

# ICSD HIGHLIGHTS

## 2017 SAMSUN DEAFLYMPICS HAS ENDED



23rd Summer Deaflympics, which had started on July 18 and brought together more than 3 thousand athletes from 86 countries, has ended with a closing ceremony in Yaşar Doğu Sports Hall on the 30th of July.

Having brought together more than 5 thousand participants and 3 thousand athletes, the most inclusive sports organisation in Deaflympics and Turkish sports history has ended with a grand closing ceremony in Yaşar Doğu Sports Hall. Athletes, coaches, technical delegates and volunteers attended the ceremony.





The ceremony began with a cortege of participant country flags. Then, a video compilation with all the sweet memories of the Games was shown to the audience. Afterwards, Samsun Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mr. Yusuf Ziya Yılmaz, Samsun Governor Mr. Osman Kaynak, Health Minister Mr. Ahmet Demircan, ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev and Youth and Sports Minister Mr. Osman Aşkın Bak delivered their speeches.

Samsun Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mr. Yusuf Ziya Yılmaz stated they experienced the joy of hosting their guests in Samsun and continued: "Our guests made our city colorful. They increased our joy of living. They made us happy. I sincerely thank them. Please don't forget our Samsun".

Samsun Governor Mr. Osman Kaymak said they are in a peace of mind with the knowledge that they perfectly hosted the organisation. He said: "More than 3 thousand athletes from 97 countries competed for success. They got to know Samsun. I hope you got to see Turkey and Turkish people with all their grace".

Health Minister Mr. Ahmet Demircan remarked that the organisation was very successful, continuing: "I thank my athlete brothers and sisters for demonstrating this sporting beauty. As it can be seen, we had an organisation worthy of Samsun's fame. Of course, the people of Samsun deserve the greatest thanks".

ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev started his speech by thanking the Turkish government for hosting Deaflympics. ICSD President said: "We had a great time. It was a very successful Deaflympics. I would like to thank you all for your efforts. The smiles on your faces won our hearts."





Youth and Sports Minister Mr. Osman Aşkın Bak started his speech by thanking the previous minister Mr. Akif Çağatay Kılıç and asked the people of Samsun to applaud him. "The slogan of this Games was 'Our voice is sport'. Sport is peace, brotherhood. It's the common language of the masses. It brings people together. I would like to present my gratitudes to everyone who played a role in organising this event successfully". He also said: "Turkey is always ready to host international organisations with its new sports facilities and investments into sport. We provided an example of this today".

After the speeches, Deaflympics Samsun 2017 General Coordinator Mr. Serkan Baltacı handed the ICSD flag to Turkey Deaf Sports Federation President Mr. Yakup Ümit Kihitir, who in turn handed it over to ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev.

The closing ceremony concluded with folk dances and a concert from Turkish singer Murat Dalkılıç, simultaneously translated into sign language.





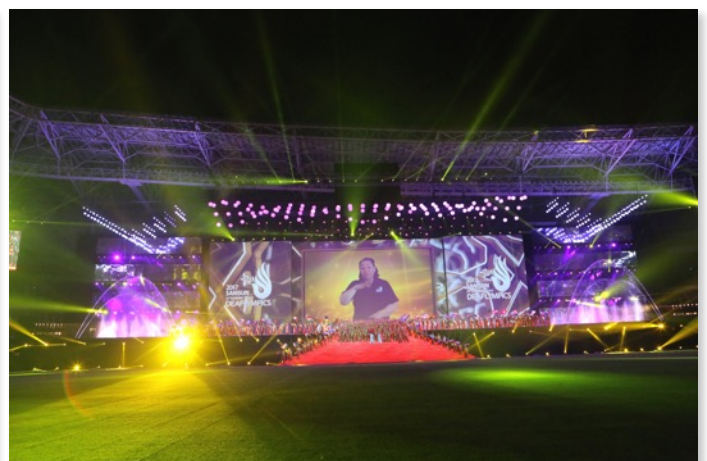
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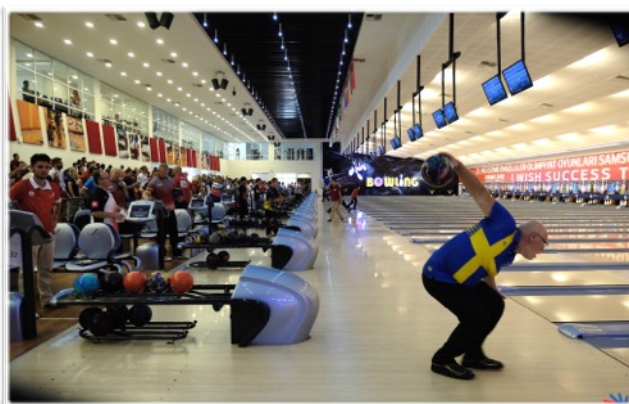
### Samsun Was The Best One Yet

Sheraton Grand Hotel, Samsun - ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev said that Samsun 2017 have had a high success rate and it was one of the best Deaflympics organisation events.

