

**Athlete Criteria:
USA Team for 2017 Summer Deaflympics
Qualification Standards**

Men		
<i>Event</i>	A Standard	B Standard
100	10.93	11.12
200	22.18	22.52
400	49.18	50.09
800	1:55.42	1:58.21
1500	4:01.82	4:07.07
5000	15:38.56	16:00.38
10000	32:53.39	33:33.63
Marathon	2:48:36	3:05:63
110H[^]	15.39	15.49
400H[^]	55.69	60.14
3000 SC	9:59.02	10:21.48
HJ	1.98 ~ 6' 6"	1.87 ~ 6' 1 1/2"
LJ	7.02 ~ 23' 0 1/2"	6.74 ~ 22' 1 1/2"
TJ	14.26 ~ 46' 9 1/2"	13.71 ~ 44' 11 3/4"
PV	4.28 ~ 14' 0 1/2"	4.20 ~ 13' 9 1/4"
SP^{*^}	14.60 ~ 47' 10 3/4"	13.91 ~ 45' 7 3/4"
DT^{*^}	44.63 ~ 146' 5"	39.98 ~ 131' 2"
JT	56.77 ~ 186' 3"	52.40 ~ 171' 11"
HT^{*^}	53.03 ~ 173' 11"	45.20 ~ 148' 3"
Dec	4718	4464

Women		
<i>Event</i>	A Standard	B Standard
100	12.54	12.74
200	25.72	26.04
400	57.69	59.20
800	2:18.96	2:25.77
1500	4:49.92	5:00.86
5000	18:53.95	19:37.01
10000	41:02.70	42:20.28
Marathon	3:56:31	4:04.15
100H	15.04	16.01
400H	1:04.48	1:08.03
3000 SC	12:45.19	12:45.19
HJ	1.53 ~ 5' 1 3/4"	1.40 ~ 4' 7"
LJ	5.38 ~ 17' 8"	4.78 ~ 15' 8 1/4"
TJ	11.52 ~ 38' 9 1/2"	11.07 ~ 36' 4"
PV	2.00 ¹ ~ 6' 6 3/4"	2.00 ¹ ~ 6' 6 3/4"
SP	12.28 ~ 40' 3 1/2"	11.60 ~ 38' 0 3/4"
DT	42.04 ~ 137' 11"	37.53 ~ 123' 1"
JT	40.65 ~ 133' 4"	36.30 ~ 119' 1"
HT	43.77 ~ 143' 7"	40.94 ~ 134' 4"
Hep	3736	3513

The averages are compiled based from 2009 Taipei and 2013 Sofia.

- **'A'** Standard is based on fifth (5th) place averages. It means you are considered a strong candidate on the USA Team
- **'B'** Standard is based on eighth (8th) place averages. It means you are on the USA team and must continue working to improve your mark(s) before next summer prior to the Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey.

With exception of events indicated with (1) which is the minimum 'A' standard according to ICSD's Track & Field (Athletics) Competition Entry Standards.

- [^] International/Collegiate hurdles height
 - 110H – 1.067m ~ 42 in ○ 400H – 0.914m ~ 36 in
- ^{*^}International/Collegiate implement
 - SP – 16 lbs ○ DT – 2 kg ~ 4.409 lbs ○ HT – 16 lbs

An electronic time **is required** for the following running events: **100, 200, 400, 100H, 110H, and 400H**. For all other running events, either electronic or hand timing is acceptable.

Object:

To assemble the finest USA Team for the **2017 Summer Deaflympics** in Samsun, Turkey (18 July 2017 – 30 July 2017).

Eligibility:

To be eligible for participation in competitions for the deaf and hard of hearing, an athlete must have a hearing loss of 55 decibels (dB) or greater in the better ear (three frequency pure tone average at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hertz [Hz]).

For purposes of competition, however, the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (www.deaflympics.com) does not classify athletes according to their degree of hearing loss. All people with a hearing loss of 55dB or greater in the better ear compete against one another.

