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Dear Mason-Dixon Team Members, Coaches, Families and Friends,

On behalf of Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB), and particularly Alabama School for the Deaf (ASD), I am pleased to welcome you to the 35th Mason-Dixon Volleyball Tournament. We are honored to have teams from across the southeast join us for what is always a great display of unity, talent and sportsmanship. The eight teams participating in this event are more than competitors; they are peers, friends, advocates, and so much more.

The theme of this year's tournament is "Race to the Finish Line." How appropriate this is for an event in Talladega, home of the world's fastest speedway. Twice a year, this quaint little town in Alabama sees more than 300,000 visitors come to witness a racing spectacle at our speedway. Mason-Dixon Tournaments do not quite bring the same number of fans, but AIDB appreciates you all as much or more!

Events like Mason-Dixon Tournaments are an integral part of our community and culture. Our staff and students share an incredible bond that transcends the volleyball court. Although I am sure we will see great competitive spirit on the court, I know at the end of the day we will continue to value the time we will all share at AIDB.

Thank you for making the journey to Alabama, and to AIDB. Please know your presence and participation are appreciated, and we at AIDB realize we are all better when we are together. We wish you for a successful visit, safe travels, and hope you take home fond memories of the event and your experience at AIDB.

Best of luck to you all!

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Gilliam, Ed.D.
President, AIDB

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Guests,

On behalf of the tournament committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the **Mason-Dixon Volleyball Tournament!** We are thrilled to host such an exciting gathering of talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship from across the region.

This tournament is more than just a competition—it is a celebration of dedication, discipline, and the friendships built through the game we all love. Each team brings a unique spirit and style of play, and we are honored to provide a stage where your hard work and preparation can shine.

Throughout the event, we encourage you to play with heart, respect your opponents, and support one another both on and off the court. Victories are memorable, but the true success of this tournament lies in the relationships you form and the experiences you carry with you long after the final match.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the coaches, officials, volunteers, and supporters who make this tournament possible. Your time, effort, and commitment to the athletes are what allow opportunities like this to flourish.

We look forward to a weekend filled with outstanding matches, exciting rallies, and lasting memories. Best of luck to every team—may your serves be strong, your teamwork seamless, and your spirit unshakable.

Welcome to the Mason-Dixon Volleyball Tournament!

With enthusiasm,

Jason Roop
Principal
Alabama School for the Deaf



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