



[www.usadb.us](http://www.usadb.us)

## United States of America Deaf Basketball, Inc.

# Donations, Solicitations & Sponsorships

The USADB organization hosts its annual National Tourney in the continental USA for the purpose of promoting basketball for its Deaf basketball players.

USADB continually looks for sponsors and requests donations annually. USADB recognizes that in this day and age, there are dishonest persons who scam business owners and individuals in the hopes of earning money for themselves. However, USADB does this on an official level and via appropriate channels.

Examples of such channels & methods would be:

1. Direct phone communications with an USADB Officer (as identified on the website – see below).
2. Letters sent out on official USADB letterhead
3. Emails sent directly from USADB ending in “USADB.us”

Before giving ANY donations, sponsorships, pledges, etc – please check the identification of the person requesting the money. You may contact any of the USADB Board officers listed on the [www.usadb.us](http://www.usadb.us) website under “Contacts -> Board Officers” to inquire as to the legitimacy of solicitations by individuals/groups.

Oftentimes, there will be a basketball club seeking funds to support their team to go to the Regional/National tournament. There is nothing wrong with that but those teams should be providing their own FEIN/Tax ID to you for reporting such donations.

- USADB does not “lend” our Tax ID number to groups/individuals for the purpose of soliciting funds.
- USADB documents any and all donations/sponsorships and files with the IRS via annual 990 reports.
- USADB gives letters (when requested) to individuals who donate money to USADB.

The same applies to individuals who seek financial support to attend international tourneys and represent USA. USADB can provide a letter (when requested) to individuals or companies who donate money to the individual for the sole purpose of playing basketball. Once a copy of the check showing the amount donated to any of the USADB programs or individuals, we will then issue an official letterhead document acknowledging the donation.

We hope this will help to alleviate concerns about potential scams and how to receive proof of donations.

Sincerely,

The USADB Board

Rev. October 2013