

# Deaflympics

## Frequently Asked Questions



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### **What does an athlete have to do to compete in the Deaflympics?**

- A. Each specific sport has its own qualification requirements, which all athletes must meet in order to be selected. Athletes should consult their respective National Governing Body to seek clarification about entry requirements. In addition, UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) have a selection policy which details eligibility requirements.

### **Who are the Performance Committee and what do they do?**

- A. The Performance Committee is a group of experienced individuals who have been appointed by UKDS to oversee the performance of deaf sports. They consist of a Chair who oversees the running of the committee and reports directly to the UKDS Board. In addition, the group consists of proficient educational, medical and logistical associates to support each sports, athletes and staff involved to maximise their potential. Some members of the Performance Committee will travel with you to your competition to act as an advocate between you and the competition organisers.

### **What are the costs involved in competing at a Deaflympics?**

- A. Unfortunately, any athletes and staff that wish to participate at the Deaflympics must contribute a fee themselves. The fee is determined by the Chef de Mission for the Games and communicated to sports ahead of entry to the Deaflympics. This fee varies subject to where the Games are, however, the fees involved generally cover the costs of flights, transport, accommodation, entry fees, insurance, uniform, ongoing support from the Performance Committee and administration costs.

### **What support can I get as a Deaflympics athlete or coach?**

- A. As a Deaflympics athlete or coach, you will be entitled from support from the UK Deaf Sport Performance Committee, who are qualified and experienced staff who deliver;
- Workshops
  - Administration support
  - Contact days for athletes and staff

### **How else could I get involved with the Deaflympics?**

- A. Whether you are a coach, athlete, official or parent you could get involved in supporting the DeaflympicsGB team in many ways. Opportunities that you may wish to consider are;
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| - Logistics support | - Fundraising   |
| - Welfare Officer   | - Media support |
| - Medical support   |                 |

### **Can I appeal against non-selection for the Deaflympics?**

- A. Yes, if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of not being selected to compete in the Deaflympics and you feel you have grounds to contest it, the following process should be followed:

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Consult your Team Manager for further clarification about your non-selection.

In the event, you don't find a reasonable explanation for your non-selection, you can then contact the Performance Committee and lodge an appeal. Following submission of an appeal for non-selection, your appeal will be considered and escalated to the independent appeals board (if required).

### Where can I find out information about the Deaflympics?

A. Specific information is available at either:

- UKDS <http://ukdeafsport.org.uk/> or
- ICSD <https://www.deaflympics.com/> or
- Official Games site: <http://www.2017deaflympics.com/>

In addition, the Chef de Mission will communicate information and updates to your Team Managers directly via email.

### What medication can I take, when competing at a Deaflympics?

A. Any athlete competing within the Deaflympics must abide to the UKAD regulations <http://ukad.org.uk/medications-and-substances/checking-medications/> In the event, you are unsure whether or not any medication you may be taking will put you at risk of breaching these regulations, you should consult the Chef de Mission who will ask for further clarification from the relevant body.

### What safety measures are in place to protect me at the Deaflympics?

A. The competition organisers are mandated by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ISCD) to meet minimum operational requirements. Some of which may involve having security, police or other authorities present at accommodation and sporting venues. In addition, the Chef de Mission will make inspection site visits prior to you travelling to the Deaflympics to ensure that these measures are being implemented as well as addressing any concerns you may have.

From a welfare perspective, a Welfare Officer and medically trained staff will travel with the DeaflympicsGB team during the competition to ensure that any safeguarding, safety and/or medical concerns are met.

### Who is responsible for me at the Deaflympics?

A. Ultimately you are responsible for yourself during the Deaflympics, as your conduct as well as the staff support around you is important. However, any athletes, staff, volunteers or officials travelling to the Deaflympics will be overseen by the Chef de Mission, DeaflympicsGB Central Team, UKDS Congress Delegates, individual Team Managers and other support staff.

### Who can I contact about the Deaflympics?

A. Any queries should be sent to the Chef de Mission: [christofukds@gmail.com](mailto:christofukds@gmail.com)