



CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION



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ABOUT THE CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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.



Brandon Huynh (AB) and Hai Diec (AB) represented Team Canada at the World Deaf Badminton Championship in Taiwan in July 2019.

VISION

The CDSA is well known for providing leadership to Canadian Deaf and hard of hearing athletes by allowing them to develop their athletic skills, and boosting their physical and mental well-being while helping them reach the podium at international sport events.

AFFILIATIONS

The CDSA 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. CDSA is affiliated with these two organizations as well as Curling Canada.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear partners,

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was one of the most successful since I began my involvement with the Board of Directors 12 years ago.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Government of Canada held a press conference to announce Sport Canada's Sport Support Program funding. It was an opportunity for our Executive Director, Alain Turpin, to raise awareness and promote the CDSA's programs and services with the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the local Federal Member of Parliament where CDSA's headquarters are located.

Gender equity in sport and sport safety are very important to Sport Canada. New funding programs will be invested in the Canadian sport milieu, in order to raise awareness regarding the following components: harassment; abuse and discrimination; concussion and antidoping. CDSA will be a stakeholder in these funding programs to help raise awareness in the Deaf and hard of hearing sport community in Canada.

Looking back at the CDSA's sport history, the organization never sent as many national teams to various events as we did in 2019-2020. National Teams competed in six international events, including the 2019 Winter Deaflympics that took place in Italy. We would like to warmly thank former NHL professional ice hockey player, Jim Kyte, who was the campaign fundraising spokesperson. The campaign's financial goal of \$25,000 was reached. It helped cover a portion of the Canadian athletes' travel costs to participate in these events.

It is with mixed emotions that I conclude this last message as a President of the CDSA Board of Directors. After ten years in this role, I am leaving with a feeling of accomplishment. My advice for the next Board of Directors is outlined in the following suggestions:

- Continue to clearly distinguish operational matters that fall under the Executive Director's supervision from the Board of Directors' healthy governance practices;
- Fill in some vacant spots on a few sport committees;
- Launch the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan's reflection process and prepare the next one; and
- Reinforce the diversity and inclusion of our current and former Deaf and hard of hearing Canadian athletes in management and sport, especially among women.

I am convinced that the CDSA is on the right track for the next several years as an international leader in Deaf sports. I am honoured to have had the trust of Provincial Deaf Sports Associations that have allowed me to be on CDSA Board of Directors for such a long time. I am grateful for everything I have learned and for having the opportunity to grow with you.

Sportively yours,
Mark Kusiak, Board of Directors President




GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

June 14, 2019 in Winnipeg, MB | September 7, 2019 in Montreal, QC | February 22, 2020 in Montreal, QC.

The Board of Directors also held two meetings via video conference on November 17, 2019 and December 8, 2019.



The CDSA Board of Directors and staff as well as LSQ/ASL interpreters held their meetings on Zoom.

► DIRECTORS

Term ending in

Mark Kusiak, President (Calgary, Alberta)	2019-2020
David Joseph, Director (Gatineau, Québec)	2020-2021
Donald Prong, Director (Pickering, Ontario)	2020-2021
Shawna Joynt, Director (Winnipeg, Manitoba)	2019-2020
Francis Roussel, Director (Montréal, Québec)	2020-2021

► ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

Term ending in

Nyla Kurylowich (St-Albert, Alberta)	2019-2020
John Gessner (Winnipeg, Manitoba)	2020-2021

YEAR IN REVIEW 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

	2019-20	2018-19
Number of participants, who attended LTAD clinics and programs	130	141
Number of athletes, who attended selection and training camps for national teams	105	73
Number of Canadian athletes, who competed in international events	66	31
Total	301	245
Annual Increase	22.9%	

NATIONAL CLINICS | LTAD'S CLINICS & PROGRAMS | NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS (OPEN EVENTS)

Date	Sport Event	Location	Number of Canadian participants:		
			Women	Men	TOTAL
May 2019	National Badminton Tournament Défi sportif	Montreal (QC)	16	30	46
May 2019	National Tennis Clinic	Ottawa (ON)	1	3	4
June 2019	1st Canadian Deaf Funspiel Curling	Morris (MB)	9	18	27
June 2019	National Golf Clinic	Steinberg (MB)	1	14	15
June 2019	National Bowling Clinic	Laval (QC)	2	1	3
August 2019	Youth Basketball Camp -BCDSF	Burnaby (BC)	1	6	7
August 2019	Youth Wrestling Camp in Jasper -ADSA	Jasper (AB)	6	15	21
November 2019	Participation at the Coaching Association of Canada -BCDSF	Richmond (BC)	2	0	2
Year 2019-20	Professional Development for coaches & referees	Canada	2	3	5
	Total		40	90	130

