



# USA DEAF SOCCER ASSOCIATION

USSF Tier 1 ENT Application

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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USA Deaf Soccer Association seeks acceptance for the US Deaf Men's and Women's National Team programs into US Soccer Federation's **Extended National Team Tier 1** program.

The DNTs can benefit from the professional quality operations and support, financial and otherwise, that US Soccer offers. USADSA can benefit by using more time and resources in the grassroots, youth, and deaf community. USSF can benefit by showcasing its equal support for those national teams with disabilities, and benefit from the longstanding history of success and results that are embedded in the fabric of the DNTs.

This presentation provides information to help get you comfortable with approving our DNTs as members of the USSF ENT Tier 1 program. History of the DNT programs, governing body information, budgets, and other relevant topics are all covered.

As you review, please allow your mind and heart to open up to the impact USSF can bring to the deaf and hard of hearing soccer community. There is no greater time to embrace the call for equality than right now.





# MISSION STATEMENTS



USSF:

*“To make soccer, **in all its forms**, the preeminent sport in the United States and to continue the development of soccer at **all** recreational and competitive levels.”*

USADSA:

*“To empower deaf and hard of hearing male and female soccer players with the opportunity to represent and contribute to the United States of America and the deaf community on both a national and international stage. USADSA supports the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf motto: **Per Ludos Aequalitas (Equality through Sports)**; and, adheres to the ideals of the Deaflympics.”*



# ELIGIBILITY

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An Athlete must have a Pure Tone Average score of 55 decibels (dB) or greater in the better ear (three frequency PTA tests at 500, 1000, and 2000 Hertz [Hz]).

Players may not wear any hearing devices or cochlear implants during competition. This is designed to “level the playing field” due to the varying degrees of deafness across athletes.

To provide context to the level of deafness within our Athletes:

