



CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT
2017-18

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*Swimmer Joshua Baerg (BC) wrapped up in the
Canadian flag at the 2017 Summer Deaflympics.*



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CDSA is affiliated with the ICSD that is the organization responsible to organize the Deaflympics and World Championships. The ICSD is recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

MISSION

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (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 (ICSD), and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.



The Canadian Women's Volleyball Development Team in preparation for an European tournament.



Participants at the 1st CDSA Coach Summit in Winnipeg, Manitoba in February 2018.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members, donors and partners,

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) went through several changes in 2017-18 both on the administrative and sport levels. A new 5-year strategic plan (2017-2022) was developed and CDSA intends to follow this 5-year plan with determination.

We determined that CDSA had issues with its brand, and we proceeded with the hiring of a Communications Specialist at the beginning of the fiscal year. We have improved our presence on social media as well as developed a new website. It is still a work in progress, but we are on the right track.

CDSA closed its physical office and adopted teleworking for its employees, so they work from home. We also have made changes to our accounting methods during the year. These administrative streamlining measures will allow CDSA to inject several thousands of dollars into various forms of financial assistance for athletes in the coming years.

This year was also particularly active and high in emotions! Women's hockey was presented for the first time in Deaf history at the World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships in Amherst, US. Team Canada won its two demo games. The 2017 Summer Deaflympics in Turkey allowed us to notice a bright future in our young Canadian athletes for next international events.

We also have been busy on Canadian soil. We hosted our first ever CDSA Coach Summit during the same week as the Canada Deaf Games (CDG) this past February in Winnipeg, Man. Several athletes stood out during the Games, and received official invitations from CDSA to join its national teams in the next few years.

More than 230 Canadian athletes participated in international and national events in the last year. On behalf of the Board of Directors I congratulate each one of these athletes.

Finally, I would like to highlight the fact that CDSA and its affiliated members will be hosting major events in Canada in the next few years, including the 2020 CDG in Edmonton, 2022 CDG in Montreal, World Deaf Curling Championship in Banff as well as World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship in Vancouver in 2021.

It was a productive year for CDSA and the next few years will be exciting!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Mark Kesicki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is located at the bottom of the page, below the main body of text.

GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors met four times: June 2nd, 2017 in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec; September 15th, 2017 in Winnipeg, Manitoba; December 1st, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec and February 22nd, 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Left to right: Donald Prong, Paul Halas, Mark Kusiak, Nyla Kurylowich, David Joseph, Francis Roussel, Shawna Joynt and Alain Turpin, Executive Director.

DIRECTORS

Mark Kusiak, President (Calgary, Alberta)
 David Joseph, Director (Gatineau, Quebec)
 Donald Prong, Director (Pickering, Ontario)
 Shawna Joynt, Director (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
 Francis Roussel, Director (Montreal, Quebec)

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

Nyla Kurylowich (St-Albert, Alberta)
 Paul Halas (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

GOVERNANCE (CONT'D)

STANDING COMMITTEES

CDSA has three standing committees that ensure good governance practices and make recommendations to the Board of Directors about some operational practices at the CDSA.

These committees are: finance (three meetings), governance (three meetings) and human resources (one meeting) as well as several informal exchanges by videoconferencing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The standing committees' main achievements that led the Board of Directors to make significant changes are:

- Change of banking institution and addition of financial products;
- Renewal of the guaranteed certificate;
- Budget 2018-19;
- Modification and proposal on the membership structure for members in the CDSA By-Laws;
- New policy - welcome guide for new Directors;
- Remuneration and benefits of staff; and
- Change of job position titles for staff.

ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE

\$152,000
TELEMARKETING

\$381,400
SPORT CANADA

\$19,000
VARIOUS DONATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES

To March 31st, 2018 CDSA has two full-time employees and two contractors.

Alain Turpin, Executive Director

Ghysline (Gigi) Fiset, Administrative Assistant

Melody Heron, Bookkeeper (contractor)

Claudia Larouche, Communications Specialist (contractor)

2017-18 ACTIVITIES

\$300,000

It's the total amount invested by CDSA in the 2017-18 fiscal year into various sport programs and support to national teams, including:

- National Teams sent to international events;
- National Teams training camps;
- Sponsorship of a few Championships; and
- Canada Deaf Games.



3RD WORLD DEAF ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Amherst, New York, United States - April 19-29, 2017

Team Canada (women's): two wins against Team USA in the demo games for women's hockey.

Team Canada (men's): four wins in preliminary round. Loss in the finals against Team USA (silver medal).



13TH CANADIAN DEAF GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Mont-Tremblant, Quebec - July 24-27, 2017

Qualification for the 12th World Deaf Golf Championship - July 21-28 in Dublin, Ireland.

Canadian Champion - men's: Jonathan Rose, Ontario

Canadian Champion - women's: Marilyn Beernink, Ontario

Canadian Champion - seniors: Jim Cranswick, British Columbia



CDSA 1ST COACH SUMMIT

Winnipeg, Manitoba - February 23-24, 2018

CDSA hosted its first ever Coach Summit on February 23rd and 24th, 2018 in Winnipeg during the Canada Deaf Games.

