

## Summer Deaflympics Technical Rules – Sofia 2013

### 1. TIME AND DURATION

The 22nd Summer Deaflympics will take place from **26 July to 4 August 2013** in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### 2. PROGRAM

The program of the 22nd Summer Deaflympics includes the following sports:

**2.1** Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Bowling, Cycling (Road and Mountain), Football, Handball, Judo, Karate, Orienteering, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball (Beach and Indoor) & Wrestling (Greco-Roman and Freestyle).

**2.2.** The events of the sports are specified in the Technical Regulations for each sport.

**2.4.** Those sports, disciplines and events having received preliminary entry registrations from at least five (5) countries from at least two (2) regions shall remain on the official program only at the discretion of the ICSD Executive Board.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

**3.1.** The Summer Deaflympics bring together, in an 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 Summer 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 Summer Deaflympics and that we and our athletes comply with them. We agree to be filmed or photographed during the Summer Deaflympics under the conditions and for the purposes authorized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf."***

**3.6.** 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.

**3.7.** There shall be no exceptions to the above rules regarding deafness. The ICSD executive board reserves the right to accept applications from athletes who are not members of their national federation or whose countries are not full members of ICSD. Such athletes will compete under the ICSD flag.

#### **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 the ICSD website.

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


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

**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 Summer Deaflympics are to be borne by the Organizing Committee.

**4.8.** An athlete who uses medicine or forbidden substances due to permanent illness (allergy, asthma, epilepsy) must apply for dispensation with by submitting a therapeutic use exemptions form for approval. More information can be found in [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#) .

#### **5. REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

**6.1.** The deadline for registration by name for. Athletics, Badminton, Bowling, Cycling, Judo, Karate, Orienteering, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis,

Taekwondo, Tennis, & Wrestling is 24 May. Athletes may be replaced until 24 June with no penalty.

Athletes in athletics and swimming will have until 24 June to achieve the qualifying standards for those sports. Withdrawals and replacements for these two sports may be made before 24 June with no penalty.

**6.2.** 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.

6.3 The deadline for squad lists for Basketball, Football, Handball and Volleyball will be 14 June.

**6.5** The fine for withdrawal of teams in Basketball, Football, Handball and Volleyball prior to the squad list registration deadline will be \$5,000. The deadline for withdrawal in those sports after **the squad list registration deadline** is **USD \$10 000** to be paid immediately after the withdrawal.

## **8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**8.1.** Each delegation will be responsible for its own travel arrangements as well as for meals, accommodation and other related expenses. Delegations are encouraged to book their accommodation via the organizing committee in order to have access to the Deaflympics transport network.

**8.2.** Each athlete and official (including delegates) must pay a participation fee of USD \$20 to ICSD and a participation fee of USD \$50 to the Sofia 2013 organizing committee before receiving their accreditation for the Summer Deaflympics.

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

## **9. PRIZE AND AWARDS**

**9.1.** In all individual and team 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 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 contest 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.

**10.4.** The draw for the knock-out competitions in table-tennis, tennis and badminton will take place in Taipei before or during the technical meetings for these sports. The seedings will be published before the draw takes place.

## **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 Summer Deaflympics, on appeal by the Organizing Committee or the participating National Federations. ICSD, athletes and national federations may reserve the right to take their cases to the Court for Arbitration in Sport.

**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 Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer 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.