

USA Deaf Track & Field

Track & Field Athlete Selection Criteria 2009 Summer Deaflympics

Object:

To assemble and send the finest US Team possible to the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei.

Eligibility:

An athlete must have a hearing loss of 55dB or greater in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ISO 1964 standard) to be eligible to participate in the Deaflympics. Hearing aids or cochlear implant aids cannot be worn during all tryouts and competitions. A copy of most recent audiogram must be included with the application. Members of the US Team must be American citizens and possess US passport.

All interested athletes must be in good standing with USADSF and USADTF. Membership fee of \$15.00 and an Entry fee of \$15.00 US will be required prior submission. Please make out a check of \$30.00 payable to USADTF.

All athletes that were selected must complete the US Team application packet, 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. Note: The passport shall be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.

To be considered for the team, athletes should use the chart shown below to determine how they might qualify. The qualifying standard chart as shown below is based on fourth (4th) place averages at the 2001 and 2005 Summer Deaflympics.

Press Release:

USADTF will distribute press releases to various sources. An announcement will be posted in USADTF's e-newsletter; USADSF and USADTF websites; Deaf publications and e-mails. Dates can be found elsewhere in this criteria. USADTF will use its database to e mail the announcements.

Procedure:

Each athlete must submit three (3) best Proof of Performance (POP) from his/her competitions during the 2007 season between January 1st and July 1st to the Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff.

Each athlete must submit his/her audiogram with the application, unless the athlete already has his/her audiogram on file with International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

The Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff will then screen the applications. The chart is to be used as a guideline, but not as the final assessment for an athlete being selected.

For instance, an athlete ran 55 seconds in 400m hurdle in a meet and 58 seconds and 60 seconds in two other meets, it does not mean he is automatically selected to the team. The selection would favor an athlete who did 57 seconds in three meets. The average would be based on the three performances.

An announcement of the initial selections to the US Team will be made by August 1, 2007. The second and third waves of additional team members will be announced on or before April 15 and May 15 of 2008, respectively; The second and third waves will include performance done during the time between January 1 and May 15, 2008. Should there be some unexpected additions beyond May 15th, additional announcement will be made thereafter.

In event of adding athletes during 2nd and/or 3rd wave, the new additions cannot bump off those who were selected earlier entirely. The athletes selected in the 1st wave are guaranteed at least one event. Coaches will be responsible to ensure that every athlete will compete in at least one event and in the best interest of the USA team.

The POP submission form may be obtained from USADTF website (www.usadtf.org). See attached form below. A copy of official meet result sheet; official meet website link; press releases; and/or signed document by meet official(s) must be included with the submission form. No consideration will be made without any of those documents. No exceptions!

Electronic times for sprint events (**100, 200, 400, 100H, 110H, and 400H**) are a must. For other running events, either electronic or hand timing is acceptable.

The Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff may seek athletes out in the mainstream that may not be aware of the 2009 Summer Deaflympics. They may also recruit athletes to fill in spots that serve in the best interest of the USA Team including 2nd, 3rd and 4th legs of the relay teams.

Preparation as Member of US Team to 2009 Summer Deaflympics:

For those athletes who are selected to be on US Team to the 2009 Summer Deaflympics may consider to attend at least one international events: **2007 PANAMDES Games** and **2008 World Deaf Athletics Championships**. Also, athletes may consider attending any other international invitational meets when available.

USADTF may consider having a mandatory one-week camp or two for the coaches and athletes during the summer of 2009 to get to know each other and prepare the team for the upcoming months prior the Summer Deaflympics in Taipei.

The head coach and specialty coaching staff may remove an athlete if he/she failed to comply with the agreement mentioned below and/or come unprepared to the one week camp or the USA training camp.

Athletes on the US Track and Field Team to the 2009 Summer Deaflympics will be assigned specialty coach(es) for guidance throughout the time prior the training camp. Athletes are required to maintain communication ties with their specialty coaches, respectively. They will respond to any questions, requests or anything asked of them by either USADTF, Games Preparation Committee, USADSF or any other venues.

Athletes will demonstrate their training regimes by producing documents to their respective specialty coaches. They are expected to train from the time of selection throughout to the training camp and be in shape and ready to compete at the highest level. Otherwise, the coaches may consider removing the underperforming athlete from the team. That includes sub par performance using the qualifying standard to show that the athletes have been training and maintain their performance.

Replacement Procedures:

Please refer to the "Preparation as Member of US Team to the 2009 Summer Deaflympics" provision above for replacement of underperforming athletes.

Selection Committee:

The members of the selection committee are individuals who were approved by the USADSF Executive Board to serve as US Team coaches.

Due Process:

Should an athlete wish to file grievance against any decision made by the coaching staff may do so by retrieving information on the due process from the USADTF website at www.usadtf.org.

All athletes have a right to obtain due process in accordance with the USADSF by-laws if they feel the selection criteria were not followed properly.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Men's 2009 Summer Deaflympics	
Event	Qualifying Standard
100	11.19
200	22.22
400	49.21
800	1:56.65
1500	3:59.95
5000	15:06.18
10000	31:53.00
Marathon	2:42:33
110H	16.59
400H	56.33
3000 SC	9:34.66
HJ	1.85m
LJ	6.78m
TJ	14.10m
PV	3.75m
SP*^	12.93m
DT*^	41.50m
JT	54.39m
HT*^	34.49m
Dec	5,275

Women's 2009 Summer Deaflympics	
Event	Qualifying Standard
100	12.92
200	26.00
400	58.97
800	2:18.68
1500	4:46.07
5000	18:35.27
10000	38:20.73
Marathon	3:50:77
100H	16.62
400H	1:07.34
3000 SC	14:00.00
HJ	1.51m
LJ	5.38m
TJ	11.70m
PV	2.00m
SP	11.93m
DT	35.84m
JT	37.57m
HT	34.09m
Hep	3,880

Qualifying standard are based on forth (4th) place averages from 2001 Rome and 2005 Melbourne.

- * Conversion for HS 110M Hurdle – 15.6
- ** Conversion for HS 300M Hurdle – 40.5
- ^ Conversion for Female HS 300M Hurdle – 47.5
- *^ International/Collegiate implement

An electronic time **is required** for the following running events: **100, 200, 400, 100H, 110H,** and **400H**. For all other running events, either electronic or hand timing is acceptable.