



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

**DATE:** April 1, 2019

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

**FROM:** MAAD Board

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Softball Independent Registration Forms

It is time to fill out forms and get your team registered for the annual tournament! We are looking forward to having our Labor Day weekend tournament in Lee's Summit, MO on August 31 – September 1, 2019.

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))

**PLEASE READ and FOLLOW THIS CAREFULLY!**  
**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019**

## **MAAD Team Registration Form:**

Fill out team registration form.

- **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

**THUMB RULES:** MAAD DOES NOT ALLOW cross-off, line-out, white-out, and removal of name or any type of errors on the registration forms. If it happens, there will be a \$100 fine.

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

## **MAAD Worksheet Form:**

Fill out the worksheet form.

- Print all the lines out clearly.
- Mail the check following to the instruction on the form.
- Itemized fees are:
  - \$475.00 Team Entry Fee (NEW FEE)
  - \$20.00 USSSA Fee
  - \$100.00 Security Deposit – Refundable 30 days after completion of the tournament if no fines

**2019 MAAD Softball will use USSSA bats. There will be a bat check before your first game. Please refer to USSSA's website on 'outlawed' bats.**

**Player Representative:**

Each team shall send a selected representative to attend *Players' Council Meeting* on Friday, August 30, 2019 at 7 p.m. The location will be TBA.

**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 30 years old and one is over 35 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 30 years old and one is over 35 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. Spouse/Partner is legally married to other spouse/partner (not boyfriend/girlfriend).

- 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)
- \$25 assessed fee will be add to the late signers/additional players before Players Council meeting

**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**

- Obtain proof of a birth certificate showing the name of a deaf parent.

### **Spouse/Partner of Deaf Player**

- obtain proof of a marriage license or legal document.

**NOTE: Be sure to send copy of audiogram, transcripts/diploma, or birth certificate (CODA only) directly to (name), and marriage license/legal document (Spouse/Partner only) directly to Tami Richardson-Nelson, Hall of Fame Director (maadhallfame@gmail.com).**

### **Uniforms and Softball Tournament Rules**

- Uniform guidelines and rules are outlined in the “MAAD Softball Rules and Regulations”.
- All pitchers are required to have face mask.
- Refer in “MAAD General Tournament Rules and Regulations” to search for additional answers.

### **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** (See address below or on MAAD’s worksheet) by **Wednesday, July 31, 2019** by priority mail with delivery confirmation.
- Please confirm this with Marti Herman, [maadtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:maadtreasurer@gmail.com), after you mailed out the forms.

*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:**

Kiley Peterson, MAAD Secretary  
E-mail: [maadsecy@gmail.com](mailto:maadsecy@gmail.com)

#### **Rules & Regulation**

##### **interpretation/information:**

Greg Petersen, Tournament Director  
E-mail: [maatd@gmail.com](mailto:maatd@gmail.com)

#### **Other information:**

Charles Trumble, MAAD President  
E-mail: [maadpresident@gmail.com](mailto:maadpresident@gmail.com)

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

Tami Richardson-Nelson, MAAD HoF Director  
5255 Oak Hills Dr  
Omaha, NE 68137  
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#### **For sending forms and check/or money order:**

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