

**WEST SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this non-profit organization shall be known as the **West Suburban Association of the Deaf**, hereafter referred to as **WSAD**. The official mascot of this organization is Mustangs.

**ARTICLE II. CLUB AFFILIATION**

WSAD shall recognize it receives the rights to function as a not for profit organization in Illinois. WSAD shall also be affiliated with local, regional and national sports recreational associations and working relationship with the Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD), and its chapters.

**ARTICLE III. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this organization are:

- Encourage and foster social, educational, athletic, cultural, and various community activities for the members and general public.
- To foster and improve WSAD members in accordance with the standards set by various organizations adopted by the WSAD Board members.
- To work and reward the development of adequate community service for WSAD members in the areas of education, athletics, cultural activity, and social services.

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

*Section I*

Any persons professing an interest in the objectives of WSAD shall be eligible to join the organization.

*Section II*

Any interested people can join the organization with the understanding that he/she would be required to pay the membership fee as indicated in Appendix A of the WSAD Bylaws.

*Section III*

WSAD members are entitled to a discount on social or athletic events hosted by WSAD when available. They shall have the right to voice and vote in all general meetings, to hold office, and to be appointed to a club committee chairmanship. They are also recipients of all newsletters and flyers drafted by WSAD.

*Section IV*

Any hearing WSAD members shall have the benefits listed in Article IV, Section III except the right to hold office on the Executive and Board of Directors.

*Section V*

A member shall be declared non-member if he or she fails to pay their renewal dues within three months of expiration. Non-member does not have any privileges stated in Section III. If a member is currently under suspension by WSAD, that member also will not have any privileges stated in Section III.

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board of WSAD shall consist of the following active members:

- President
- Vice President
- Representative at Large
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Delegate at Large (Past President)

### *Section I*

The Executive board shall be elected in the manner specified in Article VII and shall serve a two year term begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### *Section II*

The qualification of the Executive Board members shall be governed as set forth in the WSAD Bylaws- Article I.

### *Section III*

The duties of the Executive Board members shall be governed as set forth in the WSAD Bylaws- Article II.

### *Section IV*

An Executive Board member may resign his/her position by submitting the intention of resigning in writing to the WSAD Executive Board The resignation shall be read to the all Board members at the next meeting and shall be effective at that time.

## **ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of WSAD shall consist of the following active members:

- Trustee (2)
- Sports Director
- Social Director
- Public Relations Director
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Community Service Coordinator
- Historian/Photographer
- Wallyball Director
- Volleyball Director
- Bowling Director
- WSAD Gold Director
- KODA Director
- Newsletter Editor
- ILVRS Director

### *Section I*

The Board of Directors shall be nominated by the Vice President and to be approved by the Board.

### *Section II*

The qualifications of the Board of Directors shall be governed as set forth in the WSAD Bylaws- Article II.

### *Section III*

The duties of the Board of Directors and Committees shall be governed as set forth in the WSAD Bylaws- Article III.

## **ARTICLE VII: ELECTION**

### *Section I*

The Executive Board shall be elected by the whole WSAD community at the bi-annual General Election two months prior to new term.

### *Section II*

The qualifications of the elected members shall meet the following criteria as specified in the WSAD Bylaws- Article II.

### *Section III*

The election procedures shall be governed as set forth in the WSAD Bylaws- Article VII.

### *Section IV*

Transition of term for the Executive Board members should be obligated by either an oath or Robert's Rules of Order's guidelines.

### *Section V*

Swearing of WSAD officers shall be recited as follows: **“Do you solemnly swear to uphold the WSAD Constitution and Bylaws, to perform the duties of your office to the best of your ability, to be firm, yet fair, to all, diligently at all times toward the betterment of WSAD”.**

## **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

### *Section I*

Amendments to the WSAD Constitution and Bylaws shall be introduced by at least three active members of the WSAD Board, which one is the spokesperson. This matter shall be discussed and then automatically tabled to the following WSAD Board meeting.

### *Section II*

Upon discussion, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the WSAD Board members shall be required to pass the proposed WSAD Constitution/Bylaws amendment.

### *Section III*

Robert's Rule of Order shall be followed on all meeting and voting procedures.

## **ARTICLE IX. REVIEW**

### *Section I*

The structure and effectiveness of the WSAD Constitution, Bylaws, Guidelines and Appendixes shall be reviewed every second year of the board term.

### *Section II*

The Vice President shall be responsible as the chairperson of the Bylaws Committee for the review of WSAD Constitution, Bylaws, Guidelines and Appendixes with approval from the WSAD Bylaws Committee and WSAD Board.

### *Section III*

Upon Impeachment, 2/3- majority vote of WSAD board must be required as passed.