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### **2024 Winter Deaflympics in Turkiye - Team Canada Withdrawals**

**Montréal, November 15, 2023** — The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) wants to inform the communities that Team Canada's participation in the 2024 Winter Deaflympics Games has been withdrawn.

The CDSA has decided to withdraw its ice-hockey and curling teams from the Games despite their extensive planning and diligent training and the sacrifices they have made in preparing for the competition. The current geopolitical uncertainty in the Middle East has left us with limited choices.

Other countries' decision to withdraw their national teams, due to the recent information from the Games' organizing body, we CDSA value our athletes safety and well-being first.

#### **About the CDSA**

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-level Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing athletes. Through direct financial support, the CDSA enables athletes to take part in international sports events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

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