≈ 80%-90% of the players can't hear on the phone

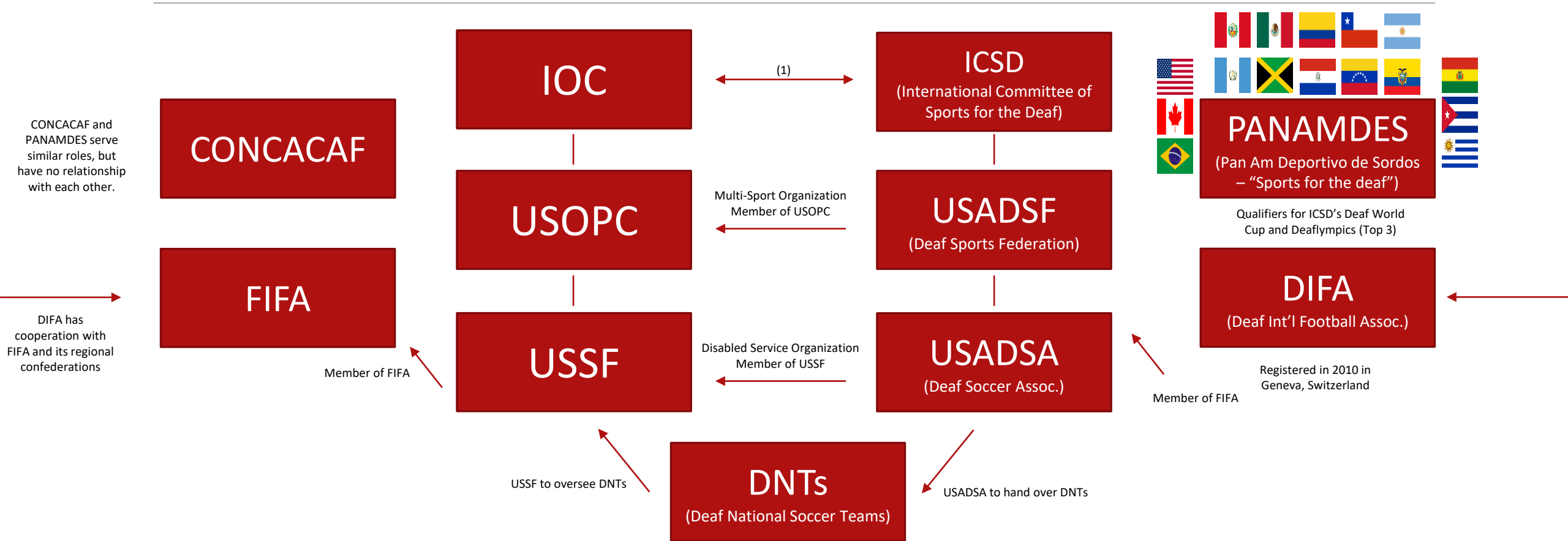
≈ 90% know American Sign Language

≈ 10% can't talk

All international competitions abide by FIFA's 11v11 rules, with the only exception that center officials use a flag (visual) instead of a whistle (audible).



# ORG CHART



(1) Please read the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) signed between IOC and ICSD in Lausanne, Switzerland on 3/8/16. This was done to describe the status of ICSD, recognize the relationship between IOC and ICSD, and agree to general principles of cooperation. The Olympic movement is every bit a part of ICSD as it is IOC, and IOC recognizes and supports Deaflympics. Deaflympics was [previously affiliated](#) with IPC (Para) until a 1995 split off due, in part, to the events not having proper resources for the deaf and hard of hearing Athletes. ICSD is a member of IOC as shown on the IOC website, alongside the International Paralympic Committee and Special Olympics Inc., under "[Governance Affiliate Organizations - Disabled Sport](#)".



# World & National Governing Body

The **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf** (“ICSD”) is the World Governing Body.

- 116 member countries, including USA Deaf Sports Federation.
- 4 Associate Members, including Deaf International Football Association.
- 4 regional confederations, including PANAMDES.
  - PANAMDES includes the following 16 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.
- Additional information can be found at the ICSD website (<https://www.deaflympics.com/icsd>) and in the shared folder to this presentation [here](#).

**ICSD**

(International Committee of  
Sports for the Deaf)

**USADSF**

(Deaf Sports Federation)

**USA Deaf Sports Federation** is the National Governing Body, and covers 32 Deaflympic sports, including Soccer. Additional information can be found here: [www.usdeafsports.org](http://www.usdeafsports.org).

USA Deaf Soccer Association is arranging for USSF to become a member of USADSF, contingent upon USSF running the DNTs within the ENT Tier 1 program. The idea is to mimic USSF’s membership capabilities within USOPC and provide USSF with the path to properly run the DNTs as ENT Tier 1s.





# Deaflympics Logo

The logo, designed in 2003 by graphic design artist Ralph Fernandez, is a positive and powerful symbol of the international deaf sports community. It ties together strong elements: Sign language, deaf and international cultures, unity and continuity.

The hand shapes, "ok", "good", and "great" that overlap each other in a circle, represent the original sign for "deaflympics". Together, the hand shapes represent the sign for "united".

The center of the logo represents the iris of the eye, which defines deaf people as visual people; they must use their eyes to communicate.

The logo incorporates the four colors of the national flags of the world. The red, blue, yellow and green represent the four regional confederations – the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, the European Deaf Sports Organization, the Pan American Deaf Sports Organization and the Confederation of African Deaf Sports.

Source: <https://www.deaflympics.com/icsd/logo>





# INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

## Next International Event



## Typical International Cycle

Year 1 – Expand & Evaluate Player Pool / Invitational Tournament

Year 2 – Deaf Pan American Games

Year 3 – Deaf World Cup (“Deaf World Football Championships”)

Year 4 – Deaflympics

REPEAT

Training: 2-3 training camps each year

*Covid-19 has temporarily impacted current 4 year cycle*

*Deaf Pan Ams serves as a qualifier for BOTH the DWC and Deaflympics – top 3 countries qualify*



## Current International Calendar

Year 3 – 2020 Deaf World Cup postponed to 2022 due to Covid-19

Year 4 – 24th Summer Deaflympics in Brazil (December 5-21, 2021)

Year 1 – Deaf World Cup in South Korea (May 14-29, 2020)\*

Year 2 – Deaf Pan American Games (2023, Argentina/Brazil bidding)

Year 3 – Deaf World Cup (2024, Malaysia/Australia bidding)

Year 4 – Deaflympics (2025)

Year 1 – Host Invitational Tournament during World Cup (2026)

Training: 2-3 training camps each year

*\*Rescheduled from 2020 to 2022 due to Covid-19*

*A detailed calendar with training dates, registration deadline, etc. is available in the [shared folder](#).*



# International Events



The **Deaf Pan American Games** (“Deaf Pan Ams”) are held every 4 years, with the next one in 2023.

