



United States Deaf Soccer Association (USADSA) Team Selection Criteria Guidelines - COACH

COACH Selection Criteria shall include the following components:

Time Frame

The Men's and Women's team coaches shall be selected for the 2009-2013 term. The Head Coaches will choose their respective Assistants with approval of the USADSA board.

Coaches will be expected to participate in a 1 – 1 ½ week training camp prior to the Deaflympics Games and the World Deaf Football Championships.

All applicants shall submit a resume, letter of interest and three references to the USA Deaf Soccer Association board. .

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

Concurrently with application, the coach-applicant shall possess:

1. US citizenship,
2. A valid driver's license,
3. Be 25 years of age or older,
4. A valid United States passport,
5. At least a "C" Coaching License from US Soccer (see <http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/Licenses.aspx>), and
6. Valid basic first-aid, CPR, and coach's safety training card.

Upon accepting an offer, the coach-applicant shall:

7. agree to, sign and abide by United States Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) Honor Code, and a criminal background check,
8. Maintain membership of USADSA and USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF), and
9. When required, complete the US Team application packet and pay a non-refundable US Team application fee of \$100.00 within 30 days upon receipt.

Qualification Criteria

Applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Coaching experience
2. Coaching experience with deaf and hard of hearing athletes
3. Ability to communicate in sign language
4. Awareness of and adherence to the USADSF Honor Code

Selection process

The selection committee will review the resumes. Individuals will be chosen and interviewed. The interviews may be conducted in person, via videophone or by e-mail. The selection committee will make a final decision based on the interviews and qualifications.

Selection Committee

The selection committee shall consist of the current USADSA board and at least one former US Deaf Soccer player and/or coach from the team for which the coach-applicant is being considered for the term.

Approval by the USADSF Executive Board

The selection committee shall recommend to the USADSF Executive Board the two individuals chosen to be the Head coaches for the 2013 US Deaflympics Soccer Team Men's and Women's Teams.



United States Deaf Soccer Association (USADSA) Team Selection Criteria Guidelines -ATHLETE

ATHLETE Selection Criteria shall include the following components:

2013 Deaflympics Games

The Summer Deaflympics Games will be held in Athens, Greece from July 31 to August 13, 2013.. Athletes who are selected are expected to participate in a 1 – 1 ½ week training camp prior to the Deaflympics Games. They will also be responsible for raising funds to cover the cost of training and participation in the Games. The exact amount needed to fundraise will be announced 8 months prior to opening of the Deaflympics Games.

Requirements for ALL Athletes

Athletes selected to the US Team must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a USA citizen who is eligible to represent USA in the 2013 Summer Deaflympics Games.
2. Have 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)
3. Be a member in good standing with USADSA and USADSF.
4. Agree to, sign and abide by USADSF Honor Code.
5. Submit him/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, DEAFLYMPICS World AntiDoping Agency (WADA).
6. Commit to train year-around from the time of selection to the 2013 Summer Deaflympics Games.
7. Maintain contact with the US Team coaching staff and keep informed about training regimens and competition results from time of selection until the 2013 Deaflympics Games.
8. Exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
9. Complete the US Team application packet, which includes providing proof of having or in the process of obtaining a United States passport. The passport shall be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2013 Deaflympics Summer Games.
10. Pay a non-refundable US Team application fee of \$100.00 within 30 days of the selection.

How Athletes Will Be Selected

1. Athletes will be selected based on their performance and commitment at the USADSA Soccer Tryouts by the Men's head coach for the men's team and the Women's head coach for the women's team. Final approval of the selections will be by the USADSA board.
2. Tryouts will be announced at least 6 months prior to the tryout date. Dates will be posted on the USADSA website (www.usdeafsoccer.com) and the USADSF website (www.usdeafsports.org).
3. Announcement/publicity of tryouts should occur at least 6 months prior to the tryouts. The announcement will be posted on the USADSF's website and the USADSA's website, direct email to known athletes, press release to NGB (desirable), press release to deaf-related publications (e.g. SIGNews, Deaf-L, DeafDigest, etc)
4. The selection of athletes will be subject to approval by the USADSF Board.

Replacement Procedures

Any athlete will be withdrawn from the US Team if, for any reason (including injury or illness), that he/she is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for his/her peak performance in the Deaflympics Games or does not abide by selection criteria requirements. Athletes will also be withdrawn from the US Team if they do not satisfactorily perform their fundraising duties required by USADSA and USADSF. If an athlete is withdrawn from the team, the next alternate athlete will be placed on the US Soccer Team.

Selection Committee

The selection committee shall consist of the Head Coaches for his/her respective team and the USADSA board.

Due Process

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