



UK Deaf Athletics

Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics

Athlete Selection & Appeals Policy

Athletes seeking to compete in the DeaflympicsGB squad for the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics should read this document.

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OVERVIEW

UK Deaf Athletics is the athletics association affiliated to UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) and DeaflympicsGB. The association is a joint venture between the Deaf/HoH athletes governing bodies in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, which allows to attendance at competition with valid British passport.

The Team Manager reports to the UKDA Board and ultimately to EDAC, EYDAC, WDAC, WYDAC and DeaflympicGB.

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1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 This document sets out the policy and procedures for selecting athletes to represent Great Britain, including England, Wales and Scotland.
- 1.2 To be eligible for nomination, athletes must:
 - meet the UKDA Recommendation's Entry Standard (*Schedule B. ENTRY STANDARDS, page 7*) requirements to compete for DeaflympicsGB at the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics.
 - must be a British Citizen and hold valid full British Passport.
 - must have minimum hearing loss of 55dB (decibel) or greater in the better ear listed under ICSD's Audiogram Regulations (*Schedule C. ICSD - AUDIOGRAM REGULATION, page 8*).
 - must be of minimum age; meet the permitted age requirements as set out in the ICSD Technical Regulations (*Schedule A. Events SCHEDULE, page 6*)
 - Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation or any Home Nations, or ICSD disciplinary process.

2. COMPETITION SQUADS

- 2.1 The athletes are selected to represent DeaflympicsGB at the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics, which is an international multisport event for deaf athletes, organised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).
- 2.2 Venue at Tokyo, Japan between 15th November 2025 and 26th November 2025.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 The UKDA Selection Panel will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise: -
 - Voting Members.
 - UKDA Team Manager, Guy Finney.
 - UKDA Selector, Mark Hester.
 - Non-Voting Members:
 - Interpreter, if/as required.
- 3.2 Depend on Rankings and results by British Athletics' Powerof10 (thepowerof10.info) or local nation results.
- 3.3 UKDA is allocated a maximum of 3 quota places per sex for each event. Using the process outlined below, the Panel will select which Athletes to nominate to COMPETITION, under listed *Schedule A. EVENTS, page 7*. Any subsequent athlete withdrawals will then be replaced by UKDA using a roll down process (based on the Timing Ranking).
- 3.4 Athletes for the competition shall be announced a minimum of 6 months prior to the commencement of the respective competition.

- 3.5 The Selection Panel decision will be subject to UK Deaf Sports / DeaflympicsGB approval before players are officially named and announced as members of the DeaflympicsGB Athletics Team.

4. REMOVAL FROM THE COMPETITION

- 4.1 A selected athlete may be removed from the competition if that athlete:
- Breaches or fails to observe this policy.
 - For reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Selection Panel.
 - Breaches or fails a requirement of the Anti-Doping policy of UK Deaf Sport/ DeaflympicsGB.
 - Breaches or fails to observe either of the UKDS DeaflympicsGB Team Agreements/ Codes of Conducts
 - Fails to adhere to a specified training programme after being selected for the competition team.

5. APPEALS PROCEDURE

- 5.1 This document sets out UKDA's Appeals Procedure where an athlete ("the Appellant Athlete") wishes to appeal any selection decision taken in respect of any of the competitions listed under Schedule A Competitions.

5.2 INTERNAL APPEALS

- 5.2.1 This procedure is commenced when an Appellant Athlete submits a formal written appeal that credibly identifies one of the permitted grounds of appeal ("the Notice of Appeal") to UKDA will endeavour to acknowledge receipt of any appeals submissions via email within 48 hours.
- 5.2.2 The Notice of Appeal must be received by UKDA within the following timelines:
- Consultation and mediation whereby the parties meet to discuss the decision (ideally within 24 hours of the selection announcement and typically involving the Chair of Selectors and the Athlete (with parent/guardian in the case of an athlete under the age of 18).
 - Only where the parties do not reach agreement via consultation and mediation will a non-selected athlete be allowed to appeal to the UKDA Selection Appeals Panel convened by UKDA.
 - UK Deaf Sport / DeaflympicsGB will determine appeals against the GBDF Selection Appeals Tribunal. Only in exceptional circumstances, where no resolution is made, may an appeal be referred to the UK Deaf Sport DeaflympicsGB Selection Appeals Procedure 2025.
 - The sole ground for that appeal is that the selection policy was not followed and/or implemented.