- 16 member countries, including USA Deaf Sports Federation.
  - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.
- Approximately 2 years in advance, bids are made to host the games; bids can be made to only host specific sports if desired. Countries have yet to submit a bid for the 2023 Deaf Pan American Football Championships.
- The top 3 teams from the Deaf Pan American Football Championships are awarded qualification to compete in that cycle’s Deaf World Football Championships (“Deaf World Cup”) and Deaflympics. Alternates are recorded.
- Additional information can be found at the PANAMDES website (<https://panamdes.com/>) and folder [here](#).

The **Deaf World Football Championships** (“Deaf World Cup”) are held every 4 years.

- [2022 Deaf World Cup](#) is in Mokpo, South Korea, and was moved from 2020 to 2022 due to Covid-19.
- 2024 is the next Deaf World Cup that the DNTs will attempt to qualify for via 2023 Deaf Pan Ams.
- A total 32 qualified countries (16 men and 16 women) are invited to compete. Over 500 athletes.

The **Deaflympics** are held every 4 years.

- 2021 [Deaflympics](#) in Caxias do Sul, Brazil from December 5 – 21. Over 4,000 Athletes across 21 sports. (1)

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*The idea is to mimic USSF’s membership within USOPC and provide USSF with the path to properly run the DNTs as ENT Tier 1s.*



(1) Deaflympics [page](#), DIFA Facebook [page](#), and Deaflympics news [here](#).



# HISTORY



- 1924** – 1<sup>st</sup> International Silent Games (“Deaflympics”) in Paris
- 1935** – USA debuts at Summer Deaflympics and joins ICSD as a member
- 1945** – American Athletic Union of the Deaf est. (became USA Deaf Sports Federation in 1997)
- 1965** – USDMNT’s 1<sup>st</sup> team qualifies for the Deaflympics as a host
- 1981 to 2001** – USDMNT competes every 4 years in Deaflympics competition
- 1995** – USA Deaf Soccer Association established
- 1999** – USDWNT wins 1st women’s soccer event: St. John’s Tournament in London
- 2005** – 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne, Australia  
USDMNT – 9<sup>th</sup> Place | USDWNT – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (beat Russia 3-0 for the Gold)
- 2008** – 1<sup>st</sup> Deaf World Football Championships (“Deaf World Cup”) in Patras, Greece  
USDMNT – 4<sup>th</sup> Place (lost in PKs to Turkey)
- 2009** – 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan  
USDMNT – 8<sup>th</sup> Place (first time advancing to knockout round)  
USDWNT – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (beat Germany 4-1 for the Gold)
- 2011** – Deaf Pan American Games in Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
USDMNT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (qualified for 2012 Deaf World Cup)
- 2012** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Deaf World Football Championships (“Deaf World Cup”) in Ankara, Turkey  
USDMNT – 12<sup>th</sup> Place (tied Turkey, eventual champion 1-1, with just 10 men)  
USDWNT – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (beat Russia 1-0 for the Gold)
- 2013** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria  
USDWNT – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (beat Russia 2-1 for the Gold)
- 2016** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Deaf World Football Championships (“Deaf World Cup”) in Salerno, Italy  
USDMNT – 6<sup>th</sup> Place (lost to Germany in quarterfinals)  
USDWNT - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (beat Russia 3-0 for the Gold)
- 2017** – USA Deaf Soccer Association becomes affiliate member of US Soccer
- 2017** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey  
Neither DNT attended due to civil unrest and security/safety concerns
- 2019** – Deaf Pan American Games in Temuco, Chile  
USDMNT – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Beat Argentina 1-0 for the Gold)
- 2021** – 24<sup>th</sup> Summer Deaflympics in Caxias Do Sul, Brazil (12/5-12/21)  
USDMNT – Qualified  
USDWNT – Qualified
- 2022** – 4<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Football Championships in Mokpo-si, South Korea  
(Event rescheduled from 2020 to 2022 due to Covid-19; Both DNTs Qualified)
- 2023** – Deaf Pan American Games (TBD)
- 2024** – 5<sup>th</sup> Deaf World Football Championships (“Deaf World Cup”) (TBD)
- 2025** – 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Deaflympics (TBD)





## USDMNT

### 2008 Deaf World Cup – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Lost Semifinals in penalties to Turkey. Only US Soccer men's senior national team to have come within penalty kicks of competing in a World Cup Final.

