

USA Deaf Shooting Athlete Selection Criteria for 2009 Summer Deaflympics

Time Frame:

The Summer Deaflympics will be held in Taiwan from September 5-15, 2009. Athletes who are selected are expected to participate in a 1 – 1½ week 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 by May 1, 2008.

Announcement:

Announcement of eligibility and qualification for the USA Deaf Shooting Team shall be made in Deaf-related publications (e.g., periodicals, USADSF website, press release to USA Shooting, deafsportzine, or the like)

Requirements for All Athletes:

1. Be a USA citizen who is eligible to represent USA in the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.
2. Have a hearing loss of at least 55db in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standards)
3. Be a member in good standing with USA Deaf Shooting and USADSF.
4. Agree to sign and abide by USADSF Honor Code.
5. Submit him/herself without any reservation to all doping control policies and procedure of the USADSF, DEAFLYMPICS and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
6. Commit to train year-round 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 of selection until the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.
8. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
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. Note: The passport shall be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.

Qualifying Standards:

To be considered for selection to the USA Deaf Shooting Team, athletes must have participated in at least two USA Shooting sanctioned competitions during the past 6 months. Furthermore, in these two competitions the average of their combined scores should also meet the following qualifying standards:

- 50m free Rifle 60 shots prone -----560 points
- 50 Free Rifle 3 x 40 shots (prone, standing and kneeling) -- 1060 points
- 10m Air Rifle 60 shots -----550 points (.177 Caliber)
- 50m Free Pistol 60 shots -----475 points

- 25m Rapid fire Pistol-----560 points
- 10m Air Pistol 60 shots-----550 points (.177 Caliber)

Selection:

There shall not be more than 2 athletes per shooting events. Tryouts will be conducted only if there are 3 or more athletes who meet the qualifying standards in any given shooting event. In the events of no tryouts, the top finishers in each event will be automatically selected to the USA Deaf Shooting Team provided that they satisfy all the selection requirements.

Selection Committee:

- Two representatives from the USADSF / Summer Deaflympic committee
- A former shooting athlete
- Shooting Coach

Replacement Procedures:

Any athlete shall be removed from the team if, for any reason that he/she is unable of unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for his/her performance at the Deaflympics and/or does not abide by selection criteria requirements. Athlete shall also removed from the team if the do not satisfactorily perform their fundraising duties required by USADSF. If an athlete is removed from the team, the next place athlete shall be placed on the team, provided that they also meet the selection criteria.

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Due Process:

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