

AUDIOGRAM REGULATIONS



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1. PREAMBLE

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterised by the following values:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

ICSD provides the essence of Olympism for the deaf population, with its own motto:

“Equal through sports”

Only deaf and hard of hearing athletes can compete in the Summer or Winter Deaflympics, World Championships, Regional Championships, and other ICSD-sanctioned competitions.

Full Members, Provisional Members, Regional Confederations, and Associate Members will follow these Audiogram Regulations during regional and international sport events.

2. ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

The Summer and Winter Deaflympics bring together deaf athletes of all affiliated National Deaf Sports Federations.

Participants in the Deaflympics and ICSD sanctioned competitions must be:

- ***Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB pure tone average (PTA) in the better ear (three-tone pure tone average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, air conduction, ISO 1969 Standard)***
- ***Members of an affiliated National Deaf Sports Federation and citizens of that country.***

It is strictly forbidden for a competitor to use any kind of hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts during the warm-up and competition within the restricted zone area. This is to prevent giving advantage over those not using amplification in sports.

Each sport has their definition of “Restricted Zone Area”.

3. DEFINITION AND PROOF OF DEAFNESS

- 3.1 While 'Deaf' is defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB PTA in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1969 Standard), critical hearing levels between 55-65dB shall be carefully examined.

Exemption

If the athlete has Cochlear Implant in one ear, they do not need to be tested in that ear but the audiologist must clearly states on which ear the Cochlear Implant is on the Audiogram form. The athlete will still need to be tested on the non-Cochlear Implant ear.

- 3.2 Every National Deaf Sport Federation is fully responsible to check and examine the hearing level of each of its athletes and the audiogram of each respective athlete for accuracy and genuineness.
- 3.3 Each new athlete must use the official ICSD Audiogram form. The form can be downloaded from www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf
- 3.4 All four (4) types of audiogram testing below must be filled out entirely for **EACH** ear including:

1. Air Conduction
2. Bone Conduction
3. Tympanograms (Tympanometry)
4. Acoustic Reflexes (Reflexometry)

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OFFICIAL AUDIOGRAM DATA SHEET

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*Please Print Name
PLEASE PRINT OR USE TYPEWRITER and send to your National Deaf Sports Federation for review

*Name: _____
Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Other Name(s) (Middle Name)

*Gender: Male Female *Audiometer: _____
*Date of Birth: _____ (day / month / year) *Calibration: ANSI 1989 ISO 1994
*Nation: _____ *Other: _____
*Date of Examination: _____ (day / month / year) *Examiner Name: _____

AUDIOGRAM

FREQUENCY in Hertz (Hz)

HEARING THRESHOLD LEVEL (in decibels HL)

1 & 2

3

4

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Ear	AT	Acoustic	Bone	Estimated
RIGHT (red)	C	CS	B	+
LEFT (blue)	X	CS	B	+
No Response				

TYPE OF HEARING LOSS
(Check one for each ear with an "X")

Ear	Sensor-neural	Conductive	Mixed	Cochlear Implant
RIGHT				
LEFT				

HOME OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Entered By: _____
ICSD Audiologist: _____

COMMENTS:
(in English) _____

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Failure to observe the requirements will result in delayed approval.

- 3.5 All Audiogram forms should be authorised and belong to the athlete being tested, and the validity of the forms must be guaranteed by the National Deaf Sport Federation.

4. SUBMITTING FOR APPROVAL PROCEDURE OF AUDIOGRAMS

4.1 Prior to Competitions:

- 4.1.1 Before submitting a new audiogram, please contact ICSD office for your country's latest audiogram list to check and see if your athlete is already on the ICSD audiogram database. If the athlete's name is not on the list, this means ICSD office does not have their audiogram form on file.

- 4.1.2** Prior to any type of ICSD sanctioned events, including Summer/Winter Deaflympics, World Championships, and Regional Championships, all new audiogram forms must be submitted **three (3)** months before the event and they must not be more than one (1) year old.

The penalty fee for late audiogram forms for new athletes is USD \$40 per form/athlete. New athletes without audiogram forms on the starting day of the event will not be permitted to take part in the competition.

- 4.1.3** All new audiograms will be sent directly to the ICSD office (audiogram@ciss.org) by the National Deaf Sport Federation.
- 4.1.4** When received, the audiograms will be entered onto the ICSD database, with "N" (National) code to indicate they were "home tested".
- 4.1.5** If the audiogram form is not filled out in its entirety as defined in **3.4**, the audiogram will be entered as "INC" (Incomplete) until re-submitted with FULL information.
- 4.1.6** The audiograms will then be sent to the ICSD audiologist(s) for further review.
- 4.1.7** The ICSD audiologist(s) will indicate which ones are approved and which ones are at risk/borderline.
- 4.1.8** The approved audiograms will then have the "N" changed to "C" (CISS).
- 4.1.9** For those athletes who are "At Risk" with "X" symbol, he/she will be retested by ICSD audiologist during the Games.
- 4.1.10** Any athlete that does not meet the 55dB PTA eligibility criteria will be declared ineligible with "DQ" symbol and cannot resubmit an audiogram for at least one (1) year from the date received.