### 2009 Deaflympics – 8<sup>th</sup> Place

Beat defending Deaflympic champion Great Britain 3-1 in “must win by 2 game” to advance out of group into quarterfinals. Lost in Quarterfinals to Russia who lost in finals to Ukraine (3-2).

### 2012 Deaf World Cup – Group Stage Result

Tied host country and eventual champion, Turkey, 1-1 while playing with 10 men for 45 min.

### 2016 Deaf World Cup – 6<sup>th</sup> Place ([video](#))

Lost to Germany in Quarterfinals 3-1. Germany lost in finals to Turkey 3-2.

### 2019 Deaf Pan American Champions

Beat Mexico, Chile, Brazil, and Argentina on 4 consecutive days. Only US Soccer national team to have ever won 4 consecutive international games in 4 days.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## USDWNT ([video1](#), [video2](#), [video3](#))

2005 Deaflympics – **Gold** Medal

2009 Deaflympics – **Gold** Medal

2012 Deaf World Cup – **Gold** Medal

2013 Deaflympics – **Gold** Medal

2016 Deaf World Cup – **Gold** Medal ([video](#))

**International Record** 28 Wins, 0 Losses, 0 Ties. 147 goals for, 8 goals against.

Best international soccer team in world history.

**4x Gold Medal Players** Liza Offreda, Allie Galoob, Kate Ward

Only Carli Lloyd (4) and Hope Solo (3, + 1 as an alternate) have as many. No other international soccer player in world history has more.

**USADSF Athlete of the Year Award** Emily Cressy (2008)

**“US Soccer Player of the Year with a Disability” Award** Felicia Waldock (2012), Gracie Fitzgerald (2018)





# COMPETITIVENESS



**16 most competitive countries** with DWNTs: Greece, England, Germany, Russia, South Africa, Italy, Turkey, Poland, Japan, Denmark, Norway, Australia, Thailand, Brazil, China, USA

**16 most competitive countries** with DMNTs: Ukraine, England, Germany, Russia, Argentina, Italy, Turkey, Brazil, Japan, France, Greece, Ireland, Iran, Egypt, Mexico, USA

USDWNT has never lost an international match, though a few countries are closing the gap (Russia, England). Gold is expected every time. USDMNT has lost to some poorly rated teams, and won matches against the best teams in the world. Any medal at the DWC or Deaflympics has not yet been achieved, and attaining one would be a record for the USDMNT.

The various championships and rankings across the 4 ICSD regions determine which 16 countries qualify for the Deaf World Cup and Deaflympics each cycle. 500+ world deaf players are estimated to participate in the upcoming DWCs and Deaflympics.

High school, club soccer, collegiate soccer, D1, semi-pro, and pro soccer players have been a part of the USDNTs. A good match would be against a D-III team or u18 DA club team.



## Notable USDNT Players (performance outside of USDNT)

Emily Cressy – Kansas University, 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American Freshman, Big12 ROY, Golden Boot (2007 USYS Nat'l Championship)

Felicia Waldock – Purdue University, Professional player in Sweden (Kvarnsveden) and Finland (Åland United), USSF DPOY (2012)

Josh Reiher – Indiana University, National Champions (2003)

Mike Lawson – RIT, Conference ROY (2002), Conference Player of the Year (2004 & 2005), NSCAA Scholar All-American (2004 & 2005)



# 2021 - 2026 Budget

Year	International Tournament	Budget	Training Camps	Annual Camp Budget	Year Total
2021	24 <sup>th</sup> Summer Deaflympics	\$215,000	4 camps (3M, 1W)	\$130,000	\$345,000
2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Deaf World Cup*	\$210,000	6 camps (3/team)	\$195,000	\$405,000
2023	Deaf Pan Am Games	\$190,000	6 camps (3/team)	\$195,000	\$385,000
2024	5 <sup>th</sup> Deaf World Cup	\$210,000	6 camps (3/team)	\$195,000	\$405,000
2025	25 <sup>th</sup> Summer Deaflympics	\$215,000	5 camps (2.5/team)	\$162,500	\$377,500
2026	USA Invitational Tournament	\$105,000	4 camps (2/team)	\$130,000	\$235,000

Notes:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Deaf World Cup in 2020 was rescheduled to 2022 due to Covid-19.

