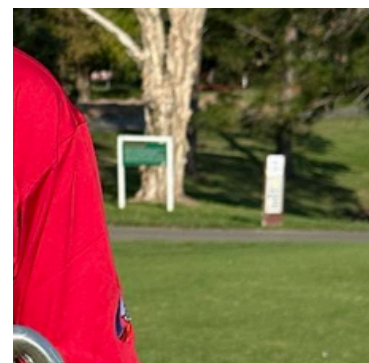


2024-2025 Annual Activity Report

Report presented at
the Members' Annual
General Meeting on
June 21st, 2025



April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025



**CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS
ASSOCIATION**



Russell Bowie,
2025 World
Champion in
Australia.



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About the Association

Mission

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-performance Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing athletes. The CDSA supports its athletes' participation in international sport events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

Vision

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is an organization that provides leadership to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing athletes by investing in the development of their athletic skills and enhancing their ability to attain the podium at international sport events.

Charity organization

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association is a Canadian amateur athletic association registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.

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Message from the President of the Board and Executive Director

Dear Members and Partners,

What a remarkable year this has been! Our annual report shows that our Canadian athletes and national teams have delivered outstanding performances.

Thanks to financial support from Sport Canada, long-term planning, and athlete evaluation by our mission staff (team managers and coaches) from various sports backgrounds, we are enabling our athletes and national teams to become winners. We want to thank all CDSA coaches and team managers for their unstinting support and many hours of volunteering.

Never before has CDSA provided so many sports programs! In 2024-2025, twelve sports were available, making a tangible impact, generating tremendous enthusiasm, and attracting new Deaf and Hard-of-hearing athletes who were not very familiar with CDSA.

In May 2024, we hosted the Canada Deaf Games in Toronto. The event provided us with a perfect opportunity to evaluate the best Canadian athletes in multiple sports to determine who would be on Team Canada for the Summer Deaflympics in Tokyo, Japan, in November 2025. CDSA will send its largest delegation of national teams, covering nine disciplines, to this world-class sports showcase.

We are confident in Team Canada's ability to deliver strong performances in Japan and return with its share of medals. These medals will certainly be a just reward for our athletes' talent and the work done by CDSA in collaboration with affiliated members and provincial Deaf sports associations.

With sporting good wishes,

Donald Prong

President, Board of Directors



Alain Turpin

Executive Director



From left to right: Board members John Gessner, Shawna Joynt, Donald Prong, Lois McIntyre, Eric Nielson, Nyla Kurylowich and Grant Unterschultz with Executive Director Alain Turpin. Not in the photo: Jamie Routledge.

Governance

Board of Directors

Donald Prong, President (Pickering, ON)
Grant Unterschultz, Treasurer (Edmonton, AB)
Nyla Kurylowich, Director (Saint-Albert, AB)
Shawna Joynt, Director (Winnipeg, MB)
John Gessner, Director (Winnipeg, MB)

Term ending in

2025-2026
2024-2025
2025-2026
2024-2025
2024-2025

Athletes' Representatives

Jamie Routledge (Winnipeg, MB)
Eric Nielson (Vancouver, BC)

2025-2026
2024-2025

Team Coaches' and Managers' Representative

Lois McIntyre (Ottawa, ON)

2026-2027

Board of Directors Meetings

The majority of the meetings were held via videoconferencing.

2024

- June 8
- August 15
- October 30
- December 9

2025

- February 21-22 (in person in Vancouver, BC)
- March 6



2024-2025 Year in Review

Spotlight on the exploits of members of the Deaf community

April 2024

International ice hockey tournament

Buffalo, United States

Team Canada, champion!



August 2024

World Golf Championships

Gold Coast, Australia

Russell Bowie, Men's World Champion

Team Canada – World Champion Team



November 2024

6th Pan American Games for the Deaf

Canoas, Brazil

Total of 8 medals

- 1 in tennis
- 6 in badminton
- 1 in volleyball

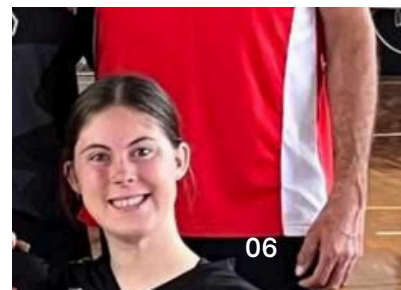
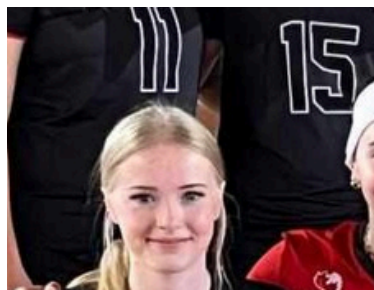


December 2024

3×3 World Cup Basketball

Washington D.C., USA

Graham Bodnar, 2nd top scorer of the tournament





2024-2025 Year in Review

Spotlight on the exploits of members of the Deaf community

Canada Deaf Games 2024 in numbers



165 registrations
7 provinces
48 medals

Congratulations to the heroes of the 2024 Canada Deaf Games!

The **Canada Deaf Games Award** goes to the provincial Deaf sports association or group with the most points (medals) in all sports! Congratulations to the winning provinces!

Congratulations to the outstanding recipients of the **Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 Canada Games for the Deaf**! This distinction, awarded by the CDSA Board of Directors, recognizes the excellence, camaraderie and dedication of the participants.



