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## Dr. Donaldda K. Ammons

Dr. Donaldda Ammons, Professor Emerita at Gallaudet University, has served on national and international level organizations in various capacities. Her involvement in USA deaf sports has spanned for 40+ years, first as Chair of the US World Games for the Deaf (Deaflympics) Team committee, US representative on United States Olympic Committee's disabled sport committee, and then became Secretary General in 1997 and then President of International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) in 2005 until her retirement in 2009.

She assumed a leadership role in the draft of the ICSD Deaf Sports Reform in 2006-2008. In 2018 The ICSD Executive Board re-established Deaf Sports Reform Commission (DSR) after a ten year pause since the 2008 extraordinary congress in Bratislava, Slovakia. Dr. Ammons was recruited to serve on the commission until February 2021. Her areas of expertise are governance, ethical standards and gender equality.



## Natasha Courage Bacchus

I am Natasha “Courage” Bacchus. I’m a former 3 times Deaf Olympian Sprinter. I began working as an actress in 2019 - and since then I’ve performed in: ‘The Black Drum’, ‘The Two Natasha’s’, ‘21 Black Futures’, and season four of ‘The Corner’ on Netflix.

I have participated as an art collaborator with numerous theater and film productions in Canada. I had multiple positions including an interdisciplinary visual artist, art accessibility consultant, and activist for IBPOC Deaf art community in terms of expanding IBPOC Deaf artists representation.



# Shawna Joynt

Hi everyone,

My name is Shawna Joynt. My family background is called LaChune from Tr'ondek Hwech'in tribe in Dawson City, Yukon. I have four boys who are mixed with Metis as their father is Metis. They are strongly First Nations.

I and my boys have played sports. We have faced racism, being brushed aside with less game times, coaches not treating equal alike the other teammates. What I faced growing up I didn't want that for my boys. I stepped up and became a Team Manager (my sons football teams/club, and North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)) and advocated in many Local and National Organizations. Everyone should be treated equal no matter on what colour skin, background, and culture and/or skill level. Every athlete has the right to play!!

FACT, we are allowed to say something and discuss the situation with the coaches/team manager. I continue to advocate and spread awareness on Inclusion and Diversity.

Thanks/Miigwech



## Sally Korol

Korol has represented Canada in Women's Curling since the sport became official on the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf's list in 2007. She is the only curling player to have competed in all international events for both sexes, including three Winter Deaflympics and four World Championships. She and her team have won a medal in each of these events. She is also the first female representative in mixed doubles curling.



## Lois McIntyre

Lois has been involved with the Canadian Deaf Sports Association for the past 38 years. She is a passionate athlete and has had the pleasure of travelling internationally as a tennis player, and then later as a coach and team manager for both tennis and curling.

Lois currently lives in Ottawa and is still playing tennis!! Besides tennis, she loves to go cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and kayaking, long distance cycling and camping in the summer.





## Dawn Jani Birley

A native of Saskatchewan, Dawn Jani Birley was born a natural athlete to third-generation Deaf family. Inspired by Bruce Lee at age seven, she took on Taekwondo. Dawn represented Canada on the national and international levels between 1992 and 1999. She was voted MVP of the 1995 Canadian Taekwondo Championships — a first time ever for any female athlete in this sport. The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) awarded Birley with the Sportswoman of the Year award in 1996. One of her greatest achievements was being ranked number one in the world as a junior at age fifteen. Beside Taekwondo, Dawn played Basketball and Volleyball throughout elementary and high school. Upon graduating from high school, Birley was awarded the Most Valuable Graduating Athlete and the Most Valuable Graduating Basketball Player. At Gallaudet University, she played varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. A veteran of the Deaflympics, Dawn Jani captained the Volleyball team in Rome 2001 and in 2007, with a torn ACL, tackled snowboarding in Salt Lake City.

A well-known international figure among the ICSD and the Deaf Sporting world, Dawn Jani covered the 2011 Winter Deaflympics fiasco in Slovakia as a freelance reporter. She was also on the Commission of Deaf Women in Sports to encourage more women in participating, and represented the ICSD at one of the International Olympic Committee events. Remaining involved in Deaf sports, she holds a career in theatre with a Master of Arts in Physical Theatre with Merit. As an artist and female athlete, Birley identifies herself as linguistically and culturally Deaf.