



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

**DATE:** March 20, 2018

**TO:** MAAD Independent Teams and Invited Teams from different regions

**FROM:** MAAD Board

**SUBJECT:** 2017 Softball Registration Forms

It is time to fill out forms and get your team registered for the annual tournament! We are looking forward to having the tournament in Ames, Iowa on June 28-30, 2018.

The following list:

- MAAD Memo (this sheet)
- MAAD Team Registration Form (via MAAD's website - [www.maad.org](http://www.maad.org))
- MAAD Worksheet Form (via MAAD's website - [www.maad.org](http://www.maad.org))
- MAAD Code of Ethics and Waiver Statement (via MAAD's website - [www.maad.org](http://www.maad.org))
- MAAD Softball Flyer (via MAAD's website - [www.maad.org](http://www.maad.org))
- NSAD Flyer (via NSAD's website - [www.nsad.org](http://www.nsad.org))

**PLEASE read everything CAREFULLY!**  
**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018**

MAAD Team Registration Form:

- 1) Fill out MAAD Team Registration form (see link in MAAD's website under Softball Registration)
  - **Print names CLEARLY.** MAAD's host will use this form to print names in brochures, it's very important that the names are readable
  - **Fill out carefully in the TYPE column-**
    - **Players - place 'P' in Type column**
    - **CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player – place 'H' in Type column**
    - **Free Agent(s) – place 'A' in Type column**
    - **Manager – place 'M' in Type column**
    - **Coach - place 'C' in Type column**
    - **Statistician - place 'S' in Type column**

\* See next page on clarification for CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player and Free Agent \*

2) **MAAD Team fee** - \$375.00

**MAAD Refundable Security Deposit** - \$100.00 (refundable 30 days after completion of the tournament if no fines)

**MAAD strongly discourage not to cross-off, line-out, white-out, and removal of name or any type of errors on the registration forms. If happens, there will be a fine.**

## **Player Representative**

Each team shall send a selected representative to attend *Players' Council Meeting* on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Quality Inn in Ames, Iowa.

2018 MAAD Softball will use **USSSA bats**

**INVITED TEAMS:** Must follow the free agents and CODA/SODA rules according to MAAD's softball rules.

**Rules:**

All teams shall represent MAAD which covers Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. Wyoming is considered as free state

- **Free Agent –**
  - Men teams can have three free agents (one is any age, one is over 40 years old and one is over 45 years old.)
  - Women team can have three free agents (one is any age, one is over 30 years old and one is over 35 years old.)
  - COED Team can have six free agents (Men - one is any age, one is over 40 years old and one is over 45 years old and Women - one is any age, one is over 30 years old and one is over 35 years old).
- **CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player**

CODA is Children of Deaf Adults. SODA is Siblings of Deaf Adults

  - Each Men team can have one player.
  - Each Women team can have two players
  - Each COED teams can have one male player and two female players
- **CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player as Free Agents**
  - If a player is a "CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player" and is playing on a team inside his/her region, the player will be counted as "CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player" but not counted as "Free Agent".
  - If a player is a "CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player" and is playing on a team outside of his/her region, the player will be counted as "CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player" and as "Free Agent".
- **Adding players**
  - Can add player(s) to meet the maximum of 20 on team registration form without Players' Council's approval
  - Must follow the free agents and CODA/SODA rules
  - Cannot replace team members that will not come to tournament
  - Must have matching uniform shirt with numbers
  - Player(s) must follow 'General Tournament Rules and Regulation Section 1 – Qualifications of Players' (audiogram, deaf school's diploma, CODA/SODA using parents' or siblings' proofs)

**New Players –** who has **NOT** participated in MAAD tournaments before **MUST** provide their audiogram with a hearing loss of 55 db or greater in the worse ear (unaided without hearing aid/cochlear implant), except for those that came from either: residential or mainstreamed schools for the Deaf with proof of transcripts (audiogram and/or diploma), or proof of participation including what year and which sport for Deaflympics players.

**New CODA/SODA or Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player –** obtain proof of a birth certificate showing the name of a deaf parent or proof of the parent/sibling/spouse/partner's deafness through any of the other proof listed in this section.

**NOTE: Be sure to send copy of audiogram, transcripts/diploma, or birth certificate (CODA only) directly to (name), MAAD Secretary (maadsecy@gmail.com). Make arrangements as soon as possible.**

**Uniforms and Softball Tournament Rules -** Uniform guidelines and rules are outlined in the “MAAD

Softball Rules and Regulations”. Also, look in “MAAD General Tournament Rules and Regulations”. Greg Petersen, Tournament Director (maadtd@gmail.com) will be glad to answer any questions you have.

**After Completing Worksheet and Form**

Mail **ORIGINAL completed form** with a **money order** payable to **MAAD** in the amount as shown on **GRAND TOTAL** to **MAAD Treasurer Marti Herman** by **Friday, June 1, 2018** by priority mail with delivery confirmation.

*Suggestion: Make copies of all forms for your files, in case there is problem with mail. USE CONFIRMATION for ALL MAILING!*

Questions or Need Help – Use the information below for help or questions.

**For general information:**

Amy Thompson, MAAD Secretary  
E-mail: maadsecy@gmail.com

**Rules & Regulation**

**interpretation/information:**

Jonathan Arteaga, MAAD Vice-President  
E-mail: maadvicepres@maad.org

**Other information:**

Barbara Nacarelli, MAAD President  
E-mail: maadpres@gmail.com

**For new players with audiograms and questions on minors:**

Tami Richardson-Nelson, MAAD HoF Director  
5255 Oak Hills Dr  
Omaha, NE 68137  
E-mail: maadhallfame@gmail.com

**For sending forms and check:**

Marti Herman, MAAD Treasurer  
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Olathe, Kansas 66062  
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**~Want to play in NSAD Tournament in Clearwater, Florida on August 2-5, 2018?**

NSAD’s Team Entry Fee - Early Bird of \$400.00 is due by July 10th (NSAD’s website – [www.nsad.org](http://www.nsad.org) and find ‘Team Fee Registration’ under ‘Register Your Team’). Be sure to use NSAD Team Registration Form (do NOT use MAAD's team registration form).