



# CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Newsletter

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES

- The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) unveiled its 2017-2022 Strategic Plan to its members on September 15th and 16th during the General Annual Meeting (AGM) in Winnipeg, Man. Once developed, the Strategic Plan's content and linguistic were reviewed by an external consultant. This plan outlines the major four Strategic Directions that will guide the CDSA in the next five years.
- The CDSA took the opportunity to also present its new website during the AGA. The website will be publicly launched this Fall. The CDSA worked in collaboration with the agency Kaboom from Gatineau for developing the new website. A public announcement will be made when the website is launched.



- The 2017 Summer Deaflympics were held in Samsun, Turkey in July. A total of 26 athletes represented the Maple Leaf in six sports. Swimming and Tennis athletes offered remarkable performances with personal bests.
- The CDSA President, Mark Kusiak will participate at a PANAMDES Extraordinary Congress for a restructuring of the organization in Sao Paulo, Brazil from November 9th to 12th.
- The CDSA has begun preparations for the 2019 Winter Deaflympics by posting the Chef de mission position in September. The job descriptions for the position of Team Managers for Ice Hockey, Curling, Alpine and Cross Country Skiing, and Snowboarding will be posted in October 2017.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2018 Canada Deaf Games

The early bird registration period for the 2018 Canada Deaf Games (CDG) is postponed until October 31st. The late registration period will be from November 1st to 15th. The 2018 CDG will take place from February 21st to 24th 2018 in Winnipeg.



### Badminton Tournaments and Clinics

In collaboration with the Association sportive des Sourds du Québec (ASSQ) and Alberta Deaf Sports Association (ADSA), the CDSA will host Badminton tournaments and clinics in January 2018 in Montreal and in April 2018 in Edmonton. In the Fall 2018, there will be a selection camp to select athletes, who will be on Team Canada at the World Deaf Badminton Championships in Taiwan in August 2019.

### Bowling Tournaments and Clinics

In collaboration with the British Columbia Deaf Sports Federation (BCDSF), the CDSA will likely host tournaments and clinics in Vancouver in the Spring 2018 during the BCDSF's 25th Classic. With the 2018 CDG, these events will allow to select athletes who will be on Team Canada at the World Deaf Bowling Championships in Taiwan in August 2019.