USA Deaf Soccer: Who We Are

We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide deaf men and women soccer players with the opportunity to represent and contribute to the United States of America and the deaf community on both a national and international stage.

Players interested in playing for the program please visit www.usdeafsoccer.com to fill out a player questionnaire.

Quick Facts

- All players have an average hearing loss of 55 decibels or more in their better ear.
- Various methods of communication: ASL, spoken word, lip reading.
- Use of hearing devices varies: hearing aids, cochlear implants or none.
- All players competing in deaf matches must remove all hearing devices before playing. The refs use flags instead of a whistle.
- Player pool ages range from 15 to 35 years old.
- Players participate on elite teams all over the USA and the world. These teams include professional teams both overseas and in the USA, D1 college teams, elite club teams, and Olympic Development teams.
- The Deaflympics is one of the fastest growing sports competitions in the world and is built on 85 years of tradition. 4,500+ athletes and 91 countries competed in the 22nd Summer Deaflympics in Sofia Bulgaria in 2013.
- The Deaflympics is a 4-year cycle. The next one is in Turkey in 2017.
- The World Deaf Football Championships is a 4-year cycle. The next one is in Capaccio, Salerno, Italy in 2016.
USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF)

- Formed as the American Athletic Union of the Deaf in 1945.
- In 1997, became the USADSF.
- Recognized as the only national athletic association to coordinate the participation of American deaf and hard of hearing individuals in international competitions.
- www.usdeafsports.org

USA Deaf Soccer Association (USADSA)

- First Men’s Soccer team participates in 1965 International Silent Games in Washington, DC, USA.
- In 2000, USADSA was established as a non-profit organization.
- www.usdeafsoccer.com

US Deaf Men’s National Team (USDMNT)

- 2008 World Deaf Football Championships – 4th Place
- 2009 Deaflympics - Quarterfinalist
- 2011 Deaf Pan-American Games – 3rd Place
- 2012 Tied World Deaf Football Champions Turkey (Host Nation)

US Deaf Women’s National Team (USDWNT)

- 2012 World Deaf Football Champions.
- Overall record: 22W- 0L - 0D.
- 122 goals scored, 8 goals against.
Social Media

Twitter:
- USA Deaf Soccer - @USADeafSoccer
- U.S. Deaf Soccer WNT - @USDDeaf_WNT

Instagram:
- USA Deaf Soccer WNT- @usadeafsoccerwnt

Facebook:
- USA Deaf Soccer Association
- USA Deaf Soccer WNT

Coaches

US Deaf Women’s National Team

- Head Coach: Amy Griffin (womenheadcoach@usdeafsoccer.com)
  - USDWNT Head Coach since 2015
  - Associate Head Coach University of Washington since 2005
  - Member of the U.S. National Team from 1987-1991
  - 1991 World Cup Champion
  - Played collegiately at University of Central Florida
  - U.S. Soccer’s Coaching Education staff since 1988
  - Head Coach at the University of New Mexico from 1992-1994
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US Deaf Men’s National Team

- Head Coach: Dave Kunitz
  (menheadcoach@usdeafsoccer.com)
  - USDMMNT Head Coach since 2010
  - Began Coaching youth men’s and women’s programs in 2002
  - Played collegiately at Phillips University and the University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma
  - Played professionally for the Oklahoma City Hatters from 1999-2004
  - Played professional for the Tulsa Roughnecks of the MISL from 2004-2005
  - Currently holds an USSF ‘A’ coaching license

How to Donate

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  - Link located on the USA Deaf Soccer Website (www.usdeafsoccer.com)
- Written Check
  - Address to USA Deaf Soccer Association
    - Attn: Trip Neil, 2727 LBJ FWY STE 600 Dallas, TX 75234
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