



DEAF SPORTS REFORM

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DEAFLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Why do we have *SPORT*?

Because *sport* is:

- element of basic human rights and existence
- demonstration of peace and respect
- development of spiritual depths and physical excellence

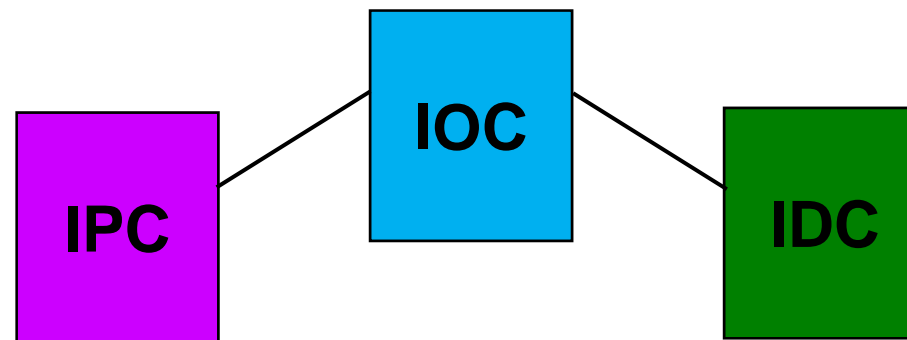
New Heights for *Sport* through *Olympism*

- In deaf sports, the basic ideals of Olympism are fulfilled through **Deaflympic Movement.**



MAIN GOAL OF REFORM

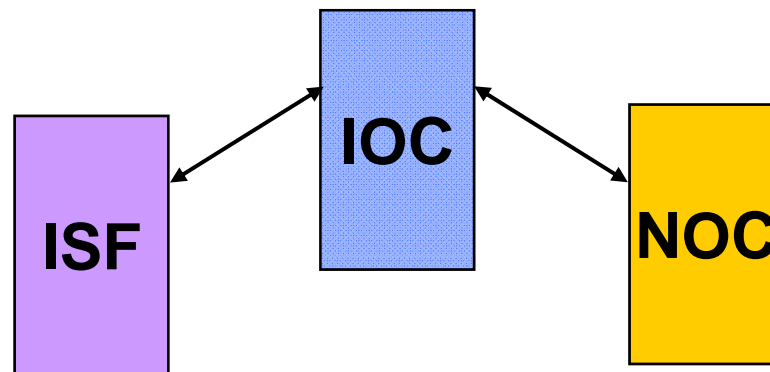
- The main goal of the **Deaf Sport Reform (“Reform”)**
 - the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)** will be recognized by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** as an **equal organization** to the **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)**.
- We define the ***Deaflympic Movement*** as a **realization of the ideals of the *Olympic Movement*** in the deaf sporting community.





OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

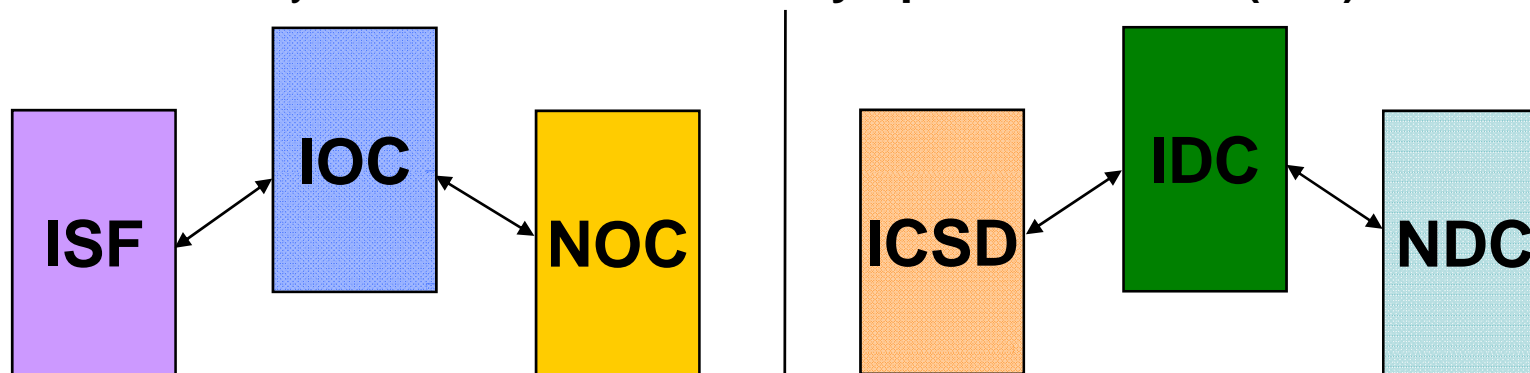
- **Chapter 1 of the Olympic Charter** - “Composition and General Organisation of the Olympic Movement” states that **the three main constituents of the Olympic Movement are:**
 - the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**,
 - the **International Sports Federations (ISFs)**
 - the **National Olympic Committees (NOCs)**.
- ❖ **The Deaflympic Movement shall follow this basic triple system.**