USA Deaf Sports Federation is a National Association member of the ICSD and complies with the Deaflympics regulations prohibiting the use of hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during any sanctioned competitions.

The Federation exercises its coordinating authority with each National Sport Organization to develop and approve procedures for selecting athletes to represent the United States in international competitions. Contact information for all sports is listed in this directory.

The minimum athlete standards that all criteria must include are found in the attached PDF links provided for each sport. Athlete criteria are updated on a regular basis, pending approval by the NSO and the USADSF Executive Board.

All interested athletes must be in good standing with USADSF (USA Deaf Sports Federation) and USADTF (USA Deaf Track & Field). Membership fee of \$15.00 and an Entry fee of \$30.00 will be required prior submission. Please make out a check of \$45.00 payable to USADTF. Membership and Entry fees are non-refundable.

To be considered for the USA Team, athletes should use the Qualification Standard chart shown above to determine how they might qualify. The Qualification Standard chart is compiled based on the averages at the Summer Deaflympics in 2005 Melbourne and 2009 Taipei.

'A' Standard is based on fifth (5th) place averages.

'B' Standard is based on eighth (8th) place averages.

Procedures:

Each athlete must submit his/her audiogram form with the application. Unless, the athlete has one filed with ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf). The audiogram form must be within one year from date of examination.

Must use this official ICSD audiogram form here - www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf

All four (4) types of audiogram testing below must be filled out entirely for **EACH** ear including:

1. Air Conduction
2. Bone Conduction
3. Tympanograms (Tympanometry)
4. Acoustic Reflexes (Reflexometry)

Each athlete must submit three (3) best Proof of Performance (POP) from their most recent competition seasons to the Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff. Acceptable timeframe of the competition seasons are indicated below:

First wave: 2016 – Between January 1 to July 15

Second wave: 2017 – Between January 1 to May 30

The Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff will then screen the applications. The Qualification Standard chart is to be used as a guideline, but, not the final assessment for an athlete to be selected. For instance, should a male athlete ran 55 seconds in 400m hurdle in a meet and ran 59 seconds and 60 seconds in 2 other meets, it does not mean he is automatically on team. We would opt for an athlete who did 56 seconds in 3 meets over the above athlete. We would average off the 3 performances.

An announcement of the first compiled USA Team will be made by September 15, 2016. The second of addition team members will be announced on or before May 30th of 2017. Should there be some unexpected additions beyond May 30th, additional announcement will be made thereafter.

In event of adding athletes during second wave, the new additions cannot bump off those who were selected earlier entirely. The first wave athletes are guaranteed at least one event. Coaches will be responsible to ensure that every athlete will compete in at least one event and in the best interest of the USA Team.

The POP submission form may be obtained from USADTF website (www.usadtf.org). See attached form below. A copy of official meet result sheet; official meet website link; press releases; and/or signed document by meet official(s) must be included with the submission form. No consideration will be made without any of those documents. No exceptions!

Electronic times for sprint events (**100, 200, 400, 100H, 110H, and 400H**) are a must. For other running events, either electronic or hand timing is acceptable.

The Head Coach and the specialty coaching staff may seek athletes out in the mainstream that may not be aware of the 2017 Summer Deaflympics. They may also recruit athletes to fill in spots that serve in the best interest of the USA Team including 2nd, 3rd and 4th legs of the relay teams.

Press Release:

USADTF will make press releases to various sources. An announcement will be posted in USADTF's FaceBook; USADSF and USADTF websites; Deaf publications and e-mails. Dates can be found somewhere in this criteria. USADTF will use its database to email the announcements.

Preparation the USA Team for the 2017 Summer Deaflympics:

For those athletes who are selected to be on USA Team for 2017 Summer Deaflympics, athletes may consider attending any other international invitational meets when available and other elite track & field competition.