ICSD President and General Coordinator of Deaflympics 2017 Serkan Baltaci had a press conference about the organisation. Dr. Valery Rukhledev started his speech by praising Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other people who have contributed to the Deaflympics organisation and added, "Especially in terms of security, it was flawless organisation. Turkey organised the best Deaflympics organisation ever in terms of technology, information, systems, facilities etc."

General Coordinator Baltaci thanked to Rukhledev for supporting them during the 15th July Coup Attempt and added, "Dr Rukhledev stood with us by calling not just the 97 countries who are in Samsun but all of the ICSD's 109 member countries and told them to trust us".





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### Russia Most Successful Country of Deaflympics 2017



Russia, who has completed the medal ranking 1st in Samsun, is happy with the results. Russia won 85 gold, 53 silver and 60 bronze medals for a total of 198.

In cycling, Russia won 7 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals. The cyclist that attracted the most attention was Dmitry Rozanov. The experienced cyclist has won 2 gold medals in the 3 races he competed in. He remarked he is

happy about the level of the team. Rozanov said: "We have won 7 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals as a team, for a total of 15. This is very pleasing. It's not a one-man job, so I'd like to personally thank my teammates and everyone who contributed to this".

#### IN SWIMMING, RUSSIA WON 44 OUT OF 120 MEDALS

Another branch Russia has dominated is swimming. The Russians have won 44 of the 120 medals handed out, finishing 29 medals higher than their closest rival Japan. 26 of those medals are gold, and Russian swimmers have broken 19 world records in the competition.

#### "I WILL COME TO SAMSUN AGAIN NEXT YEAR"

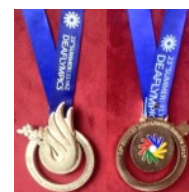
20-year-old swimmer Maria Karpova is a member of the world record-breaking 4x200 freestyle relay team. Karpova stated she will never forget the total 4 gold medals she wore around her neck. "The tearful moment of joy I experienced is indescribable. I am extremely happy, because before, I was very excited. Even though I knew I would win, I couldn't control my excitement. I will come to Samsun again next year. I want to remember my medal-winning moments and refresh my memory. I want to relive the happiness and enthusiasm I experienced when I won 4 medals".



*Maria Karpova, 20-year-old swimmer*

Russia's 198 medals made them the first or drawn for the first place in 8 branches. Athletics, one of the branches Russia was most confident in, ended with Russian dominance. Russia completed athletics with 42 medals, 21 of them gold, finishing 26 medals higher than their closest opponent, Kenya. 28 medals from orienteering and judo, along with this, was one of the main factors propelling Russia to the top.

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### Medal Standings

COUNTRIES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Russian Federation	85	53	60	198
Ukraine	21	42	36	99
Korea	18	20	14	52
Turkey	17	7	22	46
China	14	9	11	34
Japan	6	9	12	27
Iran	5	9	20	34
Venezuela	5	5	8	18
Kenya	5	5	6	16
United States	5	3	8	16
Belarus	4	9	3	16
Chinese Taipei	4	5	8	17
Germany	4	5	3	12
Great Britain	3	1	5	9
Slovakia	2	2	2	6
Greece	2	1	2	5
Cuba	2	1	0	3
Czech Republic	2	0	2	4
Thailand	2	0	0	2
Lithuania	1	5	7	13
Italy	1	3	8	12
Poland	1	3	7	11
Croatia	1	3	2	6
France	1	2	6	9
Kazakhstan	1	1	5	7
India	1	1	3	5
Switzerland	1	1	0	2



COUNTRIES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Brazil	1	0	4	5
Norway	1	0	1	2
Singapore	1	0	1	2
Latvia	1	0	0	1
Mexico	1	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	4	5	9
Georgia	0	2	1	3
South Africa	0	2	0	2
Armenia	0	1	4	5
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Portugal	0	1	1	2
Ecuador	0	1	0	1
Malaysia	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	4	4
Bulgaria	0	0	3	3
Austria	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Estonia	0	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Hungary	0	0	1	1
Israel	0	0	1	1
Netherlands	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1





## Sam Ramsamy Attended the 2017 Summer Deaflympics



Sam Ramsamy, International Olympic Committee (IOC) Member

Mr. Sam Ramsamy, long-standing International Olympic Committee (IOC) Member, Chair of the Sport and Active Society Commission and Delegate Member to Sport for Athletes with a Disability, has attended the ICSD Congress, the Opening Ceremony and some sporting events at 2017 Summer Deaflympics in Samsun.