DEAFLYMPIC MOVEMENT

- Similar to our new vision, the three main constituents of the **Deaflympic Movement** shall consist of:
 - the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)**
 - **the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)**
 - **the National Deaflympic Committees (NDC)**
- **The “Reform”** will introduce a new structure to the world of deaf sports, to be directed by **the International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)**:



- **ICSD will also be responsible for the national deaf sport federations (NDSF – 98 countries). National deaf sport federations (NDSF) are structurally associated according to regional confederations (EDSO, APDSC, PANAMDES, CADS).**



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Deaflympic Branch

- As agreed at the Deaf Sport Reform Symposium in Zagreb, July 2007, our structure will be supplemented with the area of ***deaf sport for children and youth.***
- As a result, the ***Deaflympic Movement*** will have **3 main branches:**
 - ***Deaflympic*** branch
 - ***World Sport*** branch
 - ***World Youth Sport*** branch



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Global Structure- triple system

Secretariat Office

Supporting staff for

- Deaflympic Branch
- World Sport Branch
- World Youth Sport Branch

International Deaflympic Committee

NDC
(98)

ICSD
(98)

ICSD
Youth
(98)

Deaflympic
Movement:

DEAFLYMPIC
BRANCH

WORLD SPORT
BRANCH

WORLD YOUTH SPORT
BRANCH



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Global Structure

- ❖ **IDC** will coordinate a **calendar of international competitions**, where the functional cycle is every 4 years – This way it is possible to prepare a calendar for following 2 Deaflympic cycles, for 8 years in advance, for regional sport championships as well as other important sport international competitions (world championships, regional championships, qualifications, world cups, regional cups, etc.).
 - **National Deaflympic Committee (NDC)** exists in some member countries but the number is still low. This **NDC committee** would support Deaflympic athletes attending **Winter and Summer Deaflympics**.
 - **ICSD with the new structure** is responsible for **international sport on the level of World Championships, World Cups and similar worldwide ranking competitions of the Deaf**. Regional deaf sport confederations are responsible for regional international competitions of the Deaf.
 - **ICSD Youth with the new structure** is responsible for **international Deaf children and youth sports**. Regional deaf sport confederations are responsible for regional international youth competitions of the Deaf.

