



Joshua Baerg named Canada's Flag-Bearer at Closing Ceremony
Baerg will lead Team Canada at the Closing Ceremony of 23rd Deaflympics

Montreal, July 30th, 2017 - Joshua Baerg, a veteran member of the Deaf National Swimming Team will lead Team Canada during the Closing Ceremony of 23rd Summer Deaflympics on Sunday night (July 30th) in Samsun, Turkey.

Native and resident of British Columbia, Baerg is honoured by the nomination. "I am thrilled to be representing Canada in this fashion," said Baerg. "It is a great honour."

Baerg was a finalist in both the 100 and 200 metre breastroke events, and a key member of the two relay teams that set Canadian records during the Deaflympics.

"Josh is a great competitor and a real leader for Team Canada both in and out of the water," said Deaf National Swimming Team Coach Judy Baker. "I am so proud to see him take on this role for Canada."

Baerg holds four individual Canadian Deaf Swimming records and was the 2016 Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) Athlete of the Year. He is also an active advocate for Deaf and hard of hearing athletes.

"Team Canada chose Joshua as our flag-bearer for the Closing Ceremony for several reasons, including his commitment in the sport of Swimming, and he is one of our best swimmers and athletes," Said Team Canada Chef de mission Danny Daniels. "Joshua was very well prepared and focused for all of his events during the Deaflympics. He has a very bright futur," added Daniels.

The Closing Ceremony will be live streamed [here](#).

About the Deaflympics: The Summer and Winter Deaflympics occur every four years alternating just like the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Deaflympics are sanctioned by the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf** and are recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The 2017 Deaflympics are hosted in Samsun, which is the biggest city and economic capital of the Black Sea region.

About CDSA: CDSA is a non-profit organization aiming to support the development of practice of sports within the Deaf community and Deaf youth, in order to ensure a quality Canadian representation in international competitions.