Training camp budget is \$32,500 per team.

Link to the detailed budget [here](#).

Link to the detailed schedule [here](#).



# Typical Deaflympics Budget

Inputs & Assumptions	# / Amount		Budget	Notes
USDMNT Staff	6	USDMNT Staff Domestic Travel	\$ 3,000	
USDMNT Players	22	USDMNT Player Domestic Travel	\$ 11,000	
USDWNT Staff	6	USDWNT Staff Domestic Travel	\$ 3,000	
USDWNT Players	22	USDWNT Player Domestic Travel	\$ 11,000	
Total USADSA Attendees	56	USDMNT Staff International Flights	\$ 7,800	
		USDMNT Player International Flight	\$ 28,600	
Hospitality Cost per night	\$55	USDWNT Staff International Flights	\$ 7,800	
# of billable nights	18	USDWNT Player International Flight	\$ 28,600	
Total Cost per Person	\$990	USDMNT Staff Hotel	\$ 5,940	
		USDMNT Player Hotel	\$ 21,780	
Arrival Date	12/4/2021	USDWNT Staff Hotel	\$ 5,940	
Departure Date	12/22/2021	USDWNT Player Hotel	\$ 21,780	
Total Nights	18	Baggage Fees	\$ 1,440	Assumes 1 bag / staff. Assumes 2 legs domestic and 2 legs international @ \$30/leg. Assumes \$800 each way between airport and hotel x 2 teams in separate buses. Assumes 1 day trip for each team @ \$500 for each bus, so \$500 x 2. Assumes each USDNT team will watch 3 matches of the other USDNT team, so 6 total trips @ \$500 per bus trip.
		Buses & Rental Cars	\$ 7,200	\$50/person estimate
Domestic Flight Estimate per person	\$500	Insurance	\$ 2,800	
International Flight per person	\$1,300	Medical	\$ 2,800	
		Staff Meals	\$ 2,160	Gives all 12 volunteer staff \$10/day for meals.
USDMNT # of Games	6	Gear	\$ 8,400	
USDWNT # of Games	6	Game Pennants & Trading Pins	\$ 1,500	
		Snacks, Waters, Gatorades	\$ 2,800	
Notes:		Registration / Membership Fees	\$ 17,920	\$80 pp to Organizing Committee. \$40 pp to ICSD. \$100 pp to USADSA. \$100 pp to USADSA.
USDMNT staff: 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, 1 Athletic Trainer, 1 Interpreter, 1 Manager		New Player ICSD Hearing Fees	\$ 1,000	
		Wire Transfer Fees	\$ 150	
USDWNT staff: 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Athletic Trainer, 2 Interpreters, 1 Manager		Contingency	\$ 1,533	
		Miscellaneous	\$ 8,040	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 213,983</b>	
3 Interpreters between 2 teams. 4 preferred.		<b>Cost / Player</b>	<b>\$ 4,863</b>	



