

## General Technical Rules - Winter Deaflympics

### 1. TIME AND DURATION

The 17th Winter Deaflympics will take place from **18 February** to **26 February** in Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia.

### 2. PROGRAM

The program of the 17th Winter Deaflympics includes the following disciplines:

**2.1 Individual sports:** Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, & Snowboard.

**2.2 Team sports:** Curling & Ice Hockey.

**2.3.** The events of each individual sport are specified in the Special Rules and Regulations of each sport.

**2.4.** Only those sports and events having preliminary/final entry registrations by at least five (5) countries from two (2) regions for males and females shall remain on the official program.

**2.5.** In case of a cancellation of a sport or an event due to **DG7.5**, the Secretariat of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) shall notify the affected National Federations at least fourteen (14) days after the deadline for preliminary registrations and, if necessary, immediately after the deadline for final registrations.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

**3.1.** The Winter Deaflympics bring together, in a honest and impartial competition, Deaf athletes of all affiliated full members.

**3.2.** No discrimination is permitted toward a Federation or a person on account of race, religion or political affiliations.

**3.3.** Participation in the Winter Deaflympics is restricted to persons who are:

1. Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55 dB in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard),
2. Members of an affiliated National Federation.

**3.4.** There is, as a rule, no age limit for competitors. There may, however, be age limits for a specific sport or event, per sport regulations.

**3.5.** The registration forms will include the text of the eligibility code to be signed by two officials (normally the president and secretary) of the Federation: ***"We, the undersigned, declare that we have read the eligibility conditions for the Winter Deaflympics and that we and our athletes comply with them. We agree to be filmed or photographed during the Winter***

***Deaflympics under the conditions and for the purposes authorized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf."***

**3.6.** No entry shall be valid unless the above Rules shall have been observed.

**3.7.** All participants must hold the nationality of the country of their National Federation. In case of objections, the Federation concerned must provide proof of nationality, by providing a copy of passport.

#### **4. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS**

**4.1.** A list of athletes who have previously submitted an audiogram is distributed to each federation. Athletes whose names appear on the list do not need to submit a new audiogram. All other athletes (whose names are not on the list) must, prior to participation, submit to Secretariat an audiogram on forms supplied by ICSD through website.

**4.2.** The athletes registered for the Winter Deaflympics may be required to take additional hearing tests during the Winter Deaflympics.

**4.3.** All athletes may be required to undergo doping tests.

**4.4.** An athlete who fails any of these above tests, he/she will be taken out of competition immediately. If he/she competes in different events in this sport, he/she will be disqualified only in the event the violation was done.

**4.5.** In the case where such an athlete is a member of a team he/she will be taken out of the game immediately. He/she will be disqualified for the rest of the game and the next game. A substitute for him/her may enter the competition.

**4.6.** In the case of fraud, the National Federation will be obliged to pay all penalty expenses and fines imposed by the Executive Committee of ICSD.

**4.7.** All other expenses for tests taken during the Winter Deaflympics are to be borne by the Organizing Committee.

**4.8.** An athlete who use medicine or forbidden substances due to permanent illness (allergy, asthma, epilepsy) must apply for TUE form. More information can be found in [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#) 📄.

#### **5. ENGAGEMENTS**

**5.1.** Only affiliated National Federations are allowed to register competitors in the Winter Deaflympics.

**5.2.** The maximum number of engagements in each sport and event is specified in the Special Rules and Regulations for each sport.

**5.3.** For every three athletes entered the National Federation is allowed to appoint one official plus one official for each sport (excluding delegates to the Congress).

**5.4.** The registration forms for the 17th Winter Deaflympics will be supplied by Secretariat.

## **6. TEAM SPORTS**

**6.1.** The deadline for final registration for team sports is **15 January 2010**.

**6.2.** The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating event and jersey number entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **04 February 2011**. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

**6.3.** No additional entries will be accepted after **04 February 2011**.

**6.4.** The fine for withdrawal between **16 January 2010 - 04 February 2011** is **USD \$2,500** to be paid immediately after the withdrawal.

**6.5.** The fine for withdrawal after **04 February 2011** is **USD \$5,000** to be paid immediately after the withdrawal.

