
**USA Boys' & Girls' National Volleyball Teams
2010 PANAMDES Deaf Youth Games
Athlete Selection Criteria**

Title: Youth National Volleyball Athlete Selection Criteria.

Time Frame:

Selection for the US Boys' and Girls' National Teams begins immediately after the Head Coaches are selected. The teams will participate in the 2010 PANAMDES Deaf Youth Games, which takes place on August 1-8, 2010 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Intent of Criteria:

The criteria for selection of Youth National Team members of the USA Boys' and Girls' Volleyball program are intended to be used as a guideline only. Such criteria are a general basis in which athletes interested in becoming part of the Youth National Teams can expect to adhere by. The criteria shall be used in conjunction with the judgment and selection by the Boys' and Girls' Head Coaches in making personnel decisions and such decisions shall be subject to final approval by the USA Team Director of the Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee and the USADSF Executive Board.

Press Releases:

The criteria herein shall be made available upon request.

Athlete Selection :

The Head Coach shall reserve the right to recruit and recommend up to 14 athletes to the USA Team Director of the Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee.

A Youth National Team Member shall:

1. Be selected by any of the following screening methods:
 - a. USA Volleyball database, or
 - b. Youth Development Coordinator's recommendations to Head Coach, or
 - c. Reports from knowledgeable individuals.
2. Show a proficiency in the skills of volleyball to warrant his/her participation at an international level, generally to be considered as an A-rated Junior USA Volleyball Indoor level.
3. Adhere to continuous physical workout regimens supporting the physical demands of consecutive match play as well as participation in individual practice, club, college, or other organized volleyball competitions.
4. Attend mandatory practices and/or competitions during his/her National Volleyball Teams participation prior to 2010 PANAMDES Deaf Youth Games.
5. Maintain contact with the coaching staff and keep staff informed about training regimens and other pertinent information from time of selection until 2010 PANAMDES Deaf Youth Games.
6. Submit himself/herself without any hesitation and reservation to all doping control policies and procedures of USADSF, International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and World AntiDoping Agency (WADA).
7. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.

Participant's Mandatory Eligibility Requirements:

1. Have a hearing loss of at least 55 dB (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz, ISO 1964) in the better ear, as documented on a recent ICSD audiogram, **which is available at <http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf> and must be submitted together with youth participation paperwork to the USA Team Director of the Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee by April 15, 2010.**
2. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
3. Possess a valid government-issued card (e.g. driver's license).
4. Possess a valid passport for international competitions (valid at least 6 months past conclusion of 2010 PANAMDES Deaf Youth Games).
5. Be a member of USA Deaf Sports Federation and Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee in good standing (submit membership form and \$45 fee to Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee.)
6. Sign and abide by USADSF's *Code of Conduct* and any other applicable forms.
7. Read and understand USADSF's *Due Process* procedures.
8. Must be 19 years of age or younger (born in 1991 or later).

Removal and Replacement Procedures:

The Head Coaches, USA Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee, and USADSF Board shall reserve the right to remove any athlete from the Youth National Team Pool if the athlete is unable to meet or abide by any requirement in these selection criteria. Examples include, but not limited to, injury, illness, unexcused absence, misconduct, unsatisfactory training regimen, poor competition performance, and inability to meet fundraising deadlines.

Recommendations to USA Deaf Sports Federation:

After having the US Boys' and Girls' National Team rosters finalized by Head Coaches, the USA Volleyball Ad Hoc Committee shall then recommend the rosters to the Vice-President of NSO Affairs. Per ICSD regulations, each roster list shall be limited to fourteen (14) athletes.

Due Process:

All Youth National Team candidates and members shall have the right to obtain due process in accordance with the provisions of the USA Deaf Sports Federation bylaws if they feel any part of the evaluation, selection, and removal processes is biased or unjust.