SELECTION AND TRAINING CAMPS FOR NATIONAL TEAMS

Date	Sport Event	Sport	Location	Number of Canadian participants:		
				Women	Men	TOTAL
April 2019	National Selection Camp	Ski & Snowboarding	Banff (AB)	6	7	8
April 2019	Team Canada Training	Women's Curling	Morris (MB)	5	0	5
May 2019	Team Canada Training	Women's Volleyball	Hamilton (ON)	11	0	11
June 2019	Team Canada Training	Bowling	Laval (QC)	0	5	5
July 2019	Team Canada Training	Women's Curling	Morris (MB)	3	0	3
July 2019	Team Canada Training	Men's Curling	Morris (MB)	0	5	5
July 2019	Team Canada Training & Tournament	Men's Basketball	Montreal (QC)	0	11	11
July 2019	National Selection Camp	Ice Hockey	Wilcox (SK)	0	26	26
August 2019	Team Canada Training	Women's Volleyball	Hamilton (ON)	10	0	10
February 2020	Team Canada Training	Men's Basketball	Edmonton (AB)	0	6	6
March 2020	Team Canada Training	Men's Basketball	Toronto (ON)	0	5	5
2019-20	Team Canada Training	Women's and Men's Curling		5	5	10
	Total			35	70	105

YEAR IN REVIEW 2019-2020 (CONTINUED & END)

OUR NATIONAL TEAMS ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Date	Sport Event	Sport	City Country	Number of Canadian athletes:		
				Women	Men	TOTAL
April 2019	American Championship	Men's Basketball	Indianapolis, United States	0	10	10
July 2019	World Championship	Badminton	Taipei City, Taiwan	0	2	2
August 2019	World Championship	Bowling	Taoyuan, Taiwan	0	5	5
August 2019	World Championship	Swimming	São Paulo, Brazil	2	4	6
November 2019	Pan American Volleyball Regional Qualification	Women's Volleyball	Brasília, Brazil	9	0	9
December 2019	Winter Deaflympics	Curling	Valtellina – Valchiavenna, Italy	5	5	10
		Ice Hockey		0	20	20
		Snowboarding		0	1	1
		Apline Skiing		1	2	3
	Total			17	49	66





2019 WINTER DEAFLYMPICS

Valtellina – Valchiavenna, Italy - December 12, 2019

These Games reunited more than 490 athletes from 34 countries. This event is sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD), and occurs every four years.

A total of **34 athletes** represented the Maple Leaf in one of these four sports: alpine skiing, curling, ice hockey and snowboarding. On this number **20 athletes** experienced their **first Deaflympics experience**. The mission team included 19 members, that completed the National Team.

Alberta's Sally Korol was Team Canada flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony in Sondrio, Italy on Dec. 12. Korol has represented Canada in women's curling since the sport became official on the ICSD's list in 2007. She is the only curling player to have competed in all international events for both sexes, including two Winter Deaflympics (2017, 2015) and three World Championships (2009, 2013, 2017).



Canada won a silver medal in ice hockey at these Deaflympics. Despite a perfect record of four wins and zero loss, Canada lost in finale against the United States.

ICE HOCKEY

CHRAMTCHENKO, Ryan (ON)
 COOK, Bryce (SK) *
 DESROCHES, Jack (PEI) *
 GARBACZ, Christopher (ON)
 HARRIS, Jalen Peter Smyth (ON) *
 HUGHES, Andrew Bernard (ON)
 HUNTER, Owen (ON)
 KYTE, John (ON)
 KYTE, Sean (ON) *
 KYTE, Thomas (ON)
 LAING Cole Trevor (AB)
 LUCIANI, Massimo (ON) *
 MCINTYRE, Cody (ON) *
 MCINTYRE, Jesse Michael (ON)
 O'BRIEN, Casey (SK)
 PATERSON, Callum (ON) *
 PELLETIER, Marc (MB) *
 SHEFFIELD Matthew Scott (ON)
 THEOFILAKTIDIS, Dimitrios Ioannis (ON)
 WALTERS, Brent (NS) *