# Typical Training Camp Budget

Inputs & Assumptions	# / Amount		Budget	Notes
USDMNT Staff	6	USDMNT Staff Domestic Travel	\$ 3,000	
USDMNT Players	30	USDMNT Player Domestic Travel	\$ 15,000	
USDWNT Staff	6	USDWNT Staff Domestic Travel	\$ 3,000	
USDWNT Players	30	USDWNT Player Domestic Travel	\$ 15,000	
Total USADSA Attendees	72	USDMNT Staff International Flights	\$ -	
		USDMNT Player International Flight	\$ -	
Hospitality Cost per night	\$55	USDWNT Staff International Flights	\$ -	
# of billable nights	3	USDWNT Player International Flight	\$ -	
Total Cost per Person	\$165	USDMNT Staff Hotel	\$ 990	
		USDMNT Player Hotel	\$ 4,950	
Arrival Date	3/7/2021	USDWNT Staff Hotel	\$ 990	
Departure Date	3/10/2021	USDWNT Player Hotel	\$ 4,950	
Total Nights	3	Baggage Fees	\$ 300	Staff only
		Buses & Rental Cars	\$ 3,000	
Domestic Flight Estimate per person	\$500	Insurance	\$ 720	
International Flight per person	\$0	Medical	\$ 720	
		Staff Meals	\$ 360	Gives all 12 volunteer staff \$10/day for meals.
USDMNT # of Games	6	Gear	\$ 3,600	
USDWNT # of Games	6	Game Pennants & Trading Pins	\$ -	
		Snacks, Waters, Gatorades	\$ 720	
Notes:		Registration / Membership Fees	\$ 7,200	\$100 pp to USADSA (only paid once / year; avoid double counting at events).
USDMNT staff: 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, 1 Athletic Trainer, 1 Interpreter, 1 Manager		New Player ICSD Hearing Fees	\$ -	
		Wire Transfer Fees	\$ -	
USDWNT staff: 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Athletic Trainer, 2 Interpreters, 1 Manager		Contingency	\$ 484	
		Miscellaneous	\$ 1,800	ie: field rentals, team outings, awards, photo/video, etc.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,784</b>	
3 Interpreters between 2 teams. 4 preferred.		<b>Cost / Player</b>	<b>\$ 1,113</b>	





# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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# USDMNT STAFF

Dave Kunitz – Head Coach

Billy Phillips – Assistant Coach

Ken Noll – Assistant Coach (ex-player)

Jackie Jones – Interpreter

Stacy Struble – Athletic Trainer

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# USDWNT STAFF

Amy Griffin – Head Coach

Joy Fawcett – Assistant Coach

Amanda Newcomb – Interpreter

Elysia Tsai – Athletic Trainer

[Resumes / Bios](#)





# USADSA BOARD



Suzanne Anderson – President

Kate Ward <sup>+</sup> – USDWNT VP

Chris Jones <sup>+</sup> – USDMNT VP

Vacant\*\* – USDWNT Representative

Will Frentz <sup>+</sup> – USDMNT Representative

Sydney Andrews <sup>+</sup> – Youth Representative

Barry Wilkins <sup>+</sup> – Treasurer

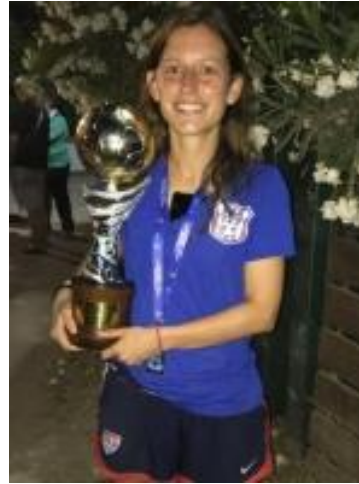
Michael Schmid <sup>+</sup> – Secretary

Mike Edwards – Appointed Board Member

Trip Neil <sup>+</sup> – Past President

<sup>+</sup>Denotes Deaf National Team Player

**\*\*Meghan Maiwald<sup>+</sup> recently resigned to join the USADSF Board**





# Deaf / Hard of Hearing Statistics

Deafness is one of the most costly single disabilities, in terms of special education costs, averaging \$25,000 per year per child, compared to \$5,100 for a normal hearing child.

The average lifetime cost to society of a child born deaf in terms of medical, educational, and productivity losses is \$1,020,000.

Hearing aid prices range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per device depending upon the level of technology they contain.

Over 1 million children in the United States have a hearing loss.

6 in every 1000 infants born in the United States has some degree of hearing loss.

About 3 out of every 1000 infants born in the United States has a detectable level of hearing loss.

For perspective, 1.7-1.8 out of every 1,000 US infants has genetic defects, like Down Syndrome.

83 out of every 1,000 children in the United States have what is termed an educationally significant hearing loss.

