1st Annual
Division 1
Soccer Tournament
October 2-3, 2015

Hosted by
American School for the Deaf
139 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107
MISSION

The American School for the Deaf is dedicated to servicing deaf and hard of hearing infants, youth and their families in development of intellect and the enhancement of quality of life utilizing specially designed instruction through an American Sign Language and English Bilingual Approach, empowering them to become educated and self-directed, lifelong learners.
EASTERN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mission

The mission of the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) is to provide all member schools and respective athletes with challenging tournament and championship meet competition. These competitions will center on good sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and integrity as advocated by the National Federation of State High School 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 of the Old New Jersey School for the Deaf, hosted a basketball tournament among them. Then 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, and, in 1994, it was modified into three divisions based on student population.

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 and is now comprised of two divisions.

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 Saint Mary’s in Buffalo, the Cheerleading tournament really began to take shape. Each Division developed their own rules and judging systems and, over the years, the Cheer Competitions became a very popular event at the Basketball Tournaments. However, as the population of ESDAA schools decreased, many found that they could not field both Cheerleading and Girls' Basketball so that for the past several years only Division 1 has had a Cheerleading Competition.

The ESDAA also supports tournaments in Soccer and Wrestling.

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 place for the single ESDAA Track and Field crown.
GENERAL INFORMATION

1st ANNUAL ESDAA BOYS’ SOCCER TOURNAMENT/ASD HOMECOMING

DATE: October 2-3, 2015

SITE: American School for the Deaf
139 North Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:
- American School for the Deaf (ASD)
- Marie Philip School (MPS)
- Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD)
- New York School for the Deaf (NYSD)
- Lexington School for the Deaf (LEX)

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2nd
2:00 PM LEX vs. NYSD
3:00 PM MPS vs. ASD
4:00 PM WPSD vs. LEX
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM DINNER
5:00 PM NYSD vs. MPS
6:00 PM ASD vs. WPSD
8:00 PM COACHES MEETING, GCEC CAFETERIA
8:00 PM SOCIAL/PARTY: ICE CREAM/SNACKS STUDENT LOUNGE IN KUSIAK GYM
10:00 PM ALL SOCCER PLAYERS RETURN TO THEIR DORMS FOR THE NIGHT
11:00 PM LIGHTS OUT

Saturday, October 3rd
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM WPSD vs. MPS
10:00 AM ASD vs. NYSD
11:00 AM LEX vs. MPS
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH
12:15 PM HOMECOMING PARADE
1:00 PM NYSD vs. WPSD
2:00 PM LEX vs. ASD
3:00 PM AWARDS/DEPARTURE
Dear Tournament Participants:

As the Executive Director of the American School for the Deaf, and on behalf of the ASD Community, I welcome you to the home of the Tigers!

We hope you will enjoy your stay here in Connecticut participating in the ESDAA Division 1 Soccer Tournament.

We know it will be a fun and exciting weekend of competition, and we look forward to watching all of the games.

Have a great tournament and remember to use your best judgment, have a good attitude, and most of all display your best sportsmanship! And, as always,

Be respectful,
Be responsible,
Be safe.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Bravin

ASD Executive Director
Dear ESDAA Tournament Participants, Students, Parents, Families, Friends, Staff, and Fans,

On behalf of the American School for the Deaf, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to the 1st Annual Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division 1 Soccer Tournament and Homecoming!

We are honored, privileged and excited to serve as host for this special occasion! We anticipate a rewarding and thrilling event, filled with opportunities to display good sportsmanship, friendly athletic competition, discipline and positive attitudes.

The American School for the Deaf, founded in 1817, was the first permanent school for the Deaf in the United States and a nationally renowned leader in providing comprehensive educational programs and services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. ASD welcomes to its West Hartford, Connecticut campus athletes from the following schools: Lexington School for the Deaf, New York School for the Deaf, Marie Philip School at The Learning Center for the Deaf and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

To the ASD staff, deaf community, and volunteers - thank you for all that you have done to make this event successful. Without your commitment, dedication, assistance and talent, the ESDAA tournament would not have been possible.

It is my sincere hope that you heartily enjoy this tournament weekend, and I wish you all safe travels back to your home school.

Sincerely yours,

Lou Volpintesta
Athletic Director and Tournament Director
# American School for the Deaf

## Tigers

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## DIVISION 1 SOCCER

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Hometown: New York City
Experiences: Currently soccer referee for 12 years. Also certified basketball referee (13 years) and Softball umpires (28 years).
Occupation: Retired.
Personal Data: Currently referee soccer for 12 years now Also certified Basketball referee (13 yrs.) and Softball umpire (28 yrs.)
Member on Deaf USA National Soccer team between 1978 and 1982
Played Pan American Game for Soccer in Mexico City 1980 as midfielder
Member on NSC (NTID Student Congress) soccer team that went to Europe during summer of 1981 and 1982.
Great/Awesome experiences!
Hobbies: Love Sports, in/outdoor activities and love to travel around the globe! Diehard NY Mets Baseball and NY Giants Football fan! Let's Go Mets!
Life is beautiful but a sweet short!