ALPINE SKIING

CAMPBELL, Granger (BC) *
 CSISZAR, Peter George (BC) *
 ROUSSEAU, Danielle (QC)

MEN'S CURLING

CHAN, Yiu Keung Roger (BC) *
 CHUNG, Wing Fu (BC) *
 JAMES, Raymond (BC) *
 PROCTOR, Dale (BC) *
 WALDBILLIG, Craig (BC) *

WOMEN'S CURLING

BERIAULT, Susanne (MB) *
 CLARK, Sherry Ann (MB)
 JAMIESON, Holly (AB) *
 KOROL, Sally (AB)
 KURYLOWICH, Nyla (AB) *

SNOWBOARDING

BRUNNER, James (ON) *

(*) It was a first Deaflympics participation for the athlete.



2019 WINTER DEAFLYMPICS (CONTINUED)

MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

CDSA wishes to warmly thank sponsors and donors for their precious financial support to Deaf and hard of hearing athletes, who represented Canada at the 2019 Winter Deaflympics in Italy.

The fundraising campaign's goal was to raise \$25,000. This amount would serve in covering the expenses related to the Canadian delegation's participation at the Games. CDSA raised a total of **\$26,090** in this fundraising campaign.

CDSA Gold Medalists

List of donors and community or corporate groups, who contributed an amount of over \$500.

Michael COCCO | Louis GAGNON | Jonathan GUINTA | David JOSEPH |
 Mark KUSIAK | Jim KYTE | Joan PORTER | Murielle & Armand TURPIN

Alberta Deaf Sports Association & Alberta Deaf community
 Bob Rumball Foundation for the Deaf
 Hall of Fame Sport Manitoba
 Manitoba Deaf Sport Association (2018 Canada Deaf Games)
 Norcen Distributors
 CB Linguistic Services
 Verval Ltée

CDSA Silver Medalists

List of donors and community or corporate groups, who contributed an amount between \$150 and \$499.

Audrey BEAUCHAMP | Bruno CLOUETTE | Tristan GRATTON | Lynn JENSEN |
 Peter MITCHELL | Michel MORENCY | Robert REID | Chris SEGUIN
 Cineall | Federal MP Angelo Iacono | TraduSignes

CDSA Bronze Medalists

List of donors, who contributed an amount up to \$149

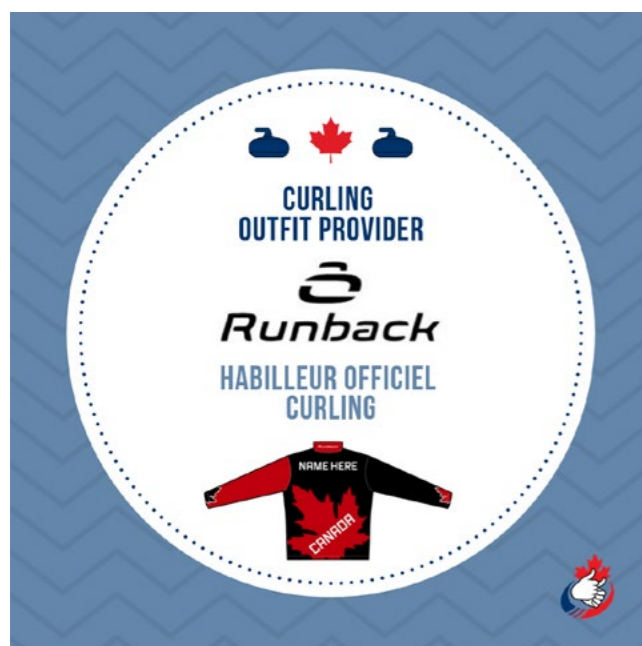
Céline BEAUVAIS | Cynthia BENOIT | Sylvie BENOIT | Alexandre BERTRAND | Martin BOUCHER | Chris BRADLEY | BRICONNECT | Elzbieta BURNAT | Charles CHARRON | Ronald CHRISTENSON | Timothy DANS | A. FUCHS | Erik GIROUX | Darryl HACKETT | Lilia KUSIAK | Richard KUSIAK | Suzanne LAFOREST | Francois LEBLOND | Jean-Marc MAJOR | Margaret MARTIN | Gina McLACHLAN | Archie MILCHAREK | Monique MORENCY | Shawn MOSES | Darren SAUNDERS | Charline SAVARD | Debbie SICOLI | Manuel SILVA | Paul SKURDA | Suzanne TUBB | Alain TURPIN | and 39 other anonymous donors



