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A Bright Future for Deaf Ice Hockey in Canada

Montreal, May 1st, 2017 – The Canadian Men’s and Women’s Deaf Hockey teams honoured our national winter sport with great performances at the 3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships held in Amherst, N.Y. in the United States from April 19th to 29th.

For the first time in the Deaf Ice Hockey history, Canada and the United States introduced their women’s teams in two demonstration games. Canada won both games 6-3 and 6-4. We raise our hat to the *Canadian Deaf Ice Hockey Federation (CDIHF)* for taking the initiative to create a women’s team and to organize these historic games.

The men’s team won all of its games in the preliminary round with four victories and no losses. The two known rivalries in hockey — Canada and the United States fought for the Gold medal in a fast-paced game. Canada won the silver medal with a score of 6-3. The men’s team can be proud of its performance since it is composed of a new generation of players with an average age of 23 years old.

An honourable mention goes to the General Manager, Roy Hysen. Mr. Hysen and the Canadian Deaf team won medals at each international event since 1991, including the Deaflympics and World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships a total of 9 medals. Mr. Hysen received the Governor General’s Caring Award in 2013, and has just been named the first President in the history of the International Deaf Hockey Federation.

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) strongly support CDIHF’s bid to host the 4th World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships in British Columbia in 2021. The organizing committee is represented by Mark Dunn, and the CDSA will submit the bid very soon to the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

On behalf of the CDSA, we congratulate both Canadian teams for their participation and great performances. Upcoming Deaf hockey competitions will be at the Canada Deaf Games in Winnipeg in 2018 and the Roy Hysen Cup. These events will help prepare the next National Team for the Winter Deaflympics in 2019.

For more information on the results, click on this [link](#) or visit the *CDIHF Facebook* page.

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