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2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship

Athlete Selection Criteria

USADSF Games Preparation Committee Chair (GPC)

Part A – General Application Process

Time Frame

1. All athletes shall submit a letter of interest to the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship GPC Chair by April 30, 2018 via email to burger@usdeafsports.org. Athletes are identified as those who meet the Mandatory Eligibility Requirements provision of the Selection Procedures herein, register with the National Governing Body (USA Badminton), and USADSF as a member.
2. In accordance with the registration deadline established by ICSD, those athletes eligible under ICSD and USADSF regulations and registering to compete in the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship shall be verified by the USADSF GPC Selection Committee prior to being nominated to the USADSF Board. Once the nominations are approved by USADSF's Board of Directors, the Final Roster shall become the USADSF's Deaf National Team to the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship. The selections shall be based upon the Selection Criteria provision herein.
3. Those athletes who are registering for, qualifying for and competing in USADSF-sanctioned national and ICSD-sanctioned international in 2018 are considered as a member of the USADSF's Deaf National Team.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

- A. Possess a United States citizenship.
- B. Possess a valid identity card (e.g. driver's license, SSN card).
- C. Possess a valid passport for international competitions.
- D. Be a member of USADSF in good standing.
- E. Have a hearing loss of at least 55 dB (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard) in the better unaided ear, as documented on a recent audiologist-certified audiogram, (<http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>).
- F. Submit him/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, ICSD and World AntiDoping Agency (WADA) (<https://www.deaflympics.com/icsd.asp?anti-doping>).

- G. Commit to maintaining a consistent training regimen from the time of selection to the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship
- H. Maintain contact with the USADSF GPC Chair and USA Team coaching staff to keep informed about training regimens and competition results from the time of selection until the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship.
- I. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
- J. Sign and abide by USADSF's Code of Conduct and any other applicable forms.
- K. Commit to participation in a training camp(s).
- L. Commit to fundraise to cover expenses for training camp(s) and the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship.
- M. Complete the USADSF's Deaf National Team application packet, which includes providing proof of having or in the process of obtaining a United States passport. Note: The passport must be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are as determined by ICSD Technical Regulations for Badminton, which are available on the ICSD website (<https://www.deaflympics.com/sports.asp>).

Youth: ages 14 – 17

Adult: 18 – up

Additional Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the 2018 Pan American Deaf Badminton Championship, all athletes must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards Ranking Lists during the qualifying period and be registered in the country as of April 10, 2018.

MEN / WOMEN / MIXED

The Ranking Lists of April 10, 2018, will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period April 2017 to April 2018. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective Ranking Lists during the qualification period:

- Local, Regional, National or World Championships (individual and team)
- A Sanctioned International Challenge
- Any other international event sanctioned by either USA Badminton or Badminton World Federation (BWF) and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the Ranking Lists.

Selection Process

The USADSF GPC's Selection Committee shall review the resumes, qualification times or other necessary means of qualifications and interview each chosen applicant. The interviews may be conducted in person, via videophone or by e-mail. The Selection Committee shall make a final decision based on both the interviews and qualifications.

Mandatory Training / Events

There is no established mandatory training under USADSF's GPC pertaining Badminton. Training occurs at the discretion of the athletes and/or their designated coaches or trainers. Approved final roster athletes must participate all trainings while on-site during the international competition.

Removal Procedures

The USADSF Board of Directors shall reserve the right to remove any athlete selected as a member of the Team for any of the following reasons:

- A. VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL – The athlete must submit a written letter to the USADSF Team Leader.
- B. ILLNESS / INJURY – In the event an athlete suffers from an injury or illness and refuses verification by a medical person prior to team nomination approval by USADSF or by a USADSF medical staff person after team nomination approval by USADSF, the athlete shall be assumed to be disabling and shall be removed from the Team.
- C. VIOLATION – An athlete shall be removed for violation of any USADSF or ICSD rule governing the athlete's conduct. Examples include, but not limited to, unexcused absence, misconduct, unsatisfactory training regimen, poor competition performance, and inability to meet fundraising deadlines.

An athlete removed from USADSF pursuant to this provision has the right to appeal the decision in accordance with the Due Process provision of the Selection Procedures herein.

Replacement Procedures

In the event a qualified Team loses one of its athletes due to illness, injury or "force majeure" then the USADSF GPC Chair, in consultation with the USADSF Board, shall propose two athletes, playing the same position as the removed athlete, for the other team member to accept as a teammate. The two replacement athletes shall be the highest ranked athletes from non-qualified teams. If the non-injured athlete does not accept to play with one of the two alternates proposed, that athlete shall forfeit the right to compete as a member of the Team. The then-vacant berth shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete meeting the other qualification requirements.

If the ICSD, USADSF or Deaflympic Organizing Committee (hereinafter "DOC") requires different replacement procedures within a certain time period before the Pan American Deaf Games or Deaflympics or after official nomination of the Final Roster to the USADSF, such procedures for replacement shall be followed.

Due Process

All athletes have a right to obtain due process in accordance with the USADSF by-laws if they feel the selection criteria were not followed properly.

USADSF Ombudsman

If an athlete has questions regarding his/her opportunity to compete that are not answered by the USADSF GPC Chair, he/she may contact the USADSF President, Danny Lacey, at lacey@usdeafsports.org.

Disclaimer

These selection procedures are based on USADSF, ICSD and/or DOC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in USADSF, ICSD and/or DOC rules and regulations will be distributed immediately to the affected athletes. The selection procedures are based on the latest information available to the USADSF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen and intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.