2019 WINTER DEAFLYMPICS (CONTINUED & END)

OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

CDSA was able to count on the generosity of official suppliers to provide uniforms for Team Canada for a total of **\$8,725** in goods and sponsorships.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXPLOITS OF CDSA ATHLETES

2018-2020 CDSA SPORT AWARDS

CDSA National Teams competed in nine events between April 1st, 2018 and March 31st, 2020, including the 2019 Winter Deaflympics, a Pan American event, five World Championships and two regional tournaments. A total of 97 Canadian athletes represented Team Canada at these sport events.

There are 16 nominations in total. CDSA gave away three sport awards in the following categories:

- Best Female Athlete with four nominations
- Best Male Athlete with six nominations
- Best National Team six nominations



►► BEST FEMALE ATHLETE

Golf - Sasha LAOUN (Quebec) WINNER
World Deaf Championship in Dublin, Ireland – July 2018

- First international participation.
- Placed 6th in the world in the female category.

►► BEST MALE ATHLETE

Ice Hockey - Massimo LUCIANI (Ontario) WINNER
Winter Deaflympics in Valtellina – Valchiavenna, Italy – December 2019

- First international participation with Team Canada.
- He scored nine goals and had three assists in five games for a total of 12 points.
- He was chosen the best player of the game twice.
- He helped the team in winning the silver medal.



►► BEST NATIONAL TEAM

Men's Basketball - Team Canada Men's Basketball (10 players) WINNER
USA Deaf Championship in Indianapolis, USA – April 2019

- Champion, Division 2.
- Four wins, zero loss.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXPLOITS OF CDSA ATHLETES (CONTINUED)

TRIBUTE TO NOTABLE ATHLETES

It is important for the CDSA to contribute in creating a sense of belonging and recognition between Deaf and hard of hearing athletes, veterans and the CDSA through the various social media and communication tools used by the association. In the past year we have honoured notable athletes from Manitoba and Quebec.

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM MANITOBA

BOWLING

PAUL NICHOLAS HALAS

Over the course of 20 years, he competed in six Deaflympics, two World Championships and one Pan American Games. At the 2007 Pan American Games he won a medal in each of the event he participated in (four medals).

1997 Deaflympics - Copenhagen, Denmark - 8th place in Trios
2001 Deaflympics - Rome, Italy - 5th place in Team
2003 World Deaf Bowling Championships - Taipei, Taiwan 7th place in Doubles
2003 World Deaf Bowling Championships - Taipei, Taiwan 6th place in Trios
2005 Deaflympics - Melbourne, Australia - 4th place in Team
2011 World Deaf Bowling Championships - Buenos Aires, Argentina 4th place in Team
2013 Deaflympics - Sofia, Bulgaria - 8th place in Team

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM MANITOBA

SWIMMING

THOMAS OSBORN

At the 2012 Pan American Games he won eight medals, including three Gold. He placed five times in the top 8 at the 2015 World Deaf Swimming Championships and the 2013 Deaflympics.

2015 World Deaf Swimming Championships - San Antonio, USA

7 TH PLACE 100m Butterfly	7 TH PLACE 100m Freestyle	7 TH PLACE 50m Backstroke
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2013 Deaflympics - Sofia, Bulgaria

8 TH PLACE 4x100m Freestyle Relay	7 TH PLACE 4x200m Freestyle Relay
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2012 Pan American Games - Praire Grande, Brazil

5 TH PLACE 50m Freestyle	BRONZE 100m Freestyle	SILVER 400m Freestyle
SILVER 200m Backstroke	BRONZE 200m Freestyle	GOLD 4x100m Freestyle Relay
SILVER 1500m Freestyle	GOLD 4x100m Medley Relay	GOLD 4x200m Freestyle Relay

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM MANITOBA

ICE HOCKEY & ATHLETICS

TYLER PLETT

He competed in five international competitions in two sports. He played as a goalie in ice hockey, and won a silver medal at each competition with his team. In athletics he competed in the 4x100m relay and placed 6th in 2005, and he placed 7th in the javelin throw in 2001.