A total of 24 participants, including representatives of Provincial Deaf Sports Association, team managers and national coaches attended the various offered presentations.

Comments and reactions to the first CDSA Coach Summit were positive. CDSA plans to host the second Summit in 2020 during the Canada Deaf Games in Edmonton or 2019 General Annual Meeting in Toronto.

2017-18 ACTIVITIES CONT'D



CANADA DEAF GAMES

Winnipeg, Manitoba - February 21st to 24th, 2018

The Manitoba Deaf Sports Association and the Canada Deaf Games (CDG) Organizing Committee actively collaborated together to ensure the success of the Games. No less than 148 participants from eight provinces competed in one of the following five sports; Basketball 3-on-3, Bowling, Men's and Women's Curling, Ice Hockey 3-on-3 and Co-Ed Volleyball.

In addition to allow Deaf and hard of hearing athletes to compete on Canadian soil and develop new friendships, the CDG also provided an opportunity to scout and recruit athletes in a Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) perspective.

In curling, the women's team (Alberta) and men's team (British Columbia) who won their respective tournament will represent Canada at the 2019 Winter Deaflympics.

The basketball games provided an opportunity to scout and select players aged 21 years old and less, so that a national team would be formed in time for the U21 World Deaf Basketball Championship in July 2018 at Gallaudet University.

It is the same thing for women's volleyball as a few players were selected for the development team that took part in an European tournament this May in France.

In ice hockey, the focus was on potential players to invite for a selection camp for the 2019 Winter Deaflympics. The selection camp will take place in August in Saskatchewan.

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SPORTS

148
PARTICIPANTS

115
VOLUNTEERS

2017-18 ACTIVITIES CONT'D

CANADA DEAF GAMES CONT'D

Team Kyte won the Gold medal in ice hockey at the 2018 Canada Deaf Games. Left to right: Sean Kyte, Rob Kyte, Johnny Kyte, John Sr. Kyte, Abigail Kyte, Jim Kyte, Thomas Kyte, Emma Kyte and Frayne Kyte.



BASKETBALL

7 players recruited
U21 World Deaf
Basketball
Championship

CURLING

British Columbia &
Alberta will repre-
sent Canada at the
2019 Winter
Deaflympics

ICE HOCKEY

9 players invited to
the selection camp
in Saskatchewan

VOLLEYBALL

3 female players
recruited for a
tournament in
France

SPORT AWARDS

Canada Deaf Games Award

The Canada Deaf Games Award is awarded to the Provincial Deaf Sports Association or group that has the highest number of points in all sports.

Winner: Manitoba Deaf Sports Association

Canadian Deaf Sports Association Sportsmanship Award at the Canada Deaf Games

The Sportsmanship Award is awarded by the Canadian Deaf Sports Association Board of Directors to a province, team or group, whose mission personnel, coaches, team managers and athletes showcased a combination of performance, sportsmanship, cooperation and friendship.

Winner: Association sportive des Sourds du Québec

2017-18 ACTIVITIES CONT'D



2017 SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS

Samsun, Turkey - July 18-30, 2017

These games gathered more than 2,800 athletes from 86 countries, and occur every four years. This event is sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

CDSA had a Canadian delegation of 45 people, including 26 athletes. Our Canadian athletes represented the Maple Leaf in six sports: badminton, bowling, judo, swimming, tennis and women's volleyball.

One of the women's volleyball team veterans Kimberly Summers (Ontario) carried the Canadian flag at the opening ceremony. It was Summers's 8th international participation since 2001.

Canada didn't medal at these Deaflympics, but several athletes stood out with their performances. All swimmers improved their personal best in the swimming events. The age of the six swimmers averaged 17 years.

In tennis, Martin Hong (Ontario) showcased a nice performance when he played against a former ATP player in his first qualification game in the preliminary round while the women's volleyball team placed 9th after a close match against Turkey.

Swimmer Joshua Baerg (British Columbia), who competed in the finals of two swimming events proudly carried the Canadian flag at the closing ceremony.

ATHLETES BY SPORT



2

BADMINTON

4

BOWLING

2

JUDO

6

SWIMMING

2

TENNIS

10

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HONOURABLE MENTIONS



ICSD CERTIFICATE

4th World Deaf Ice Hockey
Championship
Vancouver - 2021



Dawn Jani Birley on the ICSD Women in Sport Commission. Dawn Jani is a former athlete.

CANADA DEAF GAMES

2020 Games will be held in Edmonton,
Alberta and the 2022 Games held in
Montreal, Quebec



Winner CDSA Sport Award Best Male
Award - Dale Proctor (BC) Golf



Hommage Paul Landry Park in Ottawa. Paul is a former athlete in athletics.

ICSD CERTIFICATE


4th World Deaf Curling
Championship
Banff - 2021



Winner CDSA Sport Award Best Female Award -
Julia Wolf (ON) Women's Volleyball



Winner CDSA Sport Award Best
Team Award. Women's Ice Hockey



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