**ICSD Media:** Deaf athletes around the world, National Deaf Sports Federations and ICSD is honoured that you came to Deaflympics to give the presentation and to show support from IOC. To improve the relationship between ICSD and IOC by working together, is this correct?

**SAM RAMSAMY:** Yes, it's important that IOC demonstrates support to all athletes, that there is no discrimination, by giving the presentation. IOC is supportive of diversity in sports, Paralympics and Deaflympics included. Every athlete is different and it is important to understand that each is human and are all equally the same in sports.

It is known that ICSD and IOC have been working hard strengthening relationship. ICSD has been working with IOC in getting the recognition, for example, Paralympics has been recognised as a separate International organisation and ICSD is working towards to getting Deaflympics recognised as the international organisation.

**ICSD Media:** What are challenges you do you think ICSD has now?

**SAM RAMSAMY:** Much like Paralympics, IPC (International Paralympics Committee), Deaflympics are having similar challenges. IPC have their own challenges. It's important that IOC and ICSD continue the dialogue. We know that the only challenges the Deaf athletes around the world have is hearing loss and should not be excluded from the sports family.





**ICSD Media:** We sincerely hope that the dialogue and agreement can be done sooner than later. Is this achievable?

**SAM RAMSAMY:** Our goal is to work on achieving as quickly as possible. ICSD President Valery Rukhledev, I commend him on his hard work in a short period of time. I can see that Deaflympics community is thriving and IOC is having a good understanding of that.

**ICSD Media:** The world is eager to know what your statement would be. Your experience being involved in Paralympics, ensuring that all athletes are equal. What is the message you would like to share with the Deaf athletes around the world?

**SAM RAMSAMY:** Always think yourself as an athlete first. Deaf athletes are equally same as hearing and/or able-bodied athletes. Deaflympics have proven itself as an accomplished international organization, unlike Paralympics. I have had the privilege of knowing that a Deaf athlete won a silver medal at Sydney Olympic in 2000, not in Paralympics but in Olympics and he is Deaf. We do not see his deafness but his ability and he has won the medal in Olympics. Any athletes, whether Deaf or not, can compete equally. Thank you!

**Ramsamy who also reminded that ICSD and Deaflympics are officially recognised by the IOC, continued:** "It means a great boost for the Deaflympics simply because, the cooperation means now, because they are recognised by the IOC, sponsorship access becomes easy. Secondly, the IOC will also provide some form of support. That has to be worked out between ICSD and the IOC. But that will be worked out later. But at the moment, we're happy to say that we are already supporting the ICSD in very many ways."



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## ICSD 46th CONGRESS

On 18 July, 2017 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel during the final stage of the 46th ICSD Congress, the elections were held for the organisation positions for the next four years: the President the members of the Executive Board.



The results of the votes showed that Dr. Valery Rukhledev was unanimously re-elected. President to continue lead the ICSD for the next four years. The delegates had recognised Dr. Rukhledev's great work in the development of Deaf sports around the world.

Mr. Thomas Bach, IOC President, Mr. Sam Ramsamy, IOC Member and Mr. Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director congratulated Dr. Rukhledev with the outcome of the elections.



46th ICSD Congress at the Sheraton  
GrandHotel in Samsun

The elections also resulted in some Executive Board changes. Jack Lamberton is the new Vice President - Youth Sports. Grigor Grigorian and Yakup Umit Kihdir have been voted to assume the two new additional positions in the Board. Rebecca Adam and Marijo Lusic were re-elected to remain in the Board.



Upper level from left to right: Bjorn Roine, Marijo Lusic, Yakup Umit Kihdir, Rebecca Adam, Grigor Grigorian, Mohamed Madoun, Mohammad Pargar and Gustavo Perazzolo.  
From left to right: Kang Chen, Valery Rukhledev and Jack Lamberton.



## CLEAN SPORT

### ICSD ANTI-DOPING DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISION REGARDING DARIA GAINETDINOVA

We forward you hereunder the Decision of the ICSD Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") in the case concerning Daria Gainetdinova (hereinafter the "Athlete"), who is found to have committed the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules (hereinafter the "Rules") violation pursuant to Art. 2.1. "Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample".