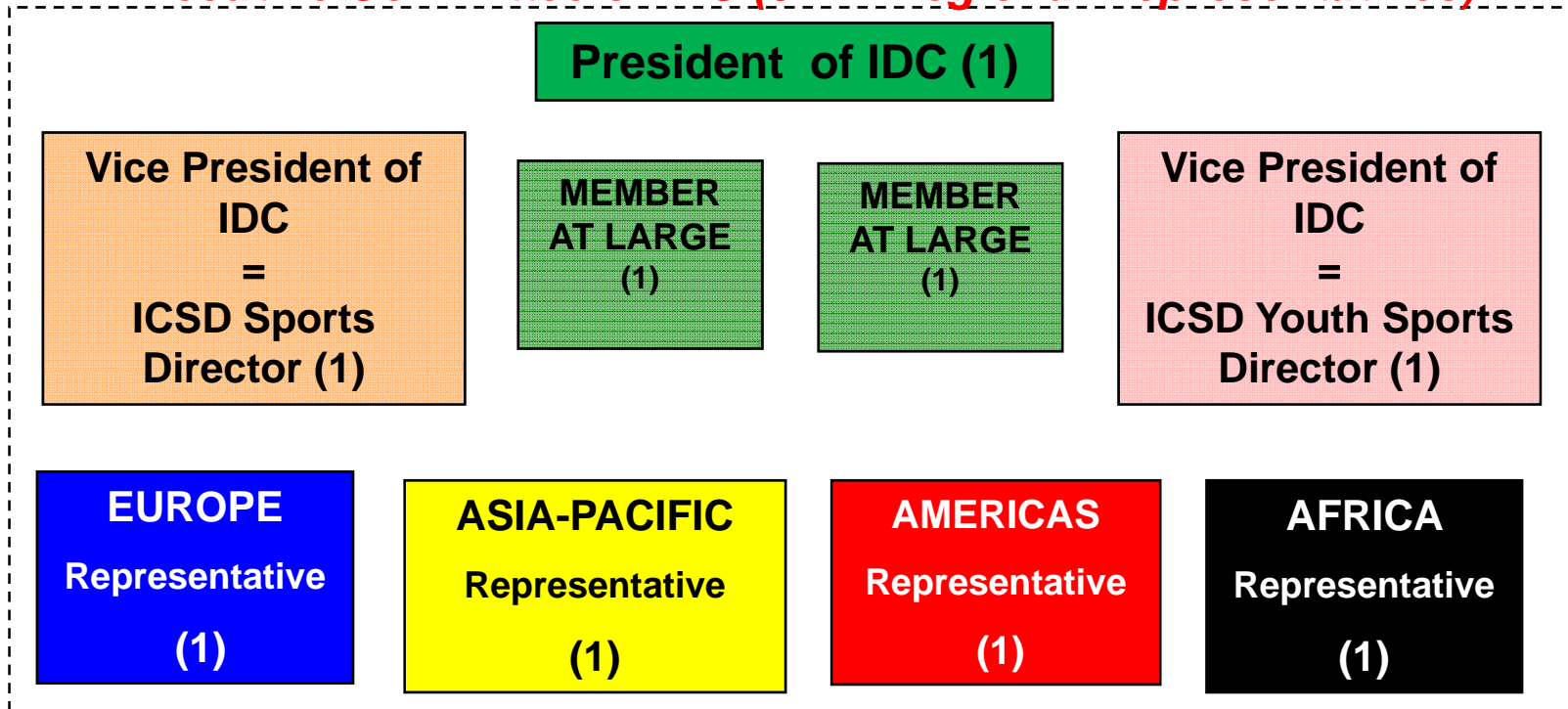


INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Executive Committee

International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)

Executive Committee of IDC (5 + 4 Regional Representatives)





INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Congress structure

- **IDC President and 2 Members at Large** of **IDC Executive Committee** are **elected** at IDC Congress every 4 years according to our current Constitution.
- Elected IDC President together with two other elected Members at Large of IDC Executive Committee will appoint **two (2) paid Directors** to represent **ICSD and ICSD Youth**, based on recommendations from NDSF and/or allied organizations.
- The **duration of IDC Congress** shall be **3 days** to give everyone an opportunity to discuss on three different topics: IDC, ICSD, and ICSD Youth.
 - **Day 1** – Workshop on world deaf sports for children and youth.
 - **Day 2** – Workshop on world deaf sports for adults (world and regional championships, qualifications, etc.)
 - **Day 3** – IDC Congress (traditional congress)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

World Sport Branch

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•World Sport Branch

International Committee of Sport for the Deaf (ICSD)

Vice President of IDC
=
ICSD Sports Director (1)

Secretary General
of ICSD (1)

Assistant Director
(1)

EUROPE
World Sport
Representative
(1)

ASIA-PACIFIC
World Sport
Representative
(1)

AMERICAS
World Sport
Representative
(1)

AFRICA
World Sport
Representative
(1)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Youth Sport Branch