Ontario

19



Quebec

17



BC

6

Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 Canada Games for the Deaf

- Silent Voice Volunteers
- Beach Volleyball and Bowling Participants
- Callum Paterson (ON)





2024-2025 Year in Review

Spotlight on the exploits of members of the Deaf community

Induction

On October 16, 2024, **Francis Roussel** was officially inducted into the **Canadian Disability Hall of Fame** during a ceremony held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. This recognition marks the culmination of an exceptional career and his ongoing commitment to the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is honoured to receive a generous donation of \$1,000 from Francis Roussel. His donation will be used to cover Team Canada's travel expenses for the Summer Deaflympics, to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from November 15 to 26, 2025.

We would like to highlight Francis's exceptional swimming career, particularly his participation in three Deaflympics:

1993: Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria
1997: Deaflympics in Copenhagen, Denmark
2001: Deaflympics in Rome, Italy

Out of 28 events, he achieved:

- 5 gold medals
- 10 silver medals
- 6 bronze medals
- 3 times a 4th-place finish
- 1 time a 5th-place finish
- 1 time a 6th-place finish





2024-2025 Year in Review

The year in sports at a glance

The CDSA organized sporting events and sent national delegations to local, provincial, national, and international competitions.

Fiscal year 2024-25	Fiscal year 2023-24
Total of 290 Canadian athletes	Total of 112 Canadian athletes
Twelve (12) sports : ice hockey, curling, basketball, volleyball, bowling, beach volleyball, pickleball, tennis, golf, sailing, marathon and table tennis.	Eight (8) sports : Women Volleyball / Curling / Tennis / Badminton / Golf / Beach Volleyball / Table Tennis / Basketball 3X3
17 events : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) Pan-American Games• Three (3) World Championships• One (1) International Invitational Tournament• One (1) Canadian Championship• Eleven (11) national training camps	15 events : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two (2) World Championships• Three (3) Canadian Championships• One (1) national tournament• Six (6) national training camps• Three (3) evaluation camps





2024-2025 Year in Review

The year in sports at a glance

A total of 290 Canadian athletes took part in one of these 13 sports events in 2024-2025.

Month	Event	Location	Number of athletes		
			Total	W	M
April 2024	International Ice Hockey Tournament	United States	38	16	22
May	Canada Deaf Games	Toronto (ON)	165	28	137
May	National 3x3 basketball training	Toronto (ON)	4	-	4
June	National tennis training	Ottawa (ON)	2	-	2
June	National badminton training	Gatineau (QC)	5	1	4
August	National women's volleyball training	Vaughan (ON)	10	10	-
August	World Golf Championship	Australia	14	3	11
September	World Sailing Championship	Lithuania	2	-	2
September	National Marathon Selection Camp	Montreal (QC)	3	-	3
October	National table tennis training	Lasalle (QC)	2	-	2
October	National 3x3 basketball training	Montreal (QC)	4	-	4
October	National tennis training	Ottawa (ON)	2	-	2
November	Pan-American Games	Brazil	17	9	8
November	National beach volleyball training	Vancouver (BC)	4	-	4
December	Basketball World Cup 3x3	United States	4	-	4
January 2025	Table tennis regional camp	Toronto (ON)	5	-	5
2024-25	National curling training sessions	N.A.	9	4	5
Total athletes			290	71	219

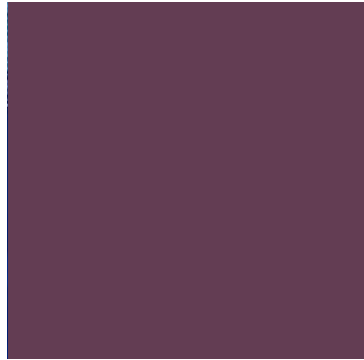
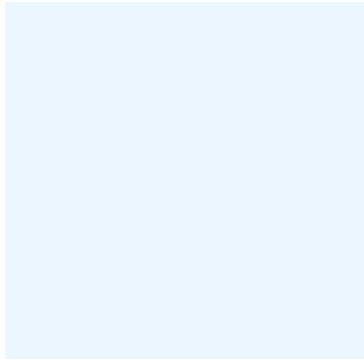


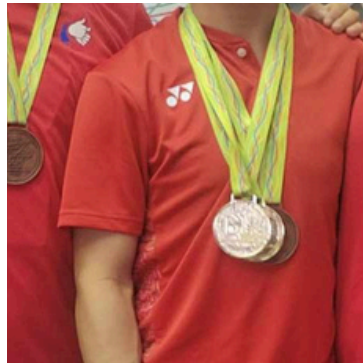
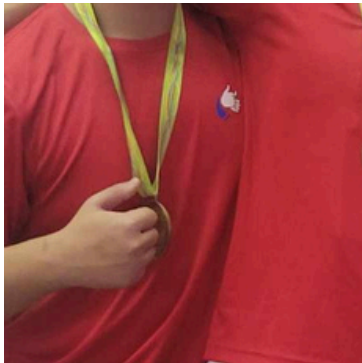
Long-Term Athlete Development Program

In 2020, the Alberta Deaf Sports Association (ADSA) and CDSA signed an agreement to support young participants across Canada in their sport. ADSA has granted CDSA an annual amount of \$3,000 for its Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) projects.

The CDSA is proud to present exceptional athletes who could fly the flag for Canada at the 2025 Deaflympics in Japan. They will be making their 1st international appearance with the CDSA. They are :

Erica RIVARD (ON) – golf / Greta DAVEY (ON) – volleyball /
Marguerite MORISSET (QC) – badminton /
Samer SAWAN (ON) – basketball / François COUTURE (QC) – bowling





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