The ICSD President set up the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee consisting in this case of:

- Mr. David Lanesman (Chair, Israel)
- Mrs. Tiffany Williams (USA)
- Mr. Kang Chen (Chinese Taipei)

On 13 September 2017, the Committee considered the submitted documents and reached the following conclusions.

#### **Facts**

1. The Athlete participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Deaflympics in which she ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in 10 000 m track running and 4<sup>th</sup> in marathon.
2. On 24 July 2017, the Athlete was requested to provide a urine sample for a doping control. Such sample was identified with the number **4018806** and analysed by the WADA-accredited Laboratory in Ankara, Turkey.
3. The results of the A-sample **4018806** were reported on 04 August 2017. These results established the presence of a Prohibited Substance, namely **methylhexanamine**, class S6 of the Prohibited List 2017.
4. On 08 August 2017, the ICSD notified the Athlete through the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports of the above-mentioned Adverse Analytical Finding and of the institution of disciplinary proceedings to be conducted by Disciplinary Committee. The ICSD also informed the Athlete about the following:
  - The Provisional Suspensions imposed on 08 August 2017;
  - The adverse analytical finding;
  - The Athlete's right to request the analysis of the B-sample or, failing such request, that B-sample analysis may be deemed waived;

- The right of the Athlete and/or the Athlete's representative to attend the B-sample opening and analysis if such analysis is requested;
- The Athlete's right to request copies of the A-sample and B-sample laboratory package, which includes information as requested by the International Standard for Laboratories;
- The Rules violation or the additional investigation that will be conducted as to whether there is the Rules violation;
- The composition of the Committee.

5. On 18 August 2017, the Athlete submitted the formal response to the ICSD in which she indicated that she accepted the Adverse Analytical Finding and did not request the analysis of B-sample.

6. On 20 August 2017, all relevant evidences and material were referred to the Committee for review. The following was determined:

- The Athlete has no TUE granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions;
- Turkish Doping Control Center analysed the Sample in conformity with Art. 6.4. of the Rules and Art. 4.7. of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

### **Applicable Rules**

Art. 2 of the Rules provides that Article 2 of the ICSD Anti-Doping Code (hereinafter the "Code") applies to determine anti-doping rule violations.

Art. 2.1. of the Code provides that the following constitutes an anti-doping rule violation:

"Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample.

2.1.1. It is each Athlete's personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Athlete's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation under Article 2.1.

2.1.2. Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in the Athlete's A-sample where the Athlete waives analysis of the B-sample and the B-sample is not analysed; or, where the Athlete's B-sample is analysed and the analysis of the Athlete's B-sample confirms the presence of the Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found in the Athlete's A -sample.

2.1.3. Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the presence of any quantity of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

2.1.4. As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the Prohibited List or International Standards may establish special criteria for the evaluation of Prohibited Substances that can also be produced endogenously."

Art. 2.2. of the Code provides that the following constitutes an anti-doping rule violation:

"Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.

2.2.1 It is each Athlete's personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Athlete's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.

2.2.2 The success or failure of the Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not material. It is sufficient that the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method was Used or Attempted to be Used for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed. "

Art. 10.1 of the Code provides the follows:

"An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an Event may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the Event, lead to Disqualification of all of the Athlete's individual results obtained in that Event with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.1."

Art. 10.1.1 of the Codes provides as follows:

"If the Athlete establishes that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence for the violation, the Athlete's individual results in the other Competitions shall not be Disqualified unless the Athlete's results in Competitions other than the Competition in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the Athlete's anti-doping rule violation."

### **Discussion**

1. The results of the analysis of the sample provided by the Athlete establish the presence in her sample of a Prohibited Substance.
2. The substance is listed in the WADA 2017 Prohibited List.
3. The Athlete acknowledges the analytical results and admits that they establish the fact that a Prohibited Substance was present in her sample.
4. The Athlete alleges however that she never knowingly ingested prohibited substance.

5. The Athlete submits that the only possible explanation for the results would be a contaminated or a mislabeled food supplement.

6. The athlete alleges that she was carefully checking the contents on the labels against the WADA Prohibited List.

7. Based on the above, the ICSD Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee finds that the Athlete has committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to the Code.

### **Decision**

I. The Athlete, Daria Gainetdinova:

- is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Deaflympics;
- is disqualified from the all events in which she participated upon the occasion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Deaflympics;
- has medal, diploma withdrawn and is ordered to return same;
- is disqualified for period of 2 (two) years. Considering the Provisional Suspensions imposed 13 September 2017, the period of Ineligibility will be lifted 13 September 2019.