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•YouthSport Branch

**International Committee of Sport for the Deaf
For Youth (ICSD-Youth)**

**Vice President of IDC
=
ICSD Youth Sports Director (1)**

**Secretary General
of ICSD-Youth (1)**

**Assistant Director
(1)**

**EUROPE
Youth Sport
Representative
(1)**

**ASIA-PACIFIC
Youth Sport
Representative
(1)**

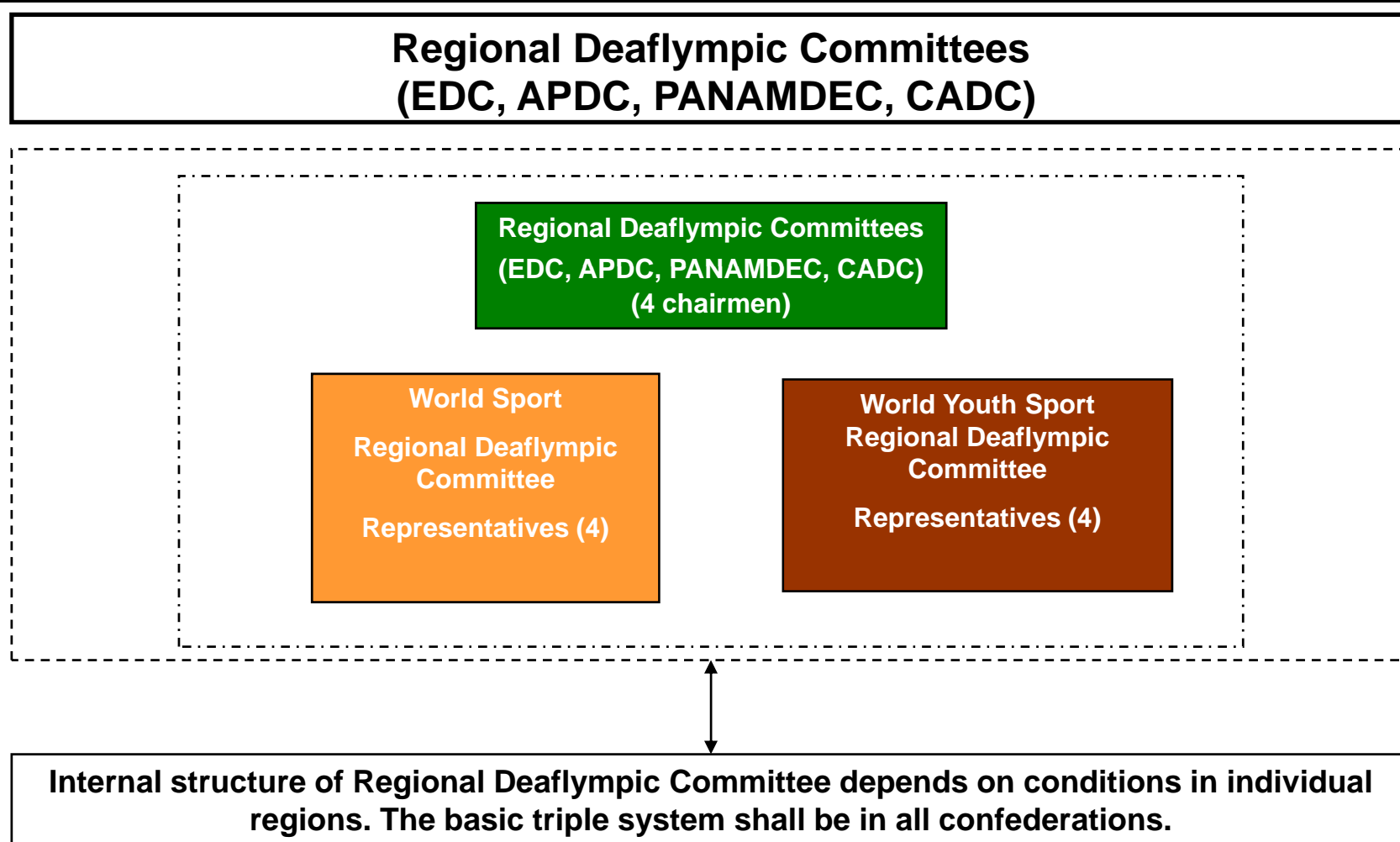
**AMERICAS
Youth Sport
Representative
(1)**