SILVER 2015 Deaflympics Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	SILVER 2009 World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships Winnipeg, Canada
SILVER 2007 Deaflympics Salt Lake City, USA	6 TH PLACE 2005 Deaflympics Melbourne, Australia
7 TH PLACE 2001 Deaflympics Rome, Italy	

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM MANITOBA

CURLING & VOLLEYBALL

JOHN GESSNER

Remarkable career as an athlete. He competed in four international competitions in two sports. Gessner helped the Canadian Curling Team in winning a Deaflympic medal at each event. The team was undefeated (11 victories) at the 3rd World Deaf Curling Championships in 2017.

GOLD 2017 World Deaf Curling Championships Sochi, Russia	SILVER 2015 Deaflympics Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
GOLD 2007 Deaflympics Salt Lake City, USA	2001 Deaflympics Rome, Italy Team Canada Men's Volleyball

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXPLOITS OF CDSA ATHLETES (CONTINUED & END)

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM QUEBEC

GOLF

ALEXANDRE OUELLET

Over a period of 11 years, he participated in five Canadian Championships and five World Deaf Golf Championships.

In five participations at the Canadian Championship he won the 2007 edition, placed second three times and placed third once.

He participated in his first Deaf competition at 15 years old at the 2006 World Deaf Golf Championship in Edmonton, and placed 14th.

Its best performance in career at the World Championship was a fifth place in 2012 in Japan.

2018 World Championship - Maynooth, Ireland
2014 World Championship - Michigan, USA
2012 World Championship - Tsu, Japan
2008 World Championship - Perth, Australia
2006 World Championship - Edmonton, Canada

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM QUEBEC

SWIMMING

FRANCIS ROUSSEL

On a total of 28 events in his career, he accomplished the following:

- Five gold medals	- He placed 4th three times
- Ten silver medals	- He placed 5th once
- Six bronze medals	- He placed 6th once

As of August 1st, 2019 he had six Canadian records on a total of 22 event categories, which is 27% of all events in Deaf and hard of hearing Canadian swimmers.

100m breaststroke | 200m butterfly | 200m freestyle | 400m freestyle | 800m freestyle | 1500m freestyle

He competed at three Deaflympics:
1993 Deaflympics - Sofia, Bulgaria
1997 Deaflympics - Copenhagen, Denmark
2001 Deaflympics - Rome, Italy

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM QUEBEC

ALPINE SKIING AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DANIELLE ROUSSEAU

She is a legendary athlete, who competed at six Winter Deaflympics and one edition of the Pan American Games for the Deaf. She won the gold medal with Team Canada in women's volleyball at the 2007 Pan American Games. She placed in the top 8 15 times, including a bronze medal in slalom at the 1991 Winter Deaflympics in Banff, Alberta.

1991 Deaflympics - Banff, Canada
1995 Deaflympics - Yllas, Finland
1999 Deaflympics - Davos, Switzerland
2003 Deaflympics - Sundsvall, Sweden
2007 Pan American Games - Valencia, Venezuela
2007 Deaflympics - Salt Lake City, USA
2019 Deaflympics - Santa Caterina, Italy

NOTABLE ATHLETES FROM QUEBEC

BOWLING, ALPINE SKIING, ICE HOCKEY AND TABLE TENNIS

GÉRARD LABRECQUE

He is a polyvalent athlete, who competed in seven international competitions, including two Winter Deaflympics, four Summer Deaflympics and one edition of the Pan American Games.

He participated in two different sports at the 1975 Winter Deaflympics - alpine skiing and ice hockey. He won two gold medals in career - one in ice hockey in 1975 and one in bowling men's doubles at the 2007 Pan American Games in Venezuela.

1969 Summer Deaflympics - Belgrade, Serbia
1971 Winter Deaflympics - Adelboden, Switzerland
1973 Summer Deaflympics - Malmö, Sweden
1975 Winter Deaflympics - Lake Placid, USA
2005 Summer Deaflympics - Melbourne, Australia
2007 Pan American Games - Valencia, Venezuela
2009 Summer Deaflympics - Taipei, Taiwan
2011 World Deaf Bowling Championship - Buenos Aires, Argentina

