

2009 Summer Deaflympics Swimming Athlete Selection Criteria

Jurisdiction

Team selection for the 2009 Deaflympics Games is under the jurisdiction of the USA Deaf Sports Federation. Questions about team selection and about membership in Swimming Ad Hoc Committee and USA Deaf Sports Federations (USADSF) should be directed to the committee chair, Caroline Solomon at swimming@usdeafsports.org.

2009 Deaflympic Games

The Deaflympics will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from September 1 – 15, 2009. Swimmers will be expected to participate in a 1-1 ½ week training camp prior to the Deaflympics. Athletes will be responsible for raising funds to cover training camp and Deaflympics expenses. The exact amount needed to fundraise will be announced once swimmers are selected.

Date and Address

Selection for the 2009 Deaflympics Games will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Verification of official times through USA Swimming SWIMS database
- 2) Participation in national team trials selection meet
 - a) Date: end of July, 2008
 - b) Place: *Summer Splash* Invitational (sponsored by Palatine Park District (PPD) Swim Team; www.ppdswim.org) in Chicago, IL.

Events

Swimmers will be selected from the following events: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle (women) and 1500m freestyle (men); 50m, 100m, and 200m backstroke; 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke; 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly; and the 200m and 400m individual medley.

Requirements for all Swimmers

Swimmers selected to the team must satisfy the following requirements:

- 1) Athlete must be a US citizen and eligible to represent the USA at international competition.
- 2) Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Swimming, Swimming Ad Hoc Committee and the USADSF **prior to** competing in the trials meet.
- 3) Athlete must have a hearing loss of at least 55db in the better ear (pure tone average at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard)
- 4) Athlete must provide a recent audiogram on the official ICSD audiogram to the Swimming Coordinator prior to selection competition (can be mailed with meet entries). The form is available at <http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>.

- 5) Must agree and sign and abide by USOC, USA Swimming, and USADSF Codes of Conduct.
- 6) Must submit him or herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, FINA, USOC, and ICSD.
- 7) Must commit to train year round from time of selection to international competition and comply with training requirements and timely submission of a training plan.
- 8) Must maintain contact with swimming program manager and coaches and keep them informed of training regimens and performance results.
- 9) Must exhibit good sportsmanship and character.

Qualifying for the 2009 Deaflympic Games

- 1) Swimmers must submit official verifying times (SWIMS times) that are faster than **Deaflympics Qualifying Times** (see table at end of this document) signed by a certified official at USA Swimming, YMCA, or NCAA competition **prior to** participation in the national team selection trials meet.
- 2) Athletes intending to compete for a slot on the national team are **encouraged** to participate in the national trials event, *Summer Splash* Invitational in Chicago in July 2008.
- 3) **The top two swimmers from each individual event swam at trials, provided that they are faster than the team qualifying times** (see table at the end of this document) **shall be considered for the U.S. Team. All swimmers who are named to the Deaflympics Team are eligible for the relays (400m free, 800m free, and 400m medley relays).**
- 4) **Additional swimmers may be selected using a scoring system based on their SWIMS times.**
- 5) The final team roster will be determined by early April 2009 based on SWIMS times in the time period from January 1, 2008 to March 30, 2009.
- 6) The following criteria will also be taken into consideration in the selection process: character, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Selection Committee:

The athlete selection committee shall consist of:

- 1) The Director or designee;
- 2) Swimming Coordinator or designee;
- 3) Head and any assistant coaches; and
- 4) A former Deaflympic athlete

Discovery of a Deaf Swimmer after Selection

A compiled list of known swimmers (Swimming Ad Hoc database) shall be made and signed by the swimming coordinator and given to an USADSF officer on the last day of Trials. Any swimmer not on the list who is brought to the attention of Swimming Ad Hoc and/or USADSF may be considered for the U.S. Team during the time period between the selection and the Deaflympic Games. The swimmer's times (SWIMS Times) must

prove to be faster than any of the swimmers already placed on the U.S. Team, then the selection committee shall consider adding him/her to the roster of the U.S. Team.

Replacement Procedures

Any swimmer will be withdrawn from the team, if for any reason (including injury or illness) he/she is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for his/her peak performance for international competition or does not comply with selection criteria requirements. If an athlete is removed from the team, the appropriate athlete will be placed on the national team.

Announcement

The committee shall announce athlete selection procedures at least one year prior to the Deaflympics Games, and six months prior to other international events.

Submittal of Athlete Selection

The committee shall recommend to USADSF the athletes chosen to be on the US Team based on selection procedures developed.

Recording of Athlete Criteria

The committee shall keep on file the athlete criteria for each international competition.

Due Process

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

**2009 Deaflympics Team
Minimum Qualifying Time Standards**

Women	Event	Men
Deaflympics (LCM)		Deaflympics (LCM)
33.0	50 free	30.0
1:12.0	100 free	1:02.0
2:34.0	200 free	2:20.0
5:32.0	400/500 free	5:08.0
11:34.0	800/1000 free	
	1500/1650 free	20:20.0
1:28.0	100 back	1:19.0
3:01.0	200 back	2:50.0
1:34.0	100 brst	1:21.0
3:28.0	200 brst	3:01.0
1:22.0	100 fly	1:15.0
3:04.0	200 fly	2:48.0
3:02.0	200 IM	2:45.0
6:32.0	400 IM	5:51.0