

Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association History

There are five athletic associations for schools for the Deaf in the United States at the present time. These associations are Central, Eastern, Great Plains, Mason Dixon, and Western.

The Eastern Schools were the first to be organized. In 1927, Fred A. Moore, a teacher at the Old New Jersey School for the Deaf, hosted a basketball tournament among them. Ten schools participated: Kendall, New York (Fanwood), Pennsylvania, American, New Jersey, St. Joseph's, Lexington, Western Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. NJSD was the first tournament champion.

Six tournaments followed but they were not sponsored by any special group. George (Billy) Harlow, Athletic Director at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, suggested that an organization be started to sponsor these tournaments. This organization was called the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association – ESDAA. The first tournament sponsored by the ESDAA was held at St. Joseph's School for the Deaf in 1934.

In 1961, the ESDAA Boys' Basketball Teams were split into two divisions. For a brief time (1995-2001) it was modified into three divisions based on student population. It now is back to two divisions.

The Girls' Basketball Tournament was started by Paul Barr at the Maryland School for the Deaf in 1977. This competition has grown in both scope and participation so that two divisions now exist.

Girls' Volleyball has also grown since its inception in 1981. It is currently an all division tournament.

Cheerleaders were first invited to join the Boys' Basketball Tournament in 1966 by Charles M. Jochem of MKSD. They competed informally until 1980 when, at St. Mary's in Buffalo, the Cheerleading Tournament really began to take shape and become popular with events in both Division I and II. Currently there is one tournament for cheerleading and any school in the ESDAA may participate. It is run in conjunction with the Boys Division I Tournament.

The ESDAA also hosts tournaments in both 8-man and 11-man soccer.

The ESDAA also supports a Wrestling Tournament.

It is at the Track and Field Championships, however, that the true essence of sportsmanship and camaraderie upon which the ESDAA has been built is exemplified. For here, all ESDAA members can come together to compete at the same time and a small school and large school trophies are awarded.

Friday, February 8, 2019

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM - DINNER

6:00 PM - GAME #1 - American vs Pennsylvania

7:30 PM — GAME #2 — New York-Fanwood vs Marie Philip

9:00 PM - SOCIAL TIME in Lions' Den until 11:00 PM

9:00 PM - Coaches' meeting

Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM - BREAKFAST

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - SKILL COMPETITIONS

1:00 PM_LUNCH

3:30 PM - GAME #3 (Consolation Game) Losers of Games 1 and 2

4:00 to 6:30 PM - DINNER

5:00 PM - GAME #4 - Lexington vs Winner of Game 1

7:00 PM - GAME #5 - Western PA vs Winner of Game 2

9:00 PM - Coaches' meeting

9:00 PM - SOCIAL TIME in Lions' Den until 11:00 PM

Sunday, February 10, 2019

7:00 AM to 8:30 AM BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - GAME #6 (Exhibition Game) Losers of Games 1 and 2

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - LUNCH

10:45 AM - GAME #7 (Third Place Game) Losers of Games 4 and 5

12:30 PM - GAME #8 (Championship Game) Winners of Games 4 and 5

2:15 PM - AWARDS

3:00 PM - DEPARTURE





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Steven E. Farmer, Ed. D, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our beautiful city of Pittsburgh and WPSD! It is our pleasure to host the 43rd Annual ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament this weekend.

ESDAA tournaments are always a great time for our student-athletes to put their athletic abilities on display. Additionally, these tournaments give our student-athletes opportunities to develop new friendships and cultivate ones that began in previous years.

On and off court, may we see our athletes' best efforts and sportsmanship on display. We should all win with grace and lose with dignity.

Finally, during your stay here, please make yourself at home. Enjoy your stay!

Warmest regards,

Steven E. Farmer, Ed.D. Chief Executive Officer









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Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends of WPSD:

Welcome to historic and progressive Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, for the 43rd annual Girls' ESDAA Basketball Tournament.

The WPSD Lions extend our heartfelt hospitality to the girls' basketball teams of the American Tigers, Lexington Bluejays, Marie Philip Lady Ghosts, New York-Fanwood Tornadoes, and the Pennsylvania Panthers.

Our Deaf School Tournaments provide a wonderful and unique opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. They are also a spectacular chance for our athletic participants to highlight athletic skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Participation in these treasured opportunities underscores the importance of our cherished Schools for the Deaf for all of us! I hope you have a memory-filled experience here at WPSD, and no matter what the outcomes of the games are, you are all winners! I'm looking forward to seeing you around campus during this long weekend.

