




## **European Deaf Championships – Regulations**

*(entered into force immediately after 16<sup>th</sup> EDSO Congress)*

### **I. General information**

1. The European Deaf Championship may take place every four (4) years for all sports events, exception is some sports disciplines for youth and juniors after decision of EDSO Executive Committee.
2. In no case may the European Championship (EC) be postponed to another year.
3. The date which EC is to take place is determined by the host country. The hosting of a EC must be proposed to the EDSO Executive Committee the date in which EC is to take place, and the Executive Committee shall inform the Congress.
4. The Deaf EC can only take place where there are four (4) or more EDSO members country. Where there are less than four (4) EDSO members country taking part in the event, the host country shall have the responsibility of terming the sporting event as an international competition or canceling the event, after consultation with EDSO leadership.
5. The Deaf EC is the exclusive property of the EDSO. The EDSO may, amongst other things, grant licenses in respect of these Championships.
6. Participation in the Deaf EC shall be restricted to persons who are:
  1. deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (3 tone frequency average of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard), and
  2. members of a **affilitated** member of the EDSO.
7. Athletes taking part in the Deaf EC shall be forbidden from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions.
8. There is no age limit for competitors except where stated in the rules of the relevant International Sports Federation.

### **II. Bidding procedure**

1. Only members of the EDSO are eligible to bid for the European Deaf Championships in sports that are officially recognized by EDSO.
2. An EDSO member applying for the Deaf EC event must submit its application (Appendix One ) to the EDSO Secretariat at least two (2) years prior to the Championship and is subject to approval by the EDSO Executive Committee.
3. A bidding application to host EC shall be accompanied by the following:
  - 1) certification of support from the proposed city;
  - 2) certification of support from the National Sport Federation of the applicable sport.
4. An application for the Deaf EC must contain details as to the:
  - 1) location of the EC;
  - 2) dates of the EC;
  - 3) current price list for hotels, meals and transport for that city.
5. The bidder for a Deaf EC must arrange written agreement with "European Deaf Championships - Regulations".
6. The bidder for a Deaf EC must arrange for a site visit to the city by the EDSO Representative or EDSO Technical Officer in respective sports prior to the Congress at which the bid will be presented. The site visit must take place during the same month in

which the proposed Deaf EC is to take place. At Congress, the Executive Committee's decision as to the conferral of the right to host the Deaf EC will be presented for ratification.

7. In the event that a bid is accepted, the host organiser shall also arrange for a site visit by the EDSO Representative and EDSO Technical Officer (TO) not less than one year prior to the Deaf EC. The visit must take place during the month in which the Deaf EC is to take place.

### **III. Organising Committee**

1. The bidder awarded the Deaf EC may appoint an Organising Committee (OC) and delegate to it the responsibility of organising the Championships.
2. The OC shall be comprised of persons with management experience (deaf and hearing). The OC shall enter into direct dialogue with the Secretariat by electronic communication facilities.
3. The OC may form a centralised Secretariat with telephone/fax and electronic communication facilities. The numbers of these communications should be advertised on the Organising Committee's letterheads and web site, if any.
4. The OC is responsible for the organisation of the Championships and must enter into dialogue with the National and International Sports Federation in regard to obtaining support for the work of the Committee.
5. The OC shall seek, whenever appropriate, sanction and support from or European Deaf Sports Federation (EF) or International Sport Federation (IF). Request to put the EC event in the IF's Calendar of Event.
6. **The OC shall ensure that all countries in the newsletter with information about the cost of accommodation, meals and transportation services at least one (1) year prior to the Championships.**

### **IV. Reporting**

1. Progress reports shall be submitted with the Representative of EDSO and the Curator of that tournament before six (6) month, three (3) month and one (1) month leading up to the Championship.
2. A report detailing the technical organisation of the Deaf European Championships shall be submitted with the EDSO Congress that is held prior to the conduct of these Championships.
3. A final report shall be submitted with EDSO Secretariat during **three (3)** month after the conduct of European Championship, and should consists of:
  1. complete results;
  2. competition report;
  3. operational report;
  4. finances (including revenue and expenditure details) within six (6) months after the event; and
  5. statistical information including the number of competitors, officials and spectators at country, athlete/spectator and gender level shall be presented to the EDSO Secretariat within one (1) month after the conduct of the Deaf European Championship.
4. The National Federation (or its OC) shall forward to the EDSO within thirty days, a provisional result for the European Championship, which then will be published by EDSO.