USADTF may consider having a mandatory one-week camp or two for the coaches and athletes during the summer of 2017 to prepare the team for the upcoming months prior the Summer Deaflympics in Samsun.

The head coach and specialty coaching staff may remove athlete(s) if they failed to comply with the agreement mentioned below and/or come to the one week camp or the USA training camp unprepared.

Athletes on the USA Team for 2017 Summer Deaflympics will be assigned specialty coach(es) for guidance throughout the time prior the training camp. Athletes are required to maintain communication ties with their specialty coaches, respectively. They will respond to any questions, requests or anything asked of them either by USADTF, USA Summer Deaflympics Committee, or USADSF.

Athletes will demonstrate their training regimes by producing documents to their specialty coaches, respectively. They are expected to train from the time of selection throughout to the training camp and in shape and ready to compete at highest level. Or, the coaches may consider removing the athlete(s) from the team. That includes sub par performance using the qualifying standard to show that the athletes have been training and maintain their performance.

Athletes may be asked to raise funds, attend fund raising affairs, do some promotion and/or any other special occasions pertaining to fund-raising related activities

Grievance Due Process:

Should an athlete wish to file grievance against the decision made by the coaching staff may do so by retrieving information on the due process from the USADTF website at www.usadtf.org.

Application Form

Personal Data: Please print. Be specific as much as possible. Information on application form is **REQUIRED**. Incorrect information may prevent the applicant from being considered.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail address(es): _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: ___ Gender: Male Female

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Size: T-shirt	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Shorts	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Jacket	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Pants	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Shoes	size _____						

High School: _____

College/University: _____

Do you have an audiogram? Yes No

If Yes, please attach a copy. If No, please get one before sending this application.

Do you have a passport? Yes No

If Yes, please enter passport #: _____ Expired Date: _____

Have you competed in an international meet? Yes No

If Yes, when and where? _____

Best way to get in touch with you would be:

e-mail phone mail your contact person

Best time to get in touch with you would be:

Morning Afternoon Evening

\$45.00 Membership and Entry fees must be included in the application. Make the check payable to USADTF.

****Please include your audiogram form, unless you have a copy filed with ICSD****

Proof of Performance (POP):

Proof of Performance (POP) is very important and this will help USA Team Coaches determine who will be on the USA Team for **2017 Summer Deaflympics**. POP (see below) will show your mark and/or time that you have competed in a meet. You will need to provide us **3 POPs** for all events you want to try for.

Events, you wish to considered should be listed below. Please review the Qualification Standard chart to see what event(s) suit you the best. Please attach official result copies for **each** performance. If there is a website for any of below, give the URL address. If there is no proof of performance, then, they will NOT be considered. Do not include relay events. Please indicate if times were done electronically or manually.

Event #1: _____
Best times/marks: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____
Date of performance: _____

Event #2: _____
Best times/marks: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____
Date of performance: _____

Event #3: _____
Best times/marks: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____
Date of performance: _____

Event #4: _____
Best times/marks: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____
Date of performance: _____

Contact person for verification of proof of performance (POP):

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail addresses): _____



- Membership Form -

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Please check all that apply: Athlete Administrator Coach Official Other

Do you have any suggestions or improvements for our USADTF organization? _____

Athlete's Conformity

I hereby stated that all of my best times and marks within time period are true.

Your Signature

Date

I have acknowledged that 2016 World Deaf Athletics Championships in Sofia or Turkey will be held mid-July and 2017 Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey will be held 18 July 2017 – 30 July 2017.

Your Signature

Date

Once selected on USA Team, I will make an effort to put time off approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks from school/job during the 2016 World Deaf Athletics Championships mid-July and 2017 Summer Deaflympics 18 July 2017 – 30 July 2017 which includes additional week or two for USA Team preparation training camp prior to each event.

Your Signature

Date

Mail all forms to:

Thomas Withrow
6616 Estana Lane
Austin, TX 78739

Got questions?

Email: usadtf@msn.com