



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

Press Release from Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc. (MAAD)

MAAD announced that Leonard Hall (attorney) has filed a petition against National Deaf Basketball Organization (NDBO) in the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas on March 23rd.

MAAD is one of the six affiliated region members of NDBO. The region members are also members of the NDBO board of directors which controls and manages NDBO.

In March, 2012, NDBO announced on its website that two new region organizations, Western Basketball Association of the Deaf (WBAD) and Eastern Basketball Association of the Deaf (EBAD), have joined NDBO. It is apparently an attempt to set up two region organization to compete with two affiliated members of NDBO - FAAD and EAAD.

One source stated that Midwest Basketball Association of the Deaf (MBAD) may be established by NDBO, which would seriously impact MAAD and its regional basketball tournament.

According to the its 2011 minutes, NDBO board of directors have not approved WBAD or EBAD as region organizations of NDBO.

The petition set out four counts.

1. All tournament earnings are to be given to the region members according to the bylaws. NDBO did not pay the earnings of the tournaments in 2009, 2010, or 2011 to the region members. NDBO treasurer has not released the financial report from the 2011 tournament which is required by the bylaws to be released by last June.
2. NDBO and its officers owe a fiduciary duty to MAAD and other region members to act in the members' best interest and they violate their fiduciary duty by setting up region organizations which will compete with several current region members.
3. NDBO and its officers did not act in good faith or fair dealing owed to the region members by setting up the new region organizations of WBAD and EBAD or potentially allowing MBAD to be set up in the future.
4. NDBO involvement in setting up the new region organizations constitutes potential tortuous interference with the non-profit business of MAAD and other region members.

The petition did not request any action to affect the NDBO 2012 basketball tournament.