



Winnipeg is ready to host the Canada Deaf Games
The games will feature competition in five sports

Montréal, January 19, 2018 – Winnipeg will host the Canada Deaf Games from February 21 to 24, 2018 and is ready to welcome approximately 175 participants, including representation from Provincial Deaf Sports Associations. The Games are sanctioned by the Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA).

Five sports will be featured: basketball, bowling, curling, ice hockey and volleyball. The basketball competition will be an opportunity to scout players to represent Canada at the U21 World Deaf Basketball Championship in summer 2018. The winning men's and women's curling teams will represent Canada at the 2019 Winter Deaflympics, while the ice hockey tournament will be used to scout players for Team Canada at the 2019 Winter Deaflympics.

“CDSA and the 2018 Canada Deaf Games Organizing Committee are committed to showcasing Deaf athletes and their immense talent at the Games in Winnipeg. We are looking forward to hosting what promises to be an entertaining and memorable event for the athletes, their families and the community,” said CDSA Executive Director Alain Turpin.

Former National Hockey League Deaf player Jim Kyte will participate in the ice hockey tournament with eight members of his family. He and his brothers Frayne, John and Rob will provide veteran experience, while the younger Kyte generation represented by Abigayle, Emma, Thomas, Johnny Jr. and Sean will lead [Team Kyte](#) with their youthful vigour and skills.

Well-known actress and Deaf reporter [Dawn Jani Birley](#) will be Master of Ceremonies for the opening and closing on February 21 and 24. She will also animate and moderate the CDSA Coach Summit on February 23 and 24. Originally from Saskatchewan, Birley now lives in Helsinki, Finland where she pursues a career in theatre and television.

“CDSA is pleased to welcome Dawn Jani Birley and the Kyte family to the Canada Deaf Games. We thank them for their support and contribution to the promotion of Deaf and hard of hearing sport in Canada and abroad,” said Turpin.

You can follow all of the action on CDSA social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) and the Canada Deaf Games [Facebook](#) Page.

About the 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, the 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.