates rejected this proposal.
- 3) ESAD moved that NSAD seceded all regions with setting up AD-HOC committee.  
This is not the purpose to close the regions as want to allow regions to have open-invitational tournaments (where any teams can go) and possibility of setting up 4 sections to have tournament before attending NSAD (for earning points to be seeded at NSAD). AD-HOC committee was set up with 7 members to study how this will work where regions no longer members of NSAD. The proposal from AD-HOC will be brought up at 2013 NSAD Softball Council for final votes. (Lorrie Shank, MAAD Commissioner, is on this AD-HOC committee)

- 4) Recognize Wyoming as a free state. Referred to Law Committee
- 5) Remove 'Hearing Parents of deaf child and family members' and 'Direct Service Provider' from Hearing Glossary (only CODA/SODA and spouse/partner are considered as 'hearing')
- 6) NSAD should allow residents of Canada, Cuba, Mexico and the Caribbean within their time zone to play in the regional and NSAD tournaments (will not considered as 'free agent')
- 7) Region's responsible to get teams registered with either ASA, USSSA, ISA or NSA organization with given time for advance which means NSAD will need to announce which association they will affiliate by February 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8) Attendance by all men's, women's and coed teams in their regional, if there are 4 or more divisions teams, before attending NSAD. (means team must show up at regional tournament)
- 9) Free agents for women only – 1 any age, 1 over 30 years old, 1 over 40 years old
- 10) CODA/SODA or spouse/partner DO NOT need to be reside in his/her region but will be considered as free agent if from different region.

Please check the NSAD's meeting minutes at [www.nsad.org](http://www.nsad.org) to review other motions.

2013 NSAD Tournament might be in Maryland but will confirm in November when NSAD reserves the fields.

MAADily yours,

Lorrie Shank, MAAD Commissioner