

FAR WEST DEAF BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By-Laws

Article 1: Name

Section 1.1: This organization shall be known as the Far West Deaf Basketball Association, Inc. (Hereafter referred to as this Association or the FWDBA.)

Article 2: Objectives

Section 2.1: To foster and improve athletes throughout its territory in accordance with the standards.

Section 2.2: To protect and promote the mutual interests of its member organizations.

Section 2.3: To institute, regulate, and award the athletic championship of this Association.

Section 2.4: To send the best team to represent this Association in the USADB (United States of America Deaf Basketball) National Tournament.

Article 3: Territory

Section 3.1: This territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be composed of Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada (excluding the environs of Reno), New Mexico, and Southern California (excluding the environs of Fresno).

Article 4: Membership

Section 4.1: The membership of this Association shall be limited to members of the organizations in the area of FWDBA.

Section 4.2: Any high school player (student) shall not play for an organization in the same academic year unless he has used up his high school basketball eligibility. No one under the age of 18 shall play.

Section 4.3: Membership fees by the Basketball players who live in the area of FWDBA and USADB must be paid by February 1st.

Section 4.4: Membership fees will be determined by the Board of Directors for FWDBA and the fee for USADB will be notified by USADB on the registration form.

Article 5: Organization Representatives

Section 5.1: Two representatives per team are to represent their organization at the Annual Board Directors meeting. Also known as delegates, such representatives must be members in good standing. No such representative shall represent more than one team.

Section 5.2: The appointment of every representative shall be in writing, duly certified by the secretary of the organization, and sent to the FWDBA secretary on February 1st .

Section 5.3: All past officers of this Association, and the general chairpersons of current host basketball tournaments are entitled to be representatives at large at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

Article 6: Elections

Section 6.1: The officers of FWDBA shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote at the Annual Board Directors meeting of FWDBA for a term of two (2) years; starting May 1st of every odd year. Any member of a participating team/organization shall be eligible for office in FWDBA.

Article 7: Executive Committee/Board of Directors

Section 7.1: The Executive Committee/Board of Directors shall consist of three duty elected officers of this Association as well as the appointed FWDBA recorder, the general chairpersons of the current host FWDBA basketball tournament and the delegates from each member organization. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of this Association and each member shall have a voice and one vote.

Section 7.2: The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of the following officers: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and Treasurer

Section 7.3: The organization representatives shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer during the Annual Board of Directors meeting. All such officers shall serve a term of two years commencing May 1st in the odd-year until his/her successor is chosen.

Article 8: Meetings of the Board of Directors

Section 8.1: This Associations Annual Board of Directors Meeting shall be held in the tournament city during the progress of the annual tournament at such time the FWDBA president and the Host Club Chairperson designate.

Section 8.2: The FWDBA Secretary/Treasurer shall send a notice of the meeting, the minutes, and un-audited Treasurer's report, and a bracket for the tournament to the officers of this Association and to all members of the organization fifteen (15) days prior to any Annual Board Directors Meeting; mailed upon request. Copies of the signed registration forms will be sent only to the members of organizations in the annual tournament.

Section 8.3: The FWDAB Secretary-Treasurer shall send within forty-five (45) days after the annual tournament the minutes of the meeting and the results of the tournament to the secretary of every FWDAB member organization.

Section 8.4: At the Annual Board Directors Meeting, the order of business shall pertain only to the subject of basketball depending on the type of tournament held at the time of the meeting. The following shall be the order of the business:

- Roll Call
- Reading of Minutes
- Officers' Report
- Report of Committees
- Grievances and Appeals
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Bid for Tournament Site
- Election of Officers (even year during Basketball Tournament only)
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Section 8.5: Executive Committee meeting shall be open to the public before regularly scheduled delegate meetings at each FWDBA tournament site when needed. In the event of discussion that requires privacy and vote, the Executive Committee may call a recess of the meeting and may proceed into a private Executive Committee session.

Article 9: Duties and Powers of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall in addition to the duties and powers prescribed elsewhere in these rules and regulations, have power and it shall be their duty to:

Section 9.1: Act on new applications for membership from any organization of the deaf that resides within the prescribed boundaries of this Association. Such a club must agree to live up to the rules and regulations of this Association. Should said organization of the deaf application be questionable, the Executive Committee shall present the application for action at its' next Annual meeting.

Section 9.2: Return any registration form, delegate authorization form, or membership application that is found to be lacking information, to the member(s) of the organization for correction.

Section 9.3 : Remove from office, by a two-third vote, any officer of the Executive Committee who, by neglect of duty, or by conduct tending to impair his/her usefulness as an officer of such committee, shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her position. In addition, in the event an officer moves out of the territory for thirty days (30) their position shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled through an Executive meeting. In the case the Association President relocates, the Vice President will assume the position, and then an Executive Board shall fill his/her position.

Section 9.4: Fill any vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring from any cause.

Section 9.5.1: In the event an office becomes vacant, the remaining Executive Committee members shall have the option of selecting a temporary officer or leave this vacant position open until the next Board of Directors meeting.

Section 9.6: Collect dues and funds of this Association and expend it.

