

USA Deaf Orienteering

Athlete Selection Criteria for 2009 Summer Deaflympics

Time Frame:

The 21st Summer Deaflympics will be held in Taipei, Taiwan September 5 to 15, 2009. USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) is seeking athletes for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics. Athletes who are selected are expected to participate in from 4 days between 1 weeks training camp prior to the Summer Deaflympics. They will also be responsible for raising funds to cover the cost of training and participation in the Summer Deaflympics. The exact amount needed to fundraise will be announced during Autumn 2008.

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 2009 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).
2. Be a member in good standing with US Orienteering Federation (USOF), US 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 2009 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 2009 Summer Deaflympics.
8. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character. Also show positive attitude, coach ability, commitment and conditioning.
9. 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.

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. September 26 to 28, 2008 will host by Central New York Orienteering Club for Orienteering tryout at Fayetteville and Parish, NY (They have 3 different area for Sprint, Standard, and Long Distance). At tryout event, the entire male must take a red course and the entire woman must take a green course. Sprint is for both men and women.

4. National Qualifier or National Championships will be posted on the USADSF and USOF or their home Club websites as well as other deaf-related press releases.

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 2009 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 USOF or home club or USDSF. If an athlete is withdrawn from the US Team, an alternate athlete will be placed on the US Team.

Selection Committee:

The Selection committee may consist of 3 between 5 members:

Up to five (5) members of the Selection Committee, appointed by the Chair of the Orienteering Ad Hoc Committee, may consist of the following:

1. 2009 USA National Orienteering Head Coach.
2. Two (2) orienteer with experience playing orienteering from international levels.
3. Orienteering Ad Hoc Committee at Large Member.
4. Chair of the Orienteering Committee.

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 <http://www.usdeafsport.org/links/usadsf.org.pdf> (Chapter Ten: due Process Procedures).

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