



CDSA Introduces its Mission Team for the 2019 Deaflympics
Mission Team will support the Chef de Mission in Team Canada's preparations

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Montreal, December 15th, 2017 - The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) and Chef de Mission for the 2019 Winter Deaflympics, Danny Daniels are happy to introduce the Mission Team members, who will accompany Team Canada before, during and after the games.

The CDSA Board of Directors nominated Alain Turpin, CDSA Executive Director to second Danny Daniels in his role as a Chef de Mission. Mr. Turpin was Executive Director for the Association sportive des Sourds du Québec from 2006 to 2011, and he was also a Team Manager with CDSA for the Men's and Women's Volleyball teams.

Three Team Managers have been selected for Ice Hockey, Curling and Sliding Sports (Snowboarding, Alpine Skiing and Cross Country Skiing). Marty Rabu from Manitoba will manage the Men's Ice Hockey team. Mr. Rabu coached and managed several Deaf Western teams between 1999 and 2014. He was also Assistant Coach and Assistant Team Manager for the Canadian Ice Hockey team during four Winter Deaflympics.

The Curling team will be managed by Lois McIntyre from Ontario. Mrs. McIntyre has over 15 years of experience as a curler playing at the Ottawa Deaf Curling Club, and she competed at the Ontario Deaf Curling Championship as well as Canadian Deaf Curling Championship. Mrs. McIntyre coached and managed the Tennis team at the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.

Eric Nielson from British Columbia was nominated Team Manager for the Sliding Sports team. He has been involved in amateur sports with hearing school-aged children as a Team Manager for Ice Hockey, Baseball and Soccer. The 2019 Winter Deaflympics will be his first international experience as a member of the CDSA Mission Team.

About CDSA: The CDSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high performance Deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Through direct financial support CDSA helps athletes participate in international sport events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.