Sincerely,

Marybeth Lauderdale WPSD Director













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Greetings!

Welcome to Pittsburgh and to WPSD! We are excited to host the 43rd Annual ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament. Welcome to the visiting schools, American School for the Deaf, Lexington School for the Deaf, Marie Philip School for the Deaf, New York School for the Deaf-Fanwood, and Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

While the student-athletes will be focusing on bringing home hardware, ESDAA is also a wonderful avenue for current student-athletes to create new friendships and lifelong memories. We are asking everyone to please promote good sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the weekend. Good luck to all of the participants, and be sure to give it your all on the court!

Enjoy your stay at WPSD, have fun, and create new lifelong memories. Go WPSD Lions!

Sincerely,

Gregory Mendenhall

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High School Principal









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On behalf of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Pittsburgh community, I personally want to extend a warm welcome to all participants for an enjoyable and successful 43rd Annual ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament. I believe this year's tournament will be a memorable one for each and every student who joins in the competition and fun. Over the next few days, I hope you enjoy the hospitality of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the Pittsburgh community. Our ESDAA Committee has been working very hard to ensure that you all have a memorable weekend.

We will welcome these schools as our guests: American, Lexington, Marie Philip, New York-Fanwood, and Pennsylvania schools for the Deaf for several basketball games. I hope you will make many new friends and be re-acquainted with those you've met in the past. Making friends and sharing ideas about your school and your life should be an important part of coming together. I strongly believe the ESDAA is a time to develop DEAF pride and to reinforce the fact that Deaf people working together can do anything they set out to accomplish. ESDAA is also a source of pride for the Deaf community and the students who have accomplished a high level of athletic achievement. Student involvement in athletics and other activities develops a sense of leadership and teamwork that leads to academic success and success in life.

For all basketball participants: Go out there on the court, making fantastic alley-oop passes, dunking, hitting 3-pointers, sinking free throws, and many other things that you are capable of doing and showcase your talents and sportsmanship!

For WPSD cheerleaders: Go out and cheer our teams to victory and many other things that you are capable of doing and showcase your talents and sportsmanship!

Let me again welcome all visitors for a good time of basketball games, social activities, and the positive spirit of competition that this 43rd Annual ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament will provide.

Good luck and best wishes.

Valentine J. Wojton, III Athletic Director









American School for the Deaf Hartford, Connecticut







Marie Philip School for the Deaf Framingham, Massachusetts





Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania





SCHOOL COLORS: Blue and Gold

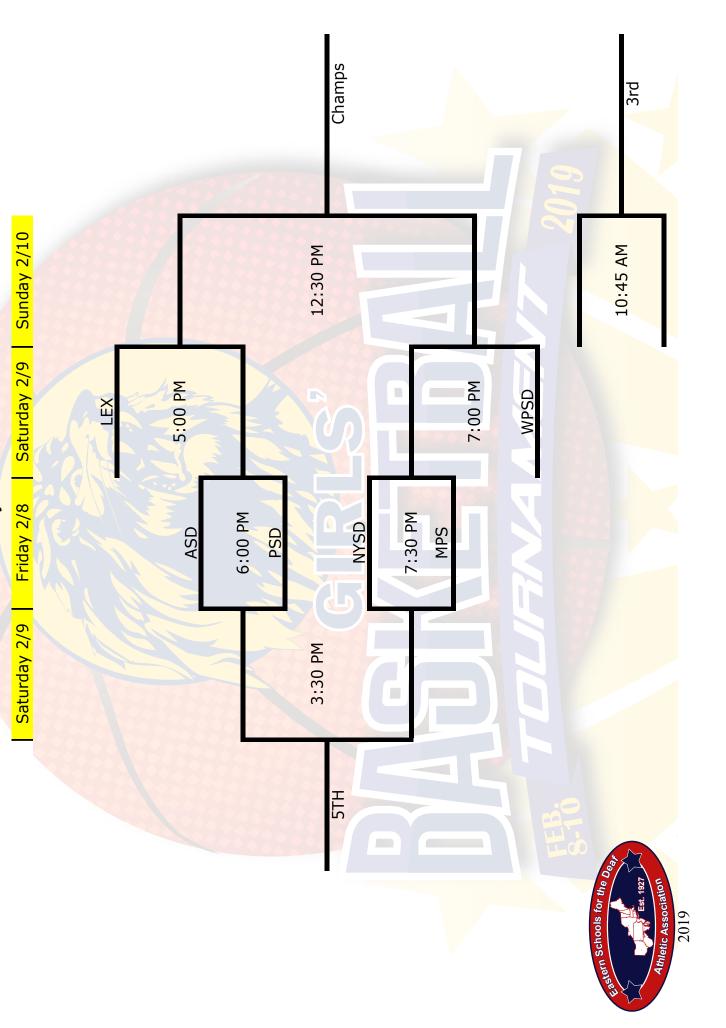
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Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



