

Frequently Asked Questions – Beach Volleyball at 2009 Deaflympics

What is this FAQ list for?

This list is for athletes in search of answers about beach volleyball at the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.

Did we have beach volleyball at the Deaflympics before?

Yes. Beach volleyball was introduced at the 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne, Australia and was successful. It is a popular and challenging sport.

Does beach volleyball have a selection procedure?

Yes, USA Deaf Sports Federation approved the selection procedures for beach athletes. It is available at <http://www.usdeafsports.org/volleyball>. Some of you may have gotten a copy already from US Team Director Patrick O'Brien via email.

How different is the beach volleyball selection procedure from that in court (indoor) volleyball?

Different. Court athletes are evaluated and selected by coaches based on a set of skills. But, beach athletes are NOT evaluated by coaches. Why? Because coaching during competition is not allowed under international beach rules and regulations. The beach athletes qualify in competition against other teams.

How many people per team?

Two players. The team is known as a "beach doubles" team.

How do I get involved?

To show that you are interested in competing at the 2009 Summer Deaflympics, you will have to fill out the registration form and pay a registration fee. It is HIGHLY recommended that you and your teammate register at the same time and declare your intention to play together as a team.

I don't have a teammate. How do I find one?

Send email to volleyball@usdeafsports.org and let John Knetzger know that you are looking for a teammate. You are expected to have beach doubles experience.

I live in California, and my teammate lives in Maryland. How do we train together?

You will have to work something out with your teammate to find time and place to train together and play in some beach doubles tournaments. It is your responsibility to make such arrangements to train and compete as a good team.

If my team qualifies for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics, how do we get our expenses (transportation, lodging, uniforms, etc.) covered?

Once your team qualifies, your team will report to US Team Committee. The fundraising plans and goals have not been determined yet.

If more than one team registers, what happens?

Depending on where each athlete lives, arrangements will be made to have a qualifying tournament as soon as possible. Per 2009 Summer Deaflympics rules and regulations, only two (2) top teams per gender qualifies. All participants in the qualification process are responsible for transportation, lodging, and tournament fees.

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