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<b>Honorary President Nomination</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	UK Deaf Sport Board
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<b>Nomination for Honorary President</b>	
<b>Name of Nomination</b>	<b>Jodie Ounsley</b>
<b>Reasons for Nomination</b>  <i>Please refer to the role description below</i>	<p>Deaflympian Jodie Ounsley is profoundly deaf. She can hear with a cochlear implant.</p> <p>She became the first deaf female professional rugby player to be selected for an international sevens squad and won her first England Sevens Rugby cap in October 2019. Previously played for Sale Sharks and recently signed with rugby premiership club Exeter Chiefs.</p> <p>Member of DeaflympicsGB - she is a former British jiu-jitsu champion and competed for Great Britain in athletics - 100m and 200m at the Samsun 2017 Deaflympics.</p> <p>On top of her professional rugby career, Jodie has also founded the platform, Not Just Anyone, which aims to help people realise they can overcome adversity. <i>“Since I opened up about my story, I realised how much of an impact it’s had on myself and the confidence it’s given me to embrace my deafness,” she says. “I wanted to create a platform where people could do the same, share their story in life and inspire each other. It’s really powerful to share experiences and find somewhere you can relate to something.</i></p> <p>She wants people to be more open-minded and realise that people with disabilities and people who are deaf can achieve in professional sport. She wants young deaf kids to have role models to look up to and realise that they can do it too.</p> <p><a href="#">Jodie Ounsley: England rugby player risking hearing loss to reach the Olympics - BBC Sport</a></p>



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<b>Notable Achievements</b>	<p>Member of DeaflympicsGB - former British jiu-jitsu champion and has competed for Great Britain in 100m and 200m at the Samsun 2017 Deaflympics.</p> <p>First deaf female professional rugby player to be selected for an international sevens squad and won her first England Sevens Rugby cap in October 2019. Previously Sale Sharks player and recently signed with premiership club Exeter Chiefs.</p>
<b>Sport</b>	<p>Athletics – competed at 2017 Deaflympics</p> <p>British jiu-jitsu champion</p> <p>England Rugby Sevens Team</p> <p>Sale Sharks and Exeter Chiefs Rugby</p>