
ADSA Donation Procedure Policy

Introduction

Alberta Deaf Sports Association (ADSA) believes that it can best fulfill its mission and vision through a broad base of support from various sources. However, to maintain its independence and objectivity, it seeks to identify any areas where there may be real or apparent conflicts of interest or where the mission, programs, projects and independence of ADSA could be compromised.

As part of expanding its base of support, ADSA is willing to consider partnerships with and donations to/ from organizations. ADSA recognizes that organizations have obligations to their shareholders, boards and employees to be successful. ADSA also recognizes that organizations support, not only out of a desire to be helpful, but also with a hope of a return or benefit to the organization itself.

Given these realities and both legal and ethical considerations, ADSA is willing to negotiate partnerships and accept support from other organizations in ways that will benefit and recognize the supporting organizations while enabling ADSA to better achieve its mission without compromising its principles.

General Guidelines

ADSA, as an independent nonprofit organization, will accept no cash or real property gift, pledge of support or noncash gift or services or enter into any partnership with any other organization that produces products that are or may be harmful to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Nor will ADSA accept any of the above or support from organization that, in the judgment of the ADSA, exploits the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community in its product lines, advertising, marketing, workforce or in any other way.

Principles

ADSA will at all times maintain an independent position on donations.

ADSA will solicit and accept support only for activities that are consistent with its mission and vision.

ADSA will accept funds for research, informational and educational activities only when the content is to be determined by ADSA or an independent group designated by ADSA.

ADSA will maintain complete control, consistent with any donor restrictions acceptable to the ADSA, of all funds provided by corporations, organizations and individuals of up to \$1,500.00 with a limit of one donation per organization per year.

Acknowledgements for organization support will be limited to the organization's names, logos or slogans that are an established part of the supporters' identities.

Recognition of major organizational support will be developed in cooperation with the donors and will be consistent with the level of support and ADSA's mission and purposes. ADSA will seek to develop recognition opportunities that are appropriate and meaningful for both the supporting organizations and ADSA.

ADSA's intangible intellectual assets, including its name, research and other work, will be protected at all times. Donors will not be permitted to use ADSA's name or other items for commercial purposes or in connection with the promotion of anything without explicit permission from ADSA.

ADSA board and staff reserve the right to refuse any donation of cash or other real property, services, noncash gifts or any other forms of support if such support is not in keeping with the above principles or for other reasons that ADSA deems appropriate.