## **7. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

**7.1.** Preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each sport and event have been submitted to the Secretariat by **15 January 2010**.

**7.2.** The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating sport and event entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **04 February 2011**. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or by telefax followed by the official registration form.

**7.3.** No additional entries will be accepted after **04 February 2011**.

**7.4.** A fine of USD\$20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

## **8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**8.1.** Each delegation will be responsible for its own travel arrangements as well as for meals, accommodations and other related expenses.

**8.2.** Each athlete and official (including delegates) must pay a participation fee of USD\$20 before the opening of the Winter Deaflympics.

**8.3.** Any previous outstanding debts must be paid before the opening of the Winter Deaflympics or the entire team will not be allowed to participate in the competitions.

## **9. PRIZE AND AWARDS**

**9.1.** In all individual sports and events the first prize will be a vermeil medal and a diploma, the second prize a silver medal and a diploma, and the third prize a bronze medal and a diploma.

**9.2.** In all team sports and in team events included in other sports, except for those of an "artificial" nature (see **9.3.**), each member of a winning team who has participated in at least one match or competition held during the Winter Deaflympics shall be awarded the first prize, each such member of the second team the second prize and each such member of the third team the third prize (see **9.1.**). The other members of these teams are awarded diplomas but no medals.

**9.3.** In individual competitions the competitors placed fourth to eight shall be awarded diplomas.

## **10. TECHNICAL MEETINGS & DRAWS**

**10.1.** For all sports at least one technical meeting will take place before the first contests in each sport. Date, time and place will be announced.

**10.2.** The technical meetings may be attended by the competition committee, the jury, the Technical Director of ICSD and two representatives (one of whom must be Deaf) for each participating nation. If a hearing person accompanies a deaf representative to the meeting, an interpreter will be allowed.

**10.3.** The draws for team sports have been conducted in **Grand Hotel Kempinski on 24 January 2010** for those nations registered for team sports.

## **11. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

**11.1.** The Executive Committee of ICSD constitutes the supreme authority which will decide, as the last resort, all disputes relating to the Winter Deaflympics, on appeal by the Organizing Committee or the participating National Federations.

**11.2.** Protests made to ground judges, in matters of competition, are judged by them and are without appeal unless a protest has been made in writing (in English) on the official Winter Deaflympics protest form. The protest must be delivered within a fixed time for each sport (see the technical regulations for each sport).

**11.3.** Protests against a decision of an official can be made to any member of the Protest Committee of the sport in question and must be accompanied by a deposit of USD\$50.

**11.4.** The Protest Committee must decide on the protest within the time limits set forth for each sport, and the federation in question must be informed about the decision immediately.

**11.5.** An appeal against the decision of Protest Committee can be addressed by an official of the protesting federation to the Jury of Appeal of the Winter Deaflympics within four hours after the decision of the first Protest Committee has been declared.

**11.6.** If a protest is accepted, the deposit is to be returned to the protesting federation.

**11.7.** Appeals regarding hearing ability, doping tests and nationality of an athlete are solely the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of ICSD.

## **12. IDENTITY CARD**

All athletes and officials will be given an identity card which must be carried when entering sites and stadiums. Without the identity card, no athletes may start.

## **13. ADVERTISEMENTS**

**13.1.** Small logos and other advertisements are accepted on clothes and equipment provided that is not greater than a total of 400 cm<sup>2</sup> in both front and back, either as part of the traditional distinctive design pattern or independent of the traditional design pattern. (Refer to Deaflympics Regulations **DG15.2**)

**13.2.** Every kind of demonstration or propaganda, whether political, religious or racial, is forbidden in the Winter Deaflympics area and outside these. ([See IOC Olympic Charter, Article 51 - July 2007 edition](#)).

## **14. HEARING AIDS**

The use any kind of hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden during Winter Deaflympics event.

## **15. MISCELLANEOUS**

For those cases not foreseen in the present Rules and Regulations of the Deaflympics or in the Statutes of ICSD, the Winter Deaflympics will refer to the Rules and Regulations of the IOC and of the International Federations. These are without appeal and have absolute priority over the rules and regulations of the National Federations of the Organizing country.

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