### **V. Formal invitation**

1. The invitations to take part in the EC must be sent out by the National Federation (or its OC) at least **ten months** prior to the EC.
2. All documents (including invitations, competition lists, entry cards and programs) printed for the EC as well as any promotional products including badges, posters and prizes must carry the logo and/or initials of the EDSO on the front where applicable.
3. All posters should be drawn in English language and National language of EC host country and approved by EDSO Representative who responsible for this event.

## **VI. Program**

1. Representative of EDSO Executive Committee and Technical Officer for the respective sports shall approve the final competition schedule at least six (6) months prior to the European Championship.
2. The OC shall consult with the EDSO Secretariat on the proposed dates of the European Championship. The consultation shall decide on the exact dates of the Championship on the basis of eliminating any potential conflicts with other EDSO recognised sporting events and shall be finalised not less than eighteen (18) months before the European Championship.
3. The official date of the European Championship shall be the day of opening and the day of closing.
4. European Championship with preliminary registration from at least four (4) countries shall remain on the official program. If the final number of entries less than four (4) participants for a particular event or discipline, this event shall be cancelled.
5. In the case of cancellation of any sport event or discipline due to the above rules, the authorized EDSO Representative must notify the affected federations immediately after the deadline for final registration.
6. In case of a team sport competitions, this notification must be made immediately after the deadline for the final registration

## **VII. Participation**

1. If an athlete has represented a country previously he can represent another country only once in his sports career, after a two (2) year waiting period and may not compete for the original country or a new country.
2. The entry form must include the text of the eligibility code, and the following declaration to be signed by the two officials (President and Secretary) of the National Federation:  
"We and our athletes declare that we have read the eligibility conditions for the Deaf European Championships and that we will comply with them. We agree to be filmed or photographed during the Deaf European Championships for the purposes authorized by the EDSO."
3. No entry form shall be valid unless the above rules have been complied with.
4. Only Members of EDSO may register competitors in the Deaf European Championships.
5. Athletes from small countries without strong evidence of ability to establish national deaf sports federation may compete Deaf European Championships pending authorization from its National Olympic Committee or Sports Department.
6. The registration forms for the Deaf European Championships will be supplied by the EDSO.




## **VIII. Identity cards**

1. The National Federation (or its OC) of the Deaf European Championships must supply an identity card for each participant and official.
2. The OC shall verify all athletes' citizenship by checking appropriate documentation (passport or government issued photo identity card) to make sure all points below matches

athletes' profile prior to issuing identity card to athletes, previously confirm of the issuance with EDSO Representative.

3. The identity card shall contain the following particulars for the individual:
  1. Title, date and location of the Deaf European Championships;
  2. Surname;
  3. Given name(s);
  4. Nationality (except where the individual is a member of the EDSO Executive Committee or an EDSO TD);
  5. Date of Birth (which will be required only of competitors);
  6. Role (which will be required of officials, for example, manager, trainer, interpreter and any other such individual);
  7. Photograph (which is no more than 6 months old).
4. The National Federations shall ensure that information given to the OC for these to be included on the identity cards is accurate.
5. The OC may use alphabet or colour codes on the identity card for identification purposes. Particulars on identity cards cannot be amended without agreement from the Organising Committee.