**AFRICA
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Representative
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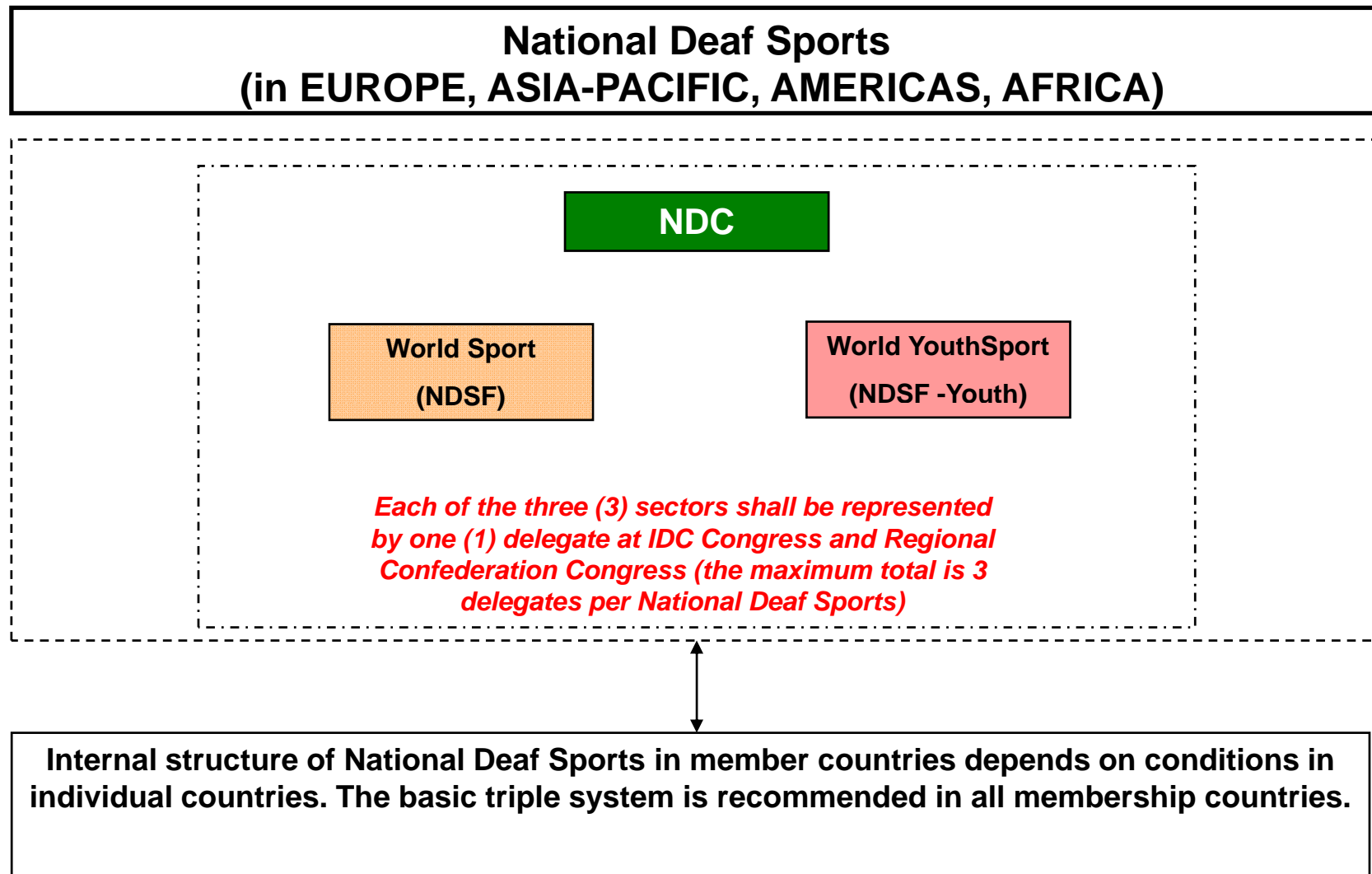
REGIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEES

