

USA Deaf Orienteering Athlete Selection Criteria for 2017 Summer Deaflympics

Time Frame:

USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) is seeking athletes for the 2017 Summer Deaflympics. Athletes who are selected are expected to participate in from 3 days between 1 weeks training camp prior to the Summer Deaflympics which will be held in Samsun, Turkey from July 18-30, 2017. They will also be responsible for raising funds to cover the cost of participation in the Summer Deaflympics. The exact amount needed to fundraise will be announced during Summer 2016.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements:

Athletes selected to the US Team must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a USA citizen who is eligible to represent USA in 2017 Summer Deaflympics. Have a hearing loss of at least 55 db in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard). The link is www.deaflympics.com/audiogramform.asp - please submit it to USADSF Home Office.
2. Be a member in good standing with Orienteering USA (OUSA), Home's Club, USA Deaf Orienteering and USADSF.
3. Agree to, sign and abide by USADSF *Honor Code*.
4. Submit him/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
6. Commit to train year-around from the time of selection to the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.
7. Maintain contact with the US Team coaching staff and keep informed about training regimens and competition results from time to selection to the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.
8. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character. Also show positive attitude, coach ability, commitment and conditioning.
9. Complete the US Team application packet for 2017 Summer Deaflympics, which includes providing proof of having or in the process of obtaining a United States passport, and paying a non-refundable US Team application fee of \$100.00 within 30 days of selection.

Orienteering Athlete Selection:

1. Athletes will be selected based on performances and will demonstrate their most competent representations possible in each event and produce high performances in any upcoming any club sectional's events, any A-meeting event and any international events.
2. The selection of athletes will be subject to approval of the USADSF Executive Board.
3. National Qualifier or National Championships will be posted on the USADSF and OUSA or their Home's Club websites as well as other deaf-related press releases.

The US Orienteering Team:

The US Team shall consist of seven men orienteers and seven women orienteers.

1. At least 7 men and 7 women from the tryouts.
2. The 8th men and women orienteers may be selected by the Committee under the Selection section above or from the tryouts.
3. Shall have two men (9th and 10th) and two women (9th and 10th) on standby as alternates.
4. The seven (7) men and seven (7) women orienteers on the USA Team shall start their fundraising duties immediately after being selected and report to the USA Team Committee.

The Events at Orienteering competitions:

1. Sprint
2. Middle Distance
3. Long Distance
4. Team Relay (3 orienteers)

Replacement Procedures:

Any athlete will be withdrawn from the US Team if, for any reason (including injury or illness), that he/she is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for his/her peak performance in the 2017 Summer Deaflympics or does not abide by selection criteria requirements. Athletes will also be withdrawn from the US Team if they do not satisfactorily perform in their fundraising duties requires by OUSA or Home's Club or USADSF. If an athlete is withdrawn from the US Team, an alternate athlete will be placed on the US Team.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee shall consist of the following individuals:

1. 2017 USA National Orienteering Head Coach.
2. Orienteering Summer Deaflympician.
3. Director of USA Deaf Orienteering.

Due Process:

Applications shall have the right to obtain due process in accordance with the provisions of the USADSF bylaws if they feel any part of the selection progress is biases or unjust. Refer to www.usdeafsports.org/static/medialibrary/2012/04/Final_2012_CBG.pdf (Chapter Ten: Due Process Procedures).

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