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Team Canada targets Gold at the World Ice Hockey Championships

Montreal, April 5th, 2017 – The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) fully support the Canadian Deaf Ice Hockey Federation (CDIHF) program and Our Pathway to the Gold Committee (OPTGC) that was established in preparation for the 3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships to be held in Amherst, NY, USA from April 19th to 29th.

For the first time in the Deaf hockey history, two Women's team will play demo games. The United States and Canada will play two games on April 22nd and 23rd.

The Men's team is composed of a new generation of Deaf and hard of hearing players with an average age of 23 years. Canada won silver medals in the previous two World Championships in Vantaa, Finland (2003) and Winnipeg, Canada (2009). The goal for this year is to win Gold.

Thanks to the High Performance Sport Grant Program, the CDSA granted a substantial amount to the CDIHF and OPTGC to help them reach their goal.

Team Canada is surrounded by devoted individuals focused on its success, including Executive Director Roy Hysen and High Performance National coach Don McKee. The CDSA would like to highlight Steve Devine's exceptional contribution. Devine was promoted assistant to both the Executive Director and coach this year. He was an outstanding captain and leader of the team for over 12 years. Devine won one Gold medal and four silver medals at the World Championships and Winter Deaflympics.

For more information and to follow Team Canada's success, visit the 3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships [website](#). The CDSA is proud to have Women's team participating for the first time, and we wish the best of success to the Men's team in accomplishing the OPTGC's ultimate goal.

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Mission Staff Team

Executive Director & General Manager	Roy Hysen
Business Manager	Robert Miller
Head Coach	Donald Mckee
Assistant Coach & Assistant General Manager	Steven Devine
Assistant Coach	Patrick Bergeron
Equipment Manager	Barry Fuller
Assistant Equipment Manager	Terry Bagnato
Team Therapist	Jason Babcock
Interpreter	Scotty Dure
Women Head Coach	Shane Chabassol
Women Assistant Coach	Jeff Green

Men's team

<i>Player</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Graeme Lauersen	Goalie	London, ON
Matthew Weatherdon	Goalie	Burlington, ON
Brent Walters	Goalie - R	Truro, NS
Jack Desroches	Defence	Summerside, PEI
Jonathan Lobodzinski	Defence	London, ON
John Kyte	Defence	Carp, ON
Patrick Kyte	Defence	Pembroke, ON
Owen Hunter	Defence	Oakville, ON
Patrick Escalambre	Defence	Vancouver, BC
Thomas Kyte	Forward	Carp, ON
Scott Nelson	Forward & Defence	Vermillion Bay, ON
Ryan Chramtchenko	Forward	Gatineau, QC
Jason Veilleux	Forward	St. Odilon, QC
Sean Kyte	Forward	Pembroke, ON
Dimitri Theofilakitudis	Forward	Toronto, ON
Cody McIntyre	Forward	Clinton, ON
Matthew Sheffield	Forward	Mississauga, ON
Cole Laing	Forward	Blackfalds, AB
Jesse McIntyre	Forward & Defence	Clinton, ON
Christopher Garbacz	Forward	St. Catharines, ON
Andrew Hughes	Forward	Ajax, ON

Women's team

<i>Player</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Alyssa Godin	Goalie	Hamilton, ON
Jamie Routledge	Goalie	Winnipeg, MAN
Dallas Boyd	Defence	Hamilton, ON
Danielle Thomson	Defence	Kenora, ON
Emma Kyte	Defence	Carp, ON
Chantal Guevremont	Defence	Sorel, QC
Kristy Ann Nicholson	Forward	Toronto, ON
Brittany Mallach	Forward	Milton, ON
Sarah Diguiuseppe	Forward	Thornhill, ON
Abigayle Kyte	Forward	Carp, ON
Kirsten Miller	Forward	Oakville, ON
Sophie Gagnon	Forward	Saguenay, QC
Hilary Martin	Forward	St. John, NFLD
Alexandra Hickox	Forward	Toronto, ON