43rd Annual ESDAA Division 1 Girls' Basketball Tournament

at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



HISTORY OF GIR

MEAD	CHAMBIONIC	COACH	
YEAR	CHAMPIONS	COACH	RUNNER-UP
1977	Model	Terry Baird	Lexington
1978	Model	Terry Baird	Maryland
1979	Model	Terry Baird	American
1980	Pennsylvania	Jack Voss	Model
1981	Model	Dennis Downey	Pennsylvania
1982	Model	Dennis Downey	Pennsylvania
1983	Model	Bob Winalski	Marie Katzenbach
1984	Model	Dennis Downey	Maryland
1985	Marie Katzenbach	Martha Fowler	Maryland
1986	NYSD-Fanwood	Wendy Bachman	Model
1987	Model	Marsha Wetzel	Marie Katzenbach
1988	Maryland	Lorraine Stoltz	NYSD-Fanwood
1989	Lexington	Ann Dolega	Maryland
1990	Lexington	Ann Dolega	NYSD-Fanwood
1991	Lexington	Ann Dolega	Maryland
1992	Lexington	Jane Moran	Maryland
1993	American	Ted Baran	Maryland
1994	Maryland	Peter Bailey	American
1995	Maryland	Conrad von Garrel	American
1996	Lexington	Jane Moran	Marie Katzenbach
1997	Lexington	Ann Dolega	American
1998	Lexington	Jane Moran	American
1999	Marie Katzenbach	Martha Fowler	NYSD-Fanwood
2000	Marie Katzenbach	Martha Fowler	Maryland
2001	Mary land	Lorraine Stoltz	Marie Katzenbach
2002	Maryland	Lorraine Stoltz	Marie Katzenbach
2003	Maryland	Danny Biskupiak	Marie Katzenbach
2004	Maryland	Danny Biskupiak	Marie Katzenbach
2005	Maryland	Jerry Mabashov	Marie Katzenbach
2006	The Learning Center	Brad Crowell	Maryland
2007	The Learning Center	Brad Crowell	Maryland
2008	Maryland	Terry Berrigan	The Learning Center
2009	The Learning Center	Brad Crowell	Maryland
2010	Maryland	Amy Mowl	The Learning Center
2011	Maryland	Amy Mowl	The Learning Center
2012	Maryland	Amy Mowl	The Learning Center
2013	Maryland	Vicki Kitsembel	The Learning Center
2014	Maryland	Amy Mowl	Marie Katzenbach
2015	Rochester	Charles Palmer	Delaware
2016	Rochester	Charles Palmer	Delaware
2017	Delaware	Nicole Laszczynski	Marie Philip
2018	Lexington	Gerard Sorrentino	Western Pennsylvania
2019	-		-

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Maryland NYSSD-Rome

Pennsylvania Marie Katzenbach

Maryland Maryland Lexington

NYSD-Fanwood

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Lexington

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Lexington Maryland

Marie Katzenbach Marie Katzenbach

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The Learning Center

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Western Pennsylvania
NYSD-Fanwood

American Maryland

The Learning Center

Rochester American Ohio

Western Pennsylvania

Lexington

SPORTSMANSHIP

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The Learning Center

Pennsylvania American

Western Pennsylvania

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Western Pennsylvania Marie Katzenbach

The Learning Center Marie Philip School

Ohio Ohio

AWARDS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Champions	
Runner-Ups	
3rd Place	
4th Place	
Consolation Champions	
Championship Game MVP	
Vicki White Sportsmanship Award	
All-Tournament Team	
SKILLS COMPETITIONS	
Team Free Throws Champions	
Team Lay-Ups Champions	
Team Twenty-One Champions	
Knock-Out Champion	
Hot-Shot Champion	

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