

Guideline: **Players Eligibility**

1. Players representing a team shall be deaf or hard of hearing and shall be bona fide members of their team before signing the registration forms.
2. A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 dB or greater in the better ear to be eligible except for the CODA players.
3. Players shall have attended a school or program for the deaf, whether residential or day, oral, or combined, as listed in the yearly reports of the American Annals of the Deaf, for a period of at least two (2) years. In deserving cases, exceptions to this rule can be made by each region but on at its annual meeting.
4. Hearing persons shall not play on any NDBO member team in any regional or national tournament. Teams desiring to have hearing coaches shall be permitted to do so.
5. Any high school student/player shall not play for any NDBO team in the same academic year unless he/she has exhausted his/her high school eligibility. No one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play.
6. Any college student who practiced with, suited up with or played for a collegiate team at any time during the college basketball season shall not be eligible to play for any NDBO team during that same season, in accordance with NCAA regulations.
7. Player Residency Rules
 - a. Valid Driver License or State Identification.
 - b. Valid College Transcript to show s/he is a current student at any institutions.
8. Three (3) Free Agents per team allowed for Men, unlimited Free Agents per team allowed for Women. Three (3) Olympic players limited to Women only.
9. One (1) Children Of Deaf Adult (CODA) per team from their respectively region only allowed.
 - a. One or both parent are hard of hearing or deaf.
 - b. Must be at least 18 years old.
 - c. Present the Driver License to verify that s/he is in its respectively region, if needed.
 - d. Present Birth Certification with both parents name on it, if needed.
 - e. Must sign a Sworn Statement on NDBO Team Registration that the rules of CODA is followed.
 - f. If a CODA gave a false statement, s/he will be banned from NDBO indefinitely.
10. **Players shall not register with more than one region for the entirety of the same season.**
11. Any teams who have at least 5 players registered/signed (Region's Form) at their respectively Region are allowed to add one (1) to three (3) Deaf players in their team, **limited to 8 players**, no more than 8 players in a team and to meet the requirements of:

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1) Deaf players must be from same respectively Region where the team had played in that Region. 2) No Free Agents allowed to be added. 3) No CODA allowed to be added. 4) Region's Officers must approve the player. 5) A team will be automatically disqualified if a team had less than 5 players registered/signed (Region's Form) at their respectively Region and added players for NDBO. 6) If a team falsify added more than 3 players will be disqualified.	1) Open to add any Deaf players only. 2) Limited one CODA per team. 3) Allowed to add last minute players at NDBO Tournament before their first game started if a team has a less than 8 players. 4) A team will be automatically disqualified if a team had less than 4 players registered/signed (Region's Form) at their respectively Region and added players for NDBO. 5) If a team falsify added more than 3 players will be disqualified.