- 5.2.3 The Notice of Appeal must set out the full details of the Appellant Athlete's ground(s) of appeal and include: -
- details of the decision which the athlete is appealing.
 - details of the ground(s) of the appeal upon which the athlete relies, including the precise way the Appellant Athlete alleges that such ground(s) apply; AND
 - any documents or written evidence upon which the Appellant Athlete relies in support of those appeal.

5.3 INTERNAL APPEALS PANEL

- 5.3.1 On receipt of the Notice of Appeal, the relevant documentation will be forwarded to the Internal Appeal Panel.
- 5.3.2 The Internal Appeal Panel is to consist of three (3) persons appointed by UKDA and includes: -
- One person who is appointed to Chair the Appeals Committee.
 - One person who has experience in dispute resolution.
 - One other person from a sporting background and wish knowledge of the sport athlete.
- 5.3.3 Should the Appellant Athlete object to the make-up of the Internal Appeal Panel they should state this (alongside their reasons for the objection) in their Notice of Appeal.
- 5.3.4 On receipt of any reasonable objection to the make-up of the Internal Appeal Panel (or should any of the listed Appeal Panel be unavailable), either UKDA Chair or UKDS Admin will nominate an appropriate replacement and communicate this to the Appellant Athlete prior to the Internal Appeal Panel convening to consider the Appellant Athlete's case. UKDA or UKDS's decision as to whether to replace the Panel member, and the identify of any new Panel member, will be final.
- 5.4 The Internal Appeal Panel shall be entitled to:
- **Dismiss**, the appeal and confirm the original selection/nomination decision; OR
 - **Uphold**, the appeal and remit the matter back to the original selection/nomination panel, outlining the errors that have identified in the conduct of the original selection/nomination process, and request that a new decision is made within 48 hours.
- 5.5 Only in exceptional circumstances, where no agreement or resolution is made may an appeal be referred to the UK Deaf Sport DeaflympicsGB Selection Appeals Procedure 2025.

6. AMENDMENT

- 6.1 In the event that any unforeseen circumstance makes any provision of this Policy unworkable or ineffective to promote the aims of the Policy, the UKDA will be entitled to amend this Policy so that the aims can be secured. Any amended version will be made available to contact UKDA Team Manager(s).

EVENT SCHEDULE

A. EVENTS

Event	Minimum Age*
100m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
200m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
400m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
800m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
1500m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
5000m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
10000m	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
100m Hurdles	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
110m Hurdles	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
400m Hurdles	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
3000m Steeplechase	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
High Jump	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
Pole Vault - Cancelled	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
Long Jump	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
Triple Jump	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
Shot Put	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Discus Throw	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Hammer Throw	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Javelin Throw	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Heptathlon	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Decathlon	18 Born on or before 31 Dec 2007
Marathon	20 Born on or before 31 Dec 2005
4 x 100m Relay	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
4 x 400m Relay	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009
10km Race Walk - Cancelled	16 Born on or before 31 Dec 2009

*The minimum age requirement may be subject to change by the ICSD Athletics Technical Director. But they are correct at the time of releasing this policy document.