II. The Russian Committee of Deaf Sports shall ensure full implementation of this decision.

III. This decision enters into force immediately.

Lausanne, 13 September 2017



## SHARED NEWS

### Deaflympics Athletes Protest At Delhi Airport Against Government Apathy



After representing India at the 23rd Summer Deaflympics at Samsun in Turkey and returning back with five medals including one gold, the Indian contingent of hearing impaired athletes expected a grand welcome but to their dismay, not even a single person was there to receive them. To protest the lack of recognition, the players and support staff refused to leave Delhi airport.

In the best ever performance for India at the tournament, the contingent consisting of 46 athletes as well as support staff are unhappy with the government, claiming that Union Sports Minister Vijay Goel did not speak to them, let alone acknowledge their victory.

All India Council Interpreter and Project Officer Ketan Shah said in an interview to NDTV, “We celebrate the success of the Olympics players and even Paralympics athletes then why can’t we give the same recognition to these players. This is our best ever show in Deaflympics including a gold medal which is the best ever performance by India.”

“These medal winners made nation proud but no one not even sports minister here to welcome us. We also tried to get in touch with the Director General of the Sports Authority of India and Sports Minister Vijay Goel but they didn’t pay any heed. We had mailed them and informed them on July 25 itself that we will be coming on August 1 but we haven’t got any reply. Since morning, we have been calling them and no one is ready to entertain us. No one is here to greet or meet the players and it’s a bit let down for the team,” he added.

Virender Singh secured gold in the 74kg freestyle wrestling while Ajay Kumar and Sumit Dahiya bagged bronze medals in 65kg and 97kg respectively. Golfer Diksha Dagar clinched a silver while Prithvi Sekhar and Jafreen Shaik earned bronze in men’s doubles tennis event.





## The R&A grants £15,000 to support WDCG 2018



The WDCG is pleased to announce the R&A continues to support the event, 2018 World Deaf Golf Championships with a grant of £15,000. Kevin Barker, Director – Golf Development, expressed support with his comment, “We are delighted to support the 2018 World Deaf Golf Championships to be played at Carton House, an event that we have been supporting for many years now. We hope that the event is a huge success and acts as a catalyst for others to take up the sport.” The 12th World Deaf Golf Championships will be hosted at the Carton House in Maynooth,

Ireland from July 24 to 27, 2018.

The R&A has provided support for the bi-annual event in previous years at Denmark in 2016, USA in 2014, Japan in 2012, and Scotland in 2010. “On the behalf of WDCG, I am delighted that the R&A is continuing to support the World Deaf Golf Championships. This grant will reduce the green fees for competitors. We are extremely grateful to the R&A for their recognition of our tireless work in improving the quality of competition,” remarked Simeon Hart, WDCG President.

Approximately 100 golfers from 17 countries are expected to attend the tournament along with their team officials and supporters. The information is available at the WDCG 2018 website: [www.wdgc2018.com](http://www.wdgc2018.com).

### About The R&A

Based in St Andrews, The R&A runs The Open, elite amateur events, international matches and rankings. Together The R&A and the USGA govern the sport of golf worldwide, operating in separate jurisdictions but sharing a commitment to a single code for the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status and Equipment Standards. The R&A, through R&A Rules Ltd, governs the sport worldwide, outside of the United States and Mexico, on behalf of over 36 million golfers in 140 countries and with the consent of 153 organisations from amateur and professional golf. The R&A is committed to working for golf and supports the growth of the sport internationally and the development and management of sustainable golf facilities. For more information, visit [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).



### About WDCG

The WDCG is a non-profit organisation aiming to promote the sport of golf among deaf and hard of hearing golfers in the world and to oversee the World Deaf Golf Championships. The bi-annual World Deaf Golf Championships is awarded to and hosted by a member country with the support of WDCG members. Deaf Golf Ireland (DGI) was awarded the winning bid of WDCG 2018 at the WDCG General Meeting in 2014.



## 2018 World Deaf Handball Championships Update

CONFEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE DESPORTOS DE SURDOS (Brazil) has been confirmed as the host of the World Deaf Handball Championships.

The Handball competition will take place in Caxias do Sul, Brazil on 12 to 22 July 2018



## 2021 World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship Update



CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS  
ASSOCIATION

Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CSDA) has been confirmed as the host of the 4th World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship. The Ice Hockey competition will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on 07 to 17 April 2021



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