

**American Hearing Impaired Ice Hockey Association
HEAD COACH and ASSISTANT COACH SELECTION CRITERIA
2011 USA WINTER DEAFLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM**

Time Frame:

1. All applicants for the Head Coach position shall submit a letter of interest and resume to the Board of Directors of the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association by May 1, 2010. (Resume should include a list of 4 references and contact information and a picture). Announcement of the selected Head Coach shall be made by June 1, 2010.
2. Selection of the USA Deaflympic Ice Hockey Head Coach shall be based on the recommendation of a Coach Selection Committee selected by the AHIHA Board of Directors.
3. All applicants for the two Assistant Coach positions shall submit a letter of interest and resume to the Board of Directors of the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association by May 15, 2010 (Resume should include a list of 4 references and contact information).

Press Releases:

The criteria herein shall be made available upon request. Information regarding the coaching positions shall be distributed through, but not limited to, e-mail, e-list, affiliated hockey organizations (USA Hockey, AHIHA and USA Deaf Sports Federation), deaf publications, and clubs, high school associations, and universities wherever practical.

The **Head Coach** shall be responsible for recruiting, training, and preparing the 2011 USA Deaflympic Team. The head coach shall work closely with the Team Director of the 2011 USA Deaflympic Team on the following expectations:

1. To prepare the USA Deaf Hockey Team for international and domestic competition.
2. To recruit athletes for the USA Deaf Hockey Team.
3. To evaluate and place athletes on the USA Deaf Hockey Team.
4. To organize and collaborate with an Athlete Evaluation Committee during tryouts.
5. To provide clinics and training to potential athletes.
6. To maintain an atmosphere where all communication styles are available at all times throughout training camp and the Deaflympics, Sign Language skills preferred.

The role of the **Assistant Coach** shall be to work with the Head Coach in a position to be defined by the Head Coach. The Assistant Coach shall be expected to commit to the general expectation as outlined below. The general expectations are as follows:

1. To assist Head Coach in preparation of USA Deaf Hockey Team for international and domestic competition.
2. To assist Head Coach in recruiting athletes.
3. To participate with the head coach on evaluation.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements:

1. 25 years of age or older.
2. Possession of United States citizenship.
3. Possession of valid identity card (e.g. driver's license).
4. Possession of a valid basic first aid and CPR card.
5. Member of USA Deaf Sports Federation.
6. Awareness of and adherence to USADSF's Code of Conduct.
7. Awareness of and adherence to USOC's Code of Ethics.
8. Knowledge of USADSF's Due Process procedures.
9. Complete the US Team application packet and pay a non-refundable US Team Application fee of \$100.00 within 30 days of selection.

Qualifications:

Applicants for the Head Coach position shall be judged by the Coach Selection Committee based on the following qualifications:

1. Years of experience in the field of coaching ice hockey on both international and domestic levels.
2. Credentials in the area coaching
3. Years of experience in playing ice hockey on all levels
4. Years of experience in associating with and coaching deaf and hard of hearing athletes in ice hockey.
5. Proficiency in sign language.
6. Criminal background check – for procedure, please see "Athlete and Coach Selection Criteria" at http://www.usdeafsports.org/athletes_participation.html

Recommendations to the USA Deaf Sports Federation:

The American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association shall recommend to the USADSF Executive Board the candidates selected to serve as the Head and Assistant Coaches of the USA Deaflympic Ice Hockey Team.

Due Process:

All applicants 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 selection process is biased or unjust.