



Selection Criteria for the Men's and Women's USA Team to Participate in 2017 Deaflympics - Golf

Players:

The United States Deaf Golf Association will select three men and three women to participate 2017 Summer Deaflympics – a 4-day golf tournament at Samsung, Turkey on July 18 to 31, 2017. The rules of the tournament are to be adhered to as enforced by the United States Golf Association, R&A's and the World Deaf Golf Federation.

To be on the USA men's and women's team, the nine-member USDGA Board of Directors will invite three elite men and three elite women golfers who have distinguished himself / herself in exemplary play at US Deaf Golf Championships, World Deaf Golf Championships, other events such as junior-level or college-level tournaments, or on a professional level with a consistent record of strong finishes in other regional tournaments over the last several years. The selection of individuals as members of the USA men's and women's teams for the 2017 Deaflympics at Turkey is subject to final approval by the USA Deaf Sports Federation Board of Directors.

Eligibility: To be eligible for selection as members of the USA team:

- A. Men's – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 10.4 or lower;
- B. Women's – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 22.4 or lower.
- C. Possess a United States citizenship.
- D. Have a hearing loss of at least 55 dB (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard) in the better-unaided ear, as documented on a recent audiologist-certified audiogram, (<http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>).
- E. Possess a valid identity card (e.g. driver's license).
- F. Possess a valid passport for international competitions.
- G. Be a member of USADSF in good standing.
- H. Submit him/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, ICSD and World AntiDoping Agency (WADA).
- I. Commit to train year-around from the time of selection to the 2017 Deaflympics.
- J. Maintain contact with the USDGA Team Director and keep informed about training regimens and competition results from time of selection until the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.
- K. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
- L. Sign and abide by the U.S. Golf Association Rules of Golf, the USA Deaf Sports Federation Code of Conduct, USOC Code of Conduct and General Release Forms, and any other applicable forms.

- M. Commit to fundraise to cover expenses for 2017 Summer Deaflympics.
- N. Complete the USA Team application packet, which includes providing proof of having or in the process of obtaining a United States passport. Note: The passport shall be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.
- O. Two months prior to the trip to the 2017 Summer Deaflympics, they submit documentation from medical authorities that they are of acceptable good health and ready for overseas travel and competition.

USDGA reserves the right to conduct random testing for illegal and/or excessive drug/alcohol use. Last, but not least, they are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and character.

Officers:

The USA Golf team will be accompanied by at least one official – Team Director to be selected by the USDGA Board, subjected to final approval by the USADSF Board.

Team Director: He/she attends the 2017 Summer Deaflympics as the spokesman of the USA Men’s, and Women’s team. He/she attends all business functions of the 2017 Summer Deaflympics on behalf of the USA team, USDGA, and USADSF.

He/she is responsible for all the logistical arrangements for the USA team’s travel and preparations for the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.

Replacement Procedure:

Any player will be withdrawn from the team if, for any reason (including injury or illness), that he is unable or unwilling to maintain sufficient preparations that are necessary for his / her peak performance in the 2017 Summer Deaflympics or does not abide by selection criteria requirements. Any player will also be withdrawn from the team if he / she doesn’t satisfactorily perform fundraising duties required by USDGA. If a player is withdrawn from the team, a special selection process is taken by the USDGA Board to fill in the slot.

Due Process:

All players have a right to obtain due process in accordance to the USDGA and USA Deaf Sports Federation by-laws if they feel the selection criteria was not followed properly.

_____ Date: _____
Print Name

Your signature

_____ Date: _____
Witness signed by USDGA Board Member