

**American Hearing Impaired Ice Hockey Association
ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2011 USA WINTER DEAFLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM**

Time Frame:

Selection for the 2011 USA Deaflympic Ice Hockey Team shall be based on performance during a series of tryouts beginning during the weekend of June 12 and 13, 2010 in Chicago. The tryouts will continue during a mini camp in Ann Arbor in August and will conclude with the final selection of the team in January 2011. The tryouts will be supervised by the AHIHA.

Press Releases:

The criteria shall be posted the USADSF website and the AHIHA website. Information regarding tryouts for the USA Deaflympic Ice Hockey team shall be distributed through, but not limited to, e-mail, various organizations (USA Hockey, AHIHA, and USADSF) deaf publications and clubs when practical.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for consideration for selection to the USA Deaflympic Team, the athlete must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a registered member of the USADSF in good standing.
2. Be aware of and adhere to the AHIHA's code of conduct.
3. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
4. Have an average of 55dB hearing loss at different tones/frequencies (500, 1000 and 2000hz) in their better ear, according to the ICSD regulations.
5. Be aware of and adhere to USADSF's Honor Code and USOC's Code of Ethics.
6. Is familiar with USADSF's Due Process procedures.

USA Deaflympic Team Members shall:

1. Participate in tryouts leading up to final team selection.
2. Have their hearing tested and recorded on an ICSD Audiogram form by a licensed audiologist and sent to the USADSF Home Office no later than October 15, 2010. The ICSD Audiogram form is available at <http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>. (Note: Those athletes who have previously competed in Deaflympics and/or World Deaf Championships should already been recorded in the ICSD Audiogram Database and they do not need to do this ICSD Audiogram Form procedure.)
3. Adhere to workout regimen outlined by exercise physiologist.
4. Attend mandatory practices and/or competitions during their USA Deaflympic Ice Hockey team participation and through the Deaflympics.
5. Sign and abide by the USADSF Honor Code, AHIHA Code of Conduct and any other applicable forms required by the USADSF.

6. Submit themselves without reservation to all doping control policies of USADSF and ICSD.
7. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
8. Shall perform fundraising activities for USADSF as required by USADSF or AHIHA.
9. Maintain communication with coach, assistant coaches, exercise physiologist, and team leader during the entire training period prior to the Deaflympics.

An athlete shall not be eligible for consideration if he is not fit to compete at the time selections are to be made due to any injury or illness from which he is not expected to recover adequately by the time of Deaflympics as verified by the USADSF, AHIHA or a medical examiner. Such determination shall be made at the discretion of the Coach, Athlete, Team Physician and Team Leader.

Athlete Selection Committee:

Evaluators shall be currently certified USA Hockey coaches with instructions and the attached evaluation sheets. The evaluation team will consist of current AHIHA coaching staff at the varsity level and at least one former National Ice Hockey Team Player. Each player will be evaluated by multiple coaches, during multiple games to allow the best evaluation of his skills; all numbers will be totaled and averaged. Players will be ranked according to their scores.

The Head Coach on behalf of the selection committee will nominate a roster of 23 athletes along with up to 10 alternates for the 2011 USA Deaflympics Ice Hockey Team for review and approval.

Per ICSD regulations, the roster shall be limited to twenty (20) players and three goalies.

Replacement Procedures:

Any USA Deaflympics Ice Hockey athlete shall be removed from the team if, for any reason that he is unable to or is unwilling to maintain a training regimen necessary for his peak performance at the Deaflympics and/or does not abide by the selection criteria requirements. An athlete shall also be removed from the team if he does not satisfactorily perform his fundraising duties as required by USADSF. If an athlete is removed from the team, an alternate shall be placed on the team. The USA Deaflympics Ice Hockey Head Coach shall recommend to the USA Deaflympics Team Director to make the necessary replacements to the team from the official list of alternates.

Due Process:

All USA Deaflympic Team candidates 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 and selection processes is biased or unjust.

Application/Processing Fee:

All members of the US team must pay a \$100.00 non-refundable processing fee upon selection to the team.