## **IX. Control and sanctions**

1. Participate in Deaf European Championships allowed only these athletes, who had ICSD ID numbers which approved by ICSD. An athlete, whose audiogram has not been approved by ICSD or has not previously been tested by the ICSD Audiologist, must submit to the ICSD at least three (3) months before the Championships an audiogram that is not more than one year old. This must be arranged prior to participation in any qualifying round or in the Championships-
2. The audiogram form for this will be supplied by the ICSD via its official website.
3. EDSO supports the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency in developing the World Anti-Doping Code and shall follow the most up to date Code.
4. EDSO cooperate with ICSD and comply with the regulations of ICSD Anti-Doping Rules , in accordance with the Code, which will apply to the Deaf European Championships and other relevant international events.
5. Any athlete participating at the Deaf European Championships may be requested to submit to a doping control at any time during the Deaf European Championships.
6. In the event of an anti-doping rule violation **EDSO** may impose sanctions as outlined in the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules .
7. The OC is responsible for all expenses for doping controls conducted.
8. The OC is responsible for providing the infrastructure (including trained personnel, appropriate sample collection facilities, access to WADA Accredited Laboratory) to enable a doping control program to be conducted at the Championships.
9. The OC is required to distribute a Doping Control Guide, outlining the technical processes involved in the sample collection to all member nations.
10. All member nations are responsible for ensuring that their athletes are informed about the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules  and its requirements.
11. The athletes may be required to take additional hearing tests during the Deaf European Championships.
12. The athletes may be required to undergo doping tests.
13. Any competitor refusing to take any tests shall be removed from the Deaf European Championship.
14. Any athlete who fails any of these tests shall be excluded from all Deaf **European** Championships and EDSO competitions for a fixed time or for life as determined by the

Executive Committee. The banned athlete's name shall be removed from all official documents and any prizes awarded shall be confiscated.

15. In the case where an athlete is a member of a team, the entire team shall be disqualified, its name removed from all official documents and any prizes awarded shall be confiscated.
16. In the case of a fraud on the part of the competitor or a team, the Member Federation in question shall be obliged to pay all expenses and fines as determined by the EC.
17. In the event that a Deaf European Championship competitor is disqualified, his prize and diploma must be returned to the EDSO. If this is not done, his National Federation shall be liable to suspension.
18. All expenses for hearing and doping tests, taken during the Deaf European Championship shall be covered by the host National Federation or the Organising Committee.

## **X. Sports (General)**

1. In summer and winter sports, must be practiced by at least four (4) EDSO members in order to be eligible for a Deaf European Championship.
2. EDSO Representative, in consultation the TO for the sport as per EC10.1, shall determine the format and structure of the Deaf European Championship at least one (1) year prior to the Championship.

## **XI. Sports (Team)**

1. The preliminary registration for the qualifying rounds for team sport competitions competition must be made two and a half (2 ½) years prior to the Deaf European Championships.
2. The final registration must be submitted one (1) year before the Deaf European Championships.
3. Only one team per National Federation shall be admitted to the Deaf European Championships.
4. The number of teams for the final round of Deaf European Championship, in each sport and gender will, as a rule, be up to:
  - Football – 16 teams;
  - Futsal – 16 teams;
  - Volleyball – 12 teams;
  - Basketball – 12 teams;
  - Handball – 12 teams;
  - Water Polo – 12 teams;
  - Ice Hockey – 12 teams;
  - Beach Volleyball – there are no restriction, 2 men's and women's teams from each country.
5. A fine shall be levied for the withdrawal of a team from the Deaf European Championships qualification and final rounds. EDSO Congress shall determine the amount of this fine.

## **XII. Sports (Individual)**

1. There shall be no limit on the number of events that an individual athlete may enter.
2. A fine will be levied on each non-starting athlete except where there is a presentation of a doctor's declaration that the athlete should not be allowed to participate in the Deaf European Championship.

## **XIII. Preliminary and Final registrations**

1. A preliminary registration with an indication of the approximate number of athletes confirmed for each event must be submitted at least one (1) year prior to the Deaf European Championships, and the final registration must be submitted at least six (6) months prior to the Deaf European Championships.
2. Registration list with the names of each athlete and his event entered must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the opening of the Deaf European Championships. The submission may be made by e-mail or by facsimile if immediately followed by the official registration form.
3. Final entries received after the closing date shall not be accepted.