**1.4 / 1,000** children have moderate to profound hearing loss by the age of 8  
(<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/data.html>)

**2.3 million** American kids age 6-12 play soccer regularly ([NY Times](#)).



## Critical Analysis

2.3 million / 1,000 \* 1.4 = 3,220  
regularly playing deaf eligible 6-12  
year olds.

Assume half (1,110 kids) of that  
amount are still playing between  
ages 12-18.

If assumption holds, that translates  
to **4,330** current kids that may  
benefit from USADSA and the  
pathway for the USSF's DNTs.

That doesn't even capture the 18+  
age group, which is certainly  
meaningful as average DNT age is  
in the 20s.



# Grassroots and Youth Program Development

DNTs have offered a free youth clinic (for hearing and deaf kids) at many training camps. Efforts are made to engage with local deaf schools and to give back to the local communities hosting the DNTs. The results continue to prove beneficial.

## Future Plans for Youth Programs:

- Youth Boys' and Girls' Teams that compete in the [Youth Summer Deaflympics](#) and [U-21 Deaf World Football Championships](#)
- Creation of Youth Deaf Soccer Leagues and tournaments throughout the United States in conjunction with AYSO. Partnership between USADSA and AYSO was established in 2019 to facilitate this mission.
- Soccer Leadership Camps for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Athletes– using soccer to build leadership skills both on and off the field.
- Creation of youth leagues, camps, and tournaments would allow USADSA to begin creating a formal pathway through a youth team and to the full national teams.
- Ashley Hammond (CP Soccer), chair of the USSF Disability Soccer Committee, is working to educate USADSA on how the CP Soccer network was built so that we can model deaf soccer communities across the country.





# Player ID / Pathway Development

## CURRENT PROCESS

- Player Inquiries have been collected at [www.usdeafsoccer.com/joinusadsa](http://www.usdeafsoccer.com/joinusadsa).
- Networking, word of mouth, social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)
- Deaf Digest Sports news publication provides potential players in high school and college.
- Internet searches and hashtags (eg: "deaf", "soccer", "cochlear", "university", #deafplayer, #deafsoccer)
- Interested players have found USADSA by searching and landing on the USADSA website.

## UNTAPPED AREAS

- United Soccer Coaches email list.
  - USC once gave access to their coaching list to announce tryouts. That exercise turned up quality players. Since then, only one social media announcement on their twitter handle has been permitted. They no longer provide access to email list. Why not?
- Working list of colleges, deaf high schools, and audiologist networks to blast future announcements.
- US Soccer State Associations
- US Soccer Player Registration (1)

## Total DNT Player Pool

- USDWNT – 45
- USDMNT – 50
- Goal – Identify 20-25 talented new players per year for NT consideration.
- 4 Year Goal – Achieve same number of active deaf players across all levels of competition and age as CP Soccer has today.







ONE NATION. ONE TEAM.

*USDMNT celebrates 2012 USDWNT Deaf World Cup Championship on field after the game. United Together.*













***The rich history of Deaflympics (since 1924), USA Deaf Soccer (since 1965), and USADSA (since 1995), combined with the proven sustainability and success of the DWNT (3 Deaflympic Golds, 2 Deaf World Cup Golds) and DMNT (2 top six finishes in last 3 DWCs and 1 Deaf Pan Am Gold) make for a natural fit for the DNTs within USSF's Tier 1 ENT program.***





*The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Olympic Charter shall be secured without discrimination of any kind...Belonging to the Olympic Movement requires compliance with the Olympic Charter and recognition by the IOC.*

*- Olympic Charter #6 & #7*

ICSD and USOPC belong to the Olympic Movement and are recognized by the IOC. USSF Belongs to USOPC. We must all abide by the Olympic Charter.





- I. Athlete's Rights – This Declaration aspires to promote the ability and opportunity of athletes to:***  
***8. Elected athlete representation within sporting organisations of the Olympic Movement.***  
***- Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration (2018.10.09)***

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*We have an inspirational history, proven international success, a track record of legitimacy, a character-building and life-changing program, a valid voice in the call for equality and inclusion, and an unmatched desire to represent USA and US Soccer in front of the world to the best of our abilities.*

*We are fully prepared, and completely qualified, for the next chapter of our journey as USSF Tier 1 ENTs.*



**THANK YOU!**