Occupation: Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf - Teacher Assistant
Personal Data: Football- New York Giants
Baseball- New York Yankees
Basketball- New York Knicks
Hockey- New York Rangers
College Football- Norte Dame
Hobbies: Movie buff, golfing, fishing, playing softball
GO GO
ASD TIGER BOYS!

Good Luck
To All Teams!
Special Thanks To:

All the Participating Schools
for their support.

ASD Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey S. Bravin
for making this event possible.

Host Team
for their work on, housing our student-athletes, all the food services arrangements, media marketing.

All of the Sponsors
for this event.

Athletic Department
for their support to student-athletes.

American School for the Deaf Alumni Association
for their continued support.

ASD Staff, Faculty, Parents, and Alumni
for volunteering.
1st Annual ESDAA Division Soccer Tournament

Champions: 

Runner-Ups: 

Third Place: 

Fourth Place: 

Fifth Place: 

ESDAA Team Sportsmanship Award

Most Valuable Player Award

Best Goalie Award

Boys All-Tournament Team

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A Brief History

In 1807, a prominent Hartford physician, Mason Fitch Cogswell, wanted to do something for his two-year-old daughter, Alice, after she became deaf from illness. Dr. Cogswell was a man of noble character and compassionate nature and in seeking some way to alleviate his daughter's condition, he became interested in the cause of the deaf in general. He secured the aid of a number of friends, men who were prominent in Hartford. In 1812, a survey was made which showed there were 84 deaf persons in the state of Connecticut, none of whom had received any education. On this basis, it was estimated there were at least 400 deaf persons in New England, and 2000 in the United States. It was therefore decided to establish a school to teach the deaf of this country.

On April 13, 1815 nine prominent men met with Doctor Cogswell to take steps toward establishing a school. This would take money. They decided to canvass Hartford, then a bustling town of 6000 people. Imagine how delighted the men were when they were able to collect $2133 from the townspeople in one day. At the meeting, it was decided to send a representative to England for the purpose of learning the methods of teaching the deaf. No one in the United States knew enough to direct a school. This mission was offered to Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, who accepted the task.

No better choice could have been made. Mr. Gallaudet was a graduate of Yale College and of Andover Theological Seminary. He had become deeply interested in the deaf through observing Alice Cogswell as she played with her young relatives. Mr. Gallaudet had made some progress in teaching her written words. By nature he was ideally suited for the task which lay ahead, being possessed of those qualities of patience, gentleness and understanding, as well as a brilliant intellect and a zeal to serve those in need of assistance.

In England, Gallaudet met with little success, as the Braidwood School was operated for profit and those in charge were reluctant to divulge their methods. Fortunately, he was invited to Paris by the Abbé Sicard, head of the French school for the deaf, and spent about seven months studying the teaching methods in use there.

When Gallaudet returned to the United States, he brought with him a brilliant young Frenchman, Laurent Clerc, who had been deafened in infancy. Educated by the Abbé Sicard, he had become an instructor at the Paris school. Clerc would prove to be invaluable in establishing the new school in America.
It took 52 days to reach America by ship. During the voyage, Clerc taught Gallaudet to sign and fingerspell; in turn, Gallaudet taught Clerc English. After their return, Gallaudet and Clerc spent some months visiting New England cities to build support and interest in the new school. Dr. Cogswell had continued his organizing efforts, obtaining incorporation in May, 1816, arranging for space and continuing fundraising efforts. When the Connecticut General Assembly appropriated $5000 to help the school, it became the first instance of state aid to special education in the history of the United States.

The school originally was named the Connecticut Asylum at Hartford for the Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons. On April 15, 1817 it opened in the Old City Hotel on Main Street. Alice Cogswell was the first pupil. Gallaudet the first principal and Clerc the first teacher.

The school was successful from the start and grew rapidly. Pupils came from all over the country. In 1821, the school moved to what is now known as Asylum Hill and remained there for 100 years. At this time, Congress granted public lands to the school, the first instance of federal support for special education in the United States.

In 1921 the school moved to its present location at 139 North Main Street in West Hartford. A variety of education, outreach and support services are offered to students of all ages, both on campus and in other placements.

Each year, the American School for the Deaf observes Founders Day on the Friday preceding April 15 to honor Dr. Cogswell, Gallaudet and Clerc and their pioneering achievements.
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