4.2 Final Entry Forms:

- 4.2.1** The Final Entry Form will have a column for "Athlete ID number".
- 4.2.2** If an athlete's audiogram is already on the ICSD database, the federation will enter the athlete's ID number in the appropriate column. These athletes do not need to submit another audiogram. *See example below.*

Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Athlete ID Number
DOE	John	31 Jan 1975	12345
MCKNIGHT	David	5 May 1978	
SHARP	Alfred	10 Dec 1977	22678

Above indicates that **DOE, John** and **SHARP, Alfred** have audiograms in the ICSD database while **MCKNIGHT David** does not have one in the ICSD database.

- 4.2.3** Participation will not be allowed if the audiogram database shows incomplete, indicated by "INC" or ineligible, indicated by "DQ".
- 4.2.4** Accreditation badge will not be granted to those who have not submitted an audiogram.

5. AT THE DEAFLYMPICS (OR OTHER ICSD SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS)

- 5.1** If athlete's audiogram form has not been submitted, a hearing test will be conducted at the site of the Games prior to receiving accreditation badge at the national deaf sports federation's expense.

- 5.2 If the audiogram database indicates that the athlete was examined by national audiologist as indicated by "N", then the athlete may be retested by ICSD audiologist during the Games.
- 5.3 Athletes who were tested and verified by ICSD audiologist, the symbol will be indicated by a letter "V".
- 5.4 If the athlete has a symbol indicated either with a letter "C" or "N, the athlete will be up for random testing.
- 5.5 If the athlete has a symbol indicated with "X", the athlete will be required for further testing.
- 5.6 ICSD audiologist reserves the right to test any approved athlete any time.
- 5.7 Random audiology testing shall not interrupt or change the daily game schedule.
- 5.8 It will be the responsibility of ICSD to reserve a time for the testing of athlete under the team leader's care.
- 5.9 The athlete's team leader with the athlete to be tested shall meet with the ICSD audiologist at the designated time and place. Both the athlete and the accompanying person must bring their own passports or identity cards.
- 5.10 Failure to show means suspension and a penalty fee.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 The individual competitor solely carries the full responsibility to ensure he/she is not wearing any hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts during the warm-up and competition within the restricted zone area.
- 6.2 All athletes will not be allowed to wear any hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts upon entering competition.
All athletes must remove hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts during the last training prior to competitions.

7. DISCOVERY

7.1 Using Hearing Device(s)

If a competitor is discovered to be wearing hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts during the warm-up and competition within the restricted zone area, this discovery must immediately be reported to the Technical Director (TD) for the sport in question, and then referred to **8.1.1.**

Only accredited team leaders and trainers in the contest concerned have the right to file an official protest form against the wearing of hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts.

Along the protest form, additional evidence must be made by video which includes the date and time stamped on the film. The other evidence cannot be made by hearsay.

7.2 Audiological Testing During Accreditation Period

If a competitor is discovered not meeting the 55dB PTA by ICSD audiologist, this athlete shall not receive accreditation badge.

8. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

8.1 Violations:

If a competitor wears a hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts he/she will be disqualified and the Accreditation badge will be removed from the athlete.

- 8.1.1 If the sport is an individual sport, the offending player will be informed that they are disqualified from taking any further part in the competition.
- 8.1.2 If the sport is played by 2 people and one is wearing their hearing aids or cochlear implant, the offending player will be informed that they are disqualified from taking any further part in the competition.
- 8.1.3 If the offending player in team sports wears hearing aid(s)/ amplification or external cochlear implant parts during play, the offending player shall be disqualified from taking any further part in the competition; the offending team shall be subjected to a penalty of \$500 and the match result shall stand.

If more than one team member in a team sport is found to have committed an audiogram rule violation at any time during the competition, the team may be subject to disqualification and/or other disciplinary action.

8.2 Penalties:

- 8.2.1 In case of violations of these regulations, TDs and ICSD Officials will report all violations to ICSD office and all given prizes, awards, medals and diplomas of the disqualified competitor and/or his/her team shall be cancelled. In addition, a fine may be levied on the decision of Audiology Commission.
- 8.2.2 If a National Deaf Sport Federation repeats a violation of Section 3.1, 3.2, or 3.5 of these Audiogram Regulations more than once ICSD Audiology Committee may suspend it from 2 to 4 years for the sport in question.
- 8.2.3 During the ineligibility period the National Deaf Sport Federation and its teams cannot participate in ICSD sanctioned sport events.

9. PROTEST

ICSD TD will not accept any protest from National Deaf Sport Federations during competition time for eligibility related to an athlete's hearing.

10. GLOSSARY

PTA	Pure Tone Average
dB	Decibels
V	Athlete tested and verified by ICSD audiologist
C	Audiogram form reviewed and approved by ICSD audiologist
N	Approved by national audiologist "home tested"
X	At risk/borderline
DQ	Disqualify, does not meet 55dB PTA eligibility criteria
INC	Incomplete, audiogram form not completed
TD	Technical Directors
ICSD	International Committee of Sport for the Deaf