Section 9.7 Explain, define, and interpret any provision of the rules and regulation of this Association upon request of a member organization.

Section 9.8: Oath for Elected Officers:

"As an Elected Officer of FWDBA, I take a responsible position of honor, to adhere to all of the rules and regulations of this Organization and to perform the duties of office to the best of my ability, knowledge, and understanding."

Each Officer (under oath) shall answer "I do" and henceforth being installed as an officer, shall consult the retiring officers of his/her position as the exact duties of his/her office.

Article 10: Officers and their duties

Section 10.1: Any person who is a member in good standing of an organization shall be eligible to run for any office in the FWDAB regardless of whether if that person is an organization representative.

Section 10.2: The FWDBA President shall be limited to two (2) terms in succession.

Section 10.3: The FWDAB President shall:

- Preside the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors
- Control all business of the Executive Committee
- Perform such other duties pertaining to the office of President
- With the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint Vice President, Publicity Director, Recorder, Hall of Fame, Men and Women Sports Commissioner.
- Make and send a status report of the national meetings to the FWDBA secretary/treasurer.
- As Regional Representative is entitled to attend the annual National meeting as a representative of this Association. In the event the President of FWDBA is unable to attend the annual National meeting as representative, the order of replacement shall be as follows: Vice-President and/or Secretary/Treasurer.
- Appoint Head Auditor. Head Auditor shall have the responsibility to appoint two auditors, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Have the responsibility to inform the Secretary/Treasurer, of an audit meeting, in order for the Secretary/Treasurer to submit all un-audited financial paperwork needed for the auditors to perform their duties during the stated meetings. Any Grievance and Appeals shall be mailed to FWDBA Secretary/Treasurer before thirty (30) days prior to the Regional Tournament.

Section 10.4: The FWDBA Vice President shall:

- Have power to perform the duties of the FWDBA President in the absence or inability of the latter to act
- Act as the Chairperson of the Law Committee and the Finance Committee.
- Submit the results of any Regional Tournament, in a report, to the National Secretary/Treasurer within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the Regional tournament. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of twenty-five (25) dollars against the FWDBA Regional Vice President who failed to comply; monetary amount may be withheld from transportation monies.

Section 10.5: The FWDBA Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- Receive all the monies of this Association
- Pay all bills approved by the FWDBA President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Each check written must be supported by a voucher signed by the FWDBA President
- Deposit all money to the credit of the Far West Deaf Basketball Association in a checking account in a bank of his/her city of residence.
- Submit and turn over to the Finance Committee all money, accounts, books, papers, vouchers, and records, including bank books, pertaining to his/her office and shall turn over the same to his/her successor when selected.
- Receive compensation during his/her office term an expense account of one hundred (\$100.00) payable at the end of his/her term.
- Send the status report from FWDBA President to all organizations at the Board of Directors meeting.

Section 10.6: The FWDBA Recorder who will be appointed by the President shall:

- Serve as the recorder of this Association.
- Keep accurate records of names of players including their playing records.
- Be responsible for: all-star ballots for a period of six months after it has been tabulated, the names of all first and second team all-stars, most valuable player, tournament sites, team statistics, the name of coaches, delegates, the FWDBA Officers in all tournaments and meetings held by this Association.
- Provide all said information to the Hall of Fame Committee and the FWDBA Officers.
- Provide official scorekeepers for the tournament games with the cost paid for by the FWDBA; only official prepared FWDBA statistical sheets like Line-ups, Roster Statistic Sheets, Score Sheets, All-Star ballots, All-Star Selection Tabulation Sheets, and other sheets as prescribed by the FWDBA Executive Board shall be used exclusively in all FWDBA Regional and National Sanctioned Tournaments.
- Supervise all scorekeepers and statisticians and be responsible for all scorebooks and statistics.
- Be an assistant to the FWDBA Secretary-Treasurer during all meetings of this Association.
- Provide a write-up of the results of the tournaments to the national organizations Publicity Director to be printed in the national publications.
- Compile and maintain permanent files of documents, record scorebooks, meeting minutes, program books, and such other historical items of importance.

Section 10.7: Sport Commissioners

- The Sport Commissioner such as a Men's or Women's Basketball Commissioner shall be responsible for sport activities. He/She will be in charge of coaches and manager meetings and will make reports to the Executive Committee.

Section 10.8: Presidential Advisors

- Former Presidents can become advisors on a volunteer basis at no expense to FWDBA.
- Advisors are allowed to give advice and answer questions that the President may have.
- Advisors are allowed to sit at Executive Board meetings with voice and no vote.
- FWDBA will pay the lodging during regional tournaments up to three (3) nights.

Article 11: Dues and Expenses

Section 11.1: FWDBA shall pay or reimburse its Executive Committee officers/representatives attending appropriate nationwide basketball tournaments a reasonable amount to cover transportation and lodging expenses (a flat rate based on the Internal Revenue Service Ruling on yearly basis per officers).

Section 11.2: The host club sponsoring the annual FWDBA tournament shall pay for the officers of this Association their transportation and lodging expenses (a flat rate based on the Internal Revenue Service Ruling on yearly basis per officers).