B. DEAFLYMPICSGB ENTRY STANDARDS

		SENIOR									
		Men Athletics			Women Athletics			Mixed Athletes			
EVENT		Minimum Age (Born on or before)	Number of Athletes (Quota)	Number of Reserves/Substitutes	Minimum Age (Born on or before)	Number of Athletes (Quota)	Number of Reserves/Substitutes	Minimum Age (Born on or before)	Number of Athletes (Quota)	Number of Reserves/Substitutes	
100m	-	00:11.00	16	3	1	00:12.70	3	1	-	-	-
200m	-	00:22.40	16	3	1	00:25.70	3	1	-	-	-
400m	-	00:49.00	16	3	1	01:00.00	3	1	-	-	-
800m	-	01:59.50	16	3	1	02:30.00	3	1	-	-	-
1500m	-	04:09.00	16	3	1	04:55.00	3	1	-	-	-
5000m	-	15:50.00	16	3	1	19:30.00	3	1	-	-	-
10000m	-	33:00.00	16	3	1	41:00.00	3	1	-	-	-
100m Hurdles	-		16	-	-	00:16.00	3	1	-	-	-
110m Hurdles	-	00:16.20	16	3	1		-	-	-	-	-
400m Hurdles	-	00:58.50	16	3	1	01:07.00	3	1	-	-	-
3000m Steeplechase	-	09:45.00	16	3	1	12:00.00	3	1	-	-	-
High Jump	+	1.80	16	3	1	1.61	3	1	-	-	-
Pole Vault	+	3.80	16	3	1	2.00	3	1	-	-	-
Long Jump	+	6.90	16	3	1	5.18	3	1	-	-	-
Triple Jump	+	13.35	16	3	1	10.80	3	1	-	-	-
Shot Put	+	15.10	18	3	1	12.00	3	1	-	-	-
Discus Throw	+	46.00	18	3	1	37.09	3	1	-	-	-
Hammer Throw (HT4K)	+	46.00	18	3	1	46.00	3	1	-	-	-
Javelin Throw	+	50.00	18	3	1	40.00	3	1	-	-	-
Heptathlon	+	-	18	-	-	3295.00	3	1	-	-	-
Decathlon	+	4600.00	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marathon	-	03:00:00	20	3	1	03:35:00	3	1	-	-	-
4 x 100m Relay			16	4	4		4	4	-	-	-
4 x 400m Relay			16	4	4		4	4		4	-
10km Race Walk			16	3	1		3	1	-	-	-

C. ICSD - AUDIOGRAM REGULATION

Website - <http://www.ciss.org/icsd/audiogram-regulations>

The regulations state all athletes **must** be:

- Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB pure tone average (PTA) in the better ear (three-tone pure tone average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, air conduction, ISO 1969 Standard).
- A citizen of that country.

D. AUDIOGRAM PROCEDURES

Athletes must have an ICSD Athlete number in order to participate in the Deaflympics 2025. Athletes have two options:

Option 1 - If a deaf athlete has already participated at a previous European Deaf Championships, World Deaf Championships or the Deaflympics, it is likely the deaf athlete will have a Athlete ID number. UKDA will check with UK Deaf Sport Office.

Option 2 - New incoming athletes with no Athlete Number must have Audiogram completed as soon as possible.

Here is what to do:

1. Follow the details here <https://ukdeafsport.org.uk/support/audiograms-obtaining-an-athlete-icsd-number/>
2. Click on the link <http://www.deaflympics.com/audiogramform.php> and fill out the form online and print out the Audiogram ready for your audiologist.
3. Download the letter on the page in point 1. Show your audiologist point 3.5 where it illustrates all four (4) types of audiogram testing must filled out entirely for each ear including 1) Air Conduction, 2) Bone Conduction, 3) Tympanograms (Tympanometry) and 4) Acoustic Reflexes (Reflexometry).
4. Scan your form to UKDA. UKDA will share with UK Deaf Sport office. All deaf athletes must meet the ICSD regulations of minimum hearing loss of 55dB in the better ear". **Do not submit your completed audiogram form to ICSD directly.**
5. UKDS will double check to make sure new incoming athlete are eligible for participation at the Deaflympics. If audiogram is pass, UKDS send it to ICSD directly.
6. Deaf Athlete to pay the ICSD admission fee £21 here <https://ukdeafsport.org.uk/product/audiogram-for-athlete/>
7. UKDS has set 1st June 2025 as deadline for all audiograms to be submitted for processing (see point 3 above). This is because there are fines from ISCD for audiogram summitted less than three (3) months before the event of \$40 and less than one (1) month before the event of \$100.
8. Be aware that, it is important for new incoming athletes to understand that **cannot wear any hearing amplification device** (hear aid, cochlear implant processor, etc) when participating in any events at the field track.

End

February 2025