



February 8, 2012

To all Athletes of Central Region, Clubs, Independent Teams, Delegates-At-Large, and Delegates;

In the receipt of CBAD's email, dated February 7, 2012, asking for a summit after the CCD Invitational Tournament this coming Saturday, February 11, 2012 and in that email, Brian Bippus wrote, *"We will discuss about the merge of tourney only. Not about merge of CBAD/CAAD yet. We will need other meeting to discuss merging CBAD and CAAD at other time."*

On behalf of the Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD), it is my duty as the president of CAAD to clarify the confusion of the CAAD/Central Basketball Association of the Deaf (CBAD) issues.

At the time of writing, CAAD is unable to merge with CBAD to host the regional basketball tournament due to the following reasons which are:

- 1) CAAD is NOT being affiliated with USA Deaf Basketball (USADB) during the season of 2011-2012.
- 2) CBAD is authorized to follow the rules and regulations of USADB rules and regulations indicate the following of:
 - a. Any team who submitted the USADB registration form with USADB teams fee, USADB player membership fees and/or region team fee (surcharge fees), after February 1(postmarked), shall not be allowed to play in the regional tournaments or national tournament. **This rule shall not be suspended for any reason.** (§ 14.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS. [#7])
 - b. Transfers of Teams Between Regions.
Requests for transfers of a team from one region to another shall be formally submitted by the team in writing to its regional secretary before January 15th. Approval of both member regions is required before the request can be acted upon at the next USADB Basketball Council meeting. Upon approval of the Basketball Council, the transfer shall become effective the following season. (Chapter 7 – Member Regions [§ 7.10])
- 3) CAAD's tournament planning's to be changed must be approved by the CAAD delegate members as per CAAD bylaws. Therefore, we (CAAD officers) are not being authorized to make any changes without using the proper channels to meet the requirements by the CAAD delegate members' approval.
- 4) CBAD reluctant to provide their yearly financial reports for last few years. CAAD will not merge without any Financial and Bank Statements.

Sincerely,

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