

LTA Deaf Tennis Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics Player Selection & Appeals Policy

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This document defines the selection process and criteria for the Great Britain Tennis squad for the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics (15th - 26th November 2025).

Note:

- 'LTA' refers to the Lawn Tennis Association.
- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is the global organisation that governs, advocates for, organises and promotes elite sport for athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- UK Deaf Sport is the National Deaf Sports Federation that is responsible for the DeaflympicsGB team attending the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics.

1. INTRODUCTION

A player must be available to play if they are selected for the DeaflympicsGB team. To be eligible to compete in the DeaflympicsGB Team you must be;

1. Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (3 tone frequency average of 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard).
2. Members of a national member of the ICSD, with an ICSD Number.

2. ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - WHAT YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY

To be eligible to represent GB at the Deaflympics you must:

- Hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a British passport, be a British Citizen and have not represented any other nation in a representative team event. Evidence may be asked for to prove eligibility.
- Not be suspended for a doping violation and/or a breach of the anti-corruption rules.
- Be 14 years of age* start of the Deaflympic competition 2025. Born on or before 16 November 2011.

*The minimum age requirement is set by ICSD and is outlined in the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics Technical Regulations.

3. LTA SELECTION PANEL

Selections will be made by the LTA Selection Panel - comprised of the following people:

- a) Sophie Hall - Chair
- b) Catherine Fletcher - National Deaf Coach
- c) Amanda Morrissey - Competition Operation Manager

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 Tennis Team.

4. SELECTION TIMELINE

30 th May	LTA Selection Panel will meet to agree selections.
6 th June	Players will be notified if they have been selected. If you want to ask why you were not chosen you must use the Selection Appeals Procedure (attached).

5. SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when selecting the team:

- Singles and doubles competition results in the last 12-24 competitions.
- Participation and results at the Deaf Tennis National Finals 2024.
- Performance at LTA training camps and selection days.
- Demonstrating Team Spirit both on and off the court.
- Previous experience /performances /results at ICSD and International events.
- Attitude and professionalism during ICSD events.
- Attitude and professionalism during training camps.
- Attitude and professionalism at domestic competition.

6. PLAYER AGREEMENT

All selected players must sign a declaration to confirm that they have read and understood the information set out in this document and the LTA Code of Conduct, and that during their time on the travelling team they agree to be bound by the conditions laid out in these documents. All players must note that when representing the LTA as part of the GB programme, we expect all players to behave professionally. Examples of these behaviours include:

- Attending all meetings, meals, training, on time and prepared, and generally demonstrating a good team spirit.
- Demonstrating respect and support to all team members, competitors, and coaches, including but not limited to via social media and/or other platforms.
- Giving 100% in everything you do whilst representing the LTA.

Any breaches of the code of conduct issued by the LTA and notified to the Player from time to time (the **"LTA Code of Conduct"**) may result in disciplinary action being taken against the Player.

7. COMMUNICATION OF SELECTION

Players will be told by 6th June if they have been selected to play.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

If you are selected to represent GB, please check with the LTA before you tell other people about your selection. Please note this also refers to posting on social media.

9. CHANGES TO THE SELECTION PROCESS

If the process for selections has to be changed, this policy will be updated, re - published and sent directly to players in the GB Deaf National Squad.

10. DE-SELECTION

You may not be able to play if:

- **You are ill or hurt**
You must show that you are medically fit to play. You may have to have a medical examination or a fitness test.
- **Your behaviour is unsatisfactory**
If you behave in a way that the LTA does not like or break the rules, they will take action. This could mean that you do not play.
- **You take drugs that are against the rules**
If you take any drugs that you shouldn't take you will not be able to play.

If the LTA decide that you cannot play you will be able to ask them to think about it again.

11. WITHDRAWAL

If you cannot play when you have been chosen you must let Sophie Hall know as soon as possible - you can email her at Sophie.Hall@LTA.org.uk.

12. APPEALS:

Any appeals against selection decisions must be made in writing to the LTA within 2 weeks of you receiving communication about the selection outcomes. You can write to Jenny McAneny-Vincent, Head of Competition at the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priors Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ, or email Jenny.McAnenyVincent@LTA.org.uk.

An appeal can only be made on one or both of the following grounds:

- a. There has been a failure by the selection panel to follow this selection policy (i.e., there has been a procedural defect); or
- b. The decision has been reached on the basis of an error of fact.

It can be decided either:

1. To set aside the selection panel's decision as it was based on an error of fact or procedurally flawed and remit the matter to the selection panel; or
2. To uphold the selection panel's decision. Should a decision be set aside and be re-considered by the selection panel which then has an effect on a selection decision taken in relation to another player, that decision in relation to the other player may also be re-considered and changed if necessary.
3. 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.

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