#### **XIV. Financial Regulations**

1. The National Federation (or its OC) or any agency must offer accommodation facilities and meals at reasonable prices for all National Federations participating in the Deaf European Championships.
2. Each sporting team shall be responsible for the cost of its travel, accommodation and other arrangements.
3. A penalty fee to be determined by EDSO Congress shall be imposed when a National Federation withdraws after submitting the final entry list.
4. The National Federation (or its Organising Committee) must arrange and fund:
  - one visit of the EDSO Representative and TO to the site of Deaf European Championships approximately **one** year before the Championship;
  - one site visit of the EDSO Representative and TO for the period of the Deaf European Championship (two days before starting of the Championship and one day after);Travel, accommodation, meals and other expenses of the EDSO Representative and TO shall be taken by National Federation or Organizing Committee  
Where the expenses of the Deaf European Championships are greater than the income derived, the National Federation (or its OC) shall be fully responsible for making good the difference.

#### **XV. Prizes, diplomas & posters**

1. The proposed design of posters, prizes and diplomas must be submitted with the EDSO Representative for approval no later than one (1) year before the Deaf **European** Championships. Posters shall carry the logo of EDSO in a prominent position.
2. In all sports and events the first prize will be a gold medal and a diploma, the second prize a silver medal and a diploma, and the third prize a bronze medal and a diploma. All medals shall have engravings stating type of sport and event for which the medal or diploma shall be conferred.
3. In individual and team sport competitions, competitors placed fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) shall receive diplomas.
4. The type and format that the prizes will take shall be at the discretion of the National Federation (or its OC). However, prizes must include the wording and/or logo of EDSO in any engraving.
5. The diplomas shall carry the logo of both the EDSO and the National Federation (or its OC). The EDSO Representative and the President of the National Federation (or its Organising Committee) shall sign these diplomas. Names of competitors shall be printed.
6. The National Federation (or its Organising Committee) shall forward to the ICSD Museum two specimens of diplomas, and one specimen of prizes, trophies or medals.
7. All surplus prizes and diplomas shall be destroyed.

#### **XVI. Protocol**

1. The Opening and Closing Ceremony of the Deaf European Championships must be implemented obligatory according to the European Sport Federation or International Sport Federation rules.
2. The symbolic transferal of the EDSO flag at the Deaf European Championship shall always be observed.
3. The official ceremony for the presentation of medals is the sole responsibility of the **EDSO** representative. A TO may be master of the diplomas awarding ceremony.

## **XVII. Technical meetings**

1. The technical meeting of national sports leaders will be held at least one day before the commencement of the Deaf European Championship, and in the next day of the Championship.
2. The Technical Committee, the Protest Committee, and **up to two representatives but at least one is deaf** from each participating country will attend the technical meetings. The representative must be among the deaf members of National Deaf Sport Federation governing body.
3. **During the technical meeting of the OC is assisting in the conduct of recording meeting minutes. Then the representative of the IF and TO endorse the minutes and send to all member countries within one (1) month after the meeting.**

## **XVIII. Authority & Jurisdiction**

1. The EDSO Representative shall be the final arbiter on any matter in disputes relating to any aspect of the Deaf European Championship brought forward by the National Federation (or its OC) or any one of the participating National Federations.
2. The competition rules for each sport shall be those of the European or International Federations as amended where visual cues are to be used in place of auditory cues.
3. The referees, judges, starters and other officials will be selected by the OC from among the most qualified in that country as agreed or directed by the EDSO TO of the respective sport.
4. The OC shall submit a copy of all referees' qualifications to EDSO Officer, at least 14 days before the first technical meeting.
5. The National Federation (or its OC) shall bear full responsibility for the appointment and scheduling of referees at the Deaf European Championship. For the team sport competitions for qualifying matches, one independent observer from the EDSO shall be invited to championship or games.
6. The judges themselves shall determine protests that are lodged with ground judges. Protests will not be determined unless the protest was made in writing, in English, and submitted with a ground judge within limited time as established by respective international sport federation after the results of the competition have been declared.

## **XIX. Technical Regulations**

1. The TO will establish technical regulations for each sport and, if necessary, for each event on the program of the Deaf European Championship.
2. These technical regulations shall be in accordance with the Rules of the Deaf European Championships held at least six (6) months before the Deaf European Championships.
3. These technical regulations shall be electronically published and sent to all competing teams six (6) months before the Deaf European Championships.

## **XX. Venues**

1. All competition venues must have electronic scoreboards. They may be either permanent or portable.

## **XXI. Transport**

### **1. Local Transportation**

1. The Organizing Committee shall ensure that transportation is available between lodgings and venues for all EDSO officials and competitors. The officials and competitors are only provided with transport to and from the venues where they are competing or officiating. Only official members of the competing teams and EDSO Officials may be permitted to use the transportation services of the Organizing Committee.
2. Athletes and officials wishing to use the transportation service to observe sporting events for which they are not registered may, at discretion of the Organizing Committee, may be charged for using the service.
3. This transportation service shall be available for the period from one day prior to the Opening Ceremony up until after the Closing Ceremony of Deaf European Championship. If the Organizing Committee so desires, it can provide transfers between Airport and competing teams' accommodation.

### **2. EDSO Representative and TO**

1. Transportation must be available for EDSO representative and TO at all times.
2. The Organizing Committee shall provide transportation for the EDSO Representative and TO to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Deaf European Championships.

### **3. Transportation Plan**

1. The Organizing Committee must include in its regular reports to the EDSO Representative, information relating to the Transportation Plan outlining all transport arrangements to enable athletes and officials to commute between venues, hotels and any other relevant location.
2. The EDSO Representative may call upon the Organizing Committee to prepare progress report on Transportation Plan at any time.

## **XXII. Medical Care and First Aid**

1. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the provision of adequate medical support (doctors, nurses, dentists and any other medical officer) during the Deaf European Championships.
2. All team doctors, nurses and chiefs of missions shall be informed as soon as possible upon arrival as to the resources and contact details for all medical support services.
3. First aid stations shall be available at all competition areas. These shall be adequately staffed with medical and first aid personnel and ambulance facilities for emergencies.
4. The services of a nurse shall be available 24 hours a day. There shall be a back-up physician, available, on call.
5. Hospital services, consisting of emergency rooms and hospital beds to deal with more serious difficulties shall be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
6. Necessary facilities where physiotherapists can treat competitors shall be available. There shall be a provision for visiting therapists to treat their own teams.



7. Adequate space must be made available in the accommodation for countries wishing to establish their own sports injury and medical clinics.

### **XXIII. Cancellation**

1. In event of the National Federation (or its Organizing Committee) making its own decision to cancel the Deaf European Championship, it must give notice to the EDSO and all National Federations no less than 8 months prior to the event taking place and refund all monies (for example, deposits) paid by all visiting teams.
2. In event of the National Federation (or its Organizing Committee) cancelling the Deaf European Championship less than 8 months prior to the official date of the Deaf European Championship, the Organizing Committee must refund all monies paid by all visiting teams. The National Federation shall also reimburse all sporting teams for any loss of monies as a result of non-refundable deposits being made for travel uniforms and any other such incidentals. Further, the National Federation should face further penalty to be determined by the EDSO Executive Committee.

### **XXIV. Violations**

1. In the event of any penalty procedures not covered in these regulations of the above clauses will result in penalty fees issued by the EDSO Executive Committee for any person or the organisation concerned. The decision of the EDSO Executive Committee regarding this matter shall be final.

### **XXV. Miscellaneous**

1. In the event of circumstances not covered in these regulations, the EDSO Constitution and the EDSO bylaws must be complied with or where appropriate, the International Sport Federation.

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