Structure





NATIONAL DEAF SPORTS *Structure*





TECHNICAL COMMISSION *Structure*

WC – World Championships

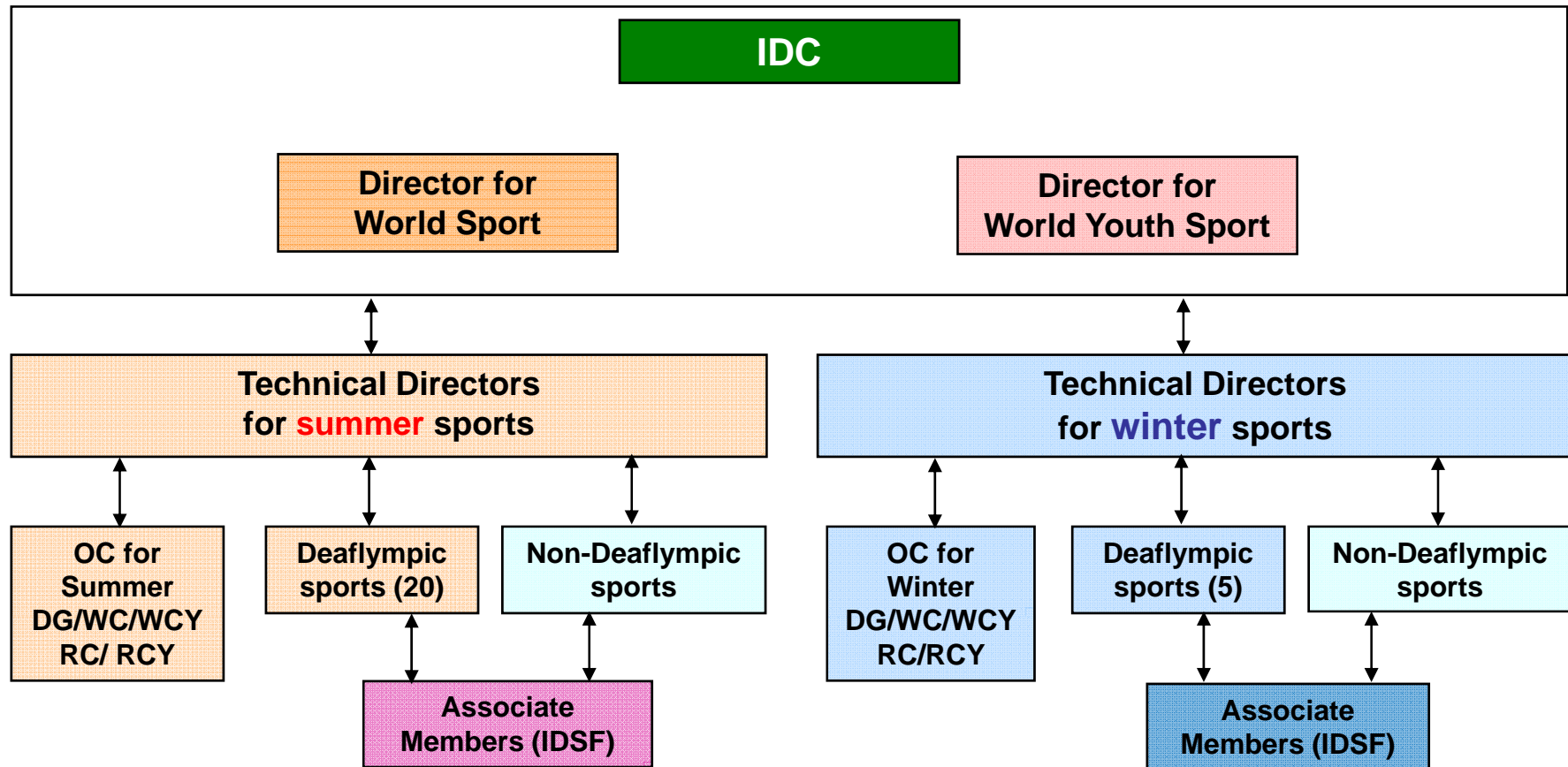
WCY – World Championships for Youth

OC – Organizing Committee

DG – Deaflympic Games

RC – Regional Championships

RCY – Regional Championships for Youth





TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Structure

- ❖ **Technical Commission is directed by technical team whose members are Technical Directors, ICSD Sports Director, International Deaf Single Sport Federation (IDSF) as associate members and ICSD-Youth Sports Director.**

- **Technical Directors**
 - Members of technical commissions for summer and winter sports are Technical Directors of individual sports.
 - Members of technical commission for summer and winter youth sports consist of the same Technical Directors of individual sports

- **ICSD Sports Director**
 - Responsible for management and technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of Summer & Winter Deaflympics and world deaf championships, in both Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports.
 - Responsible for providing technical assistance to Organizing Committees of World Championships.
 - Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships and Organizing Committees of Regional Deaf Championships cooperate with the ICSD Sports Director in the area of sport regulations and rules for adults.

- **IDSF-Associate Members (wherever applicable)**
 - Responsible for promoting the sport and function as the authority for the technical aspect of one (1) sport and shall be in pursuance with the objects and principles of relevant GAISF recognized international sports bodies with aims, objects and purposes consistent with the IDC Constitution and Technical Commission for all categories.

- **ICSD-Youth Sports Director**
 - Responsible for management and technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of world deaf junior championships, in junior categories for Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports.
 - Responsible for providing technical assistance to Organizing Committees of junior championships.
 - Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships and Regional Deaf Championships cooperate with ICSD Youth Director in the area of sport regulations and rules for junior categories.



SECRETARIAT OFFICE

Structure

Secretariat office
Supporting staff for IDC, ICSD, ICSD-Youth

The Secretariat Office will be the centralized office for all three branches. This office will provide support for database, audiogram, financial services, membership services and various programs. Since the three branches are located in different locations, it is critical that we have a centralized office.

The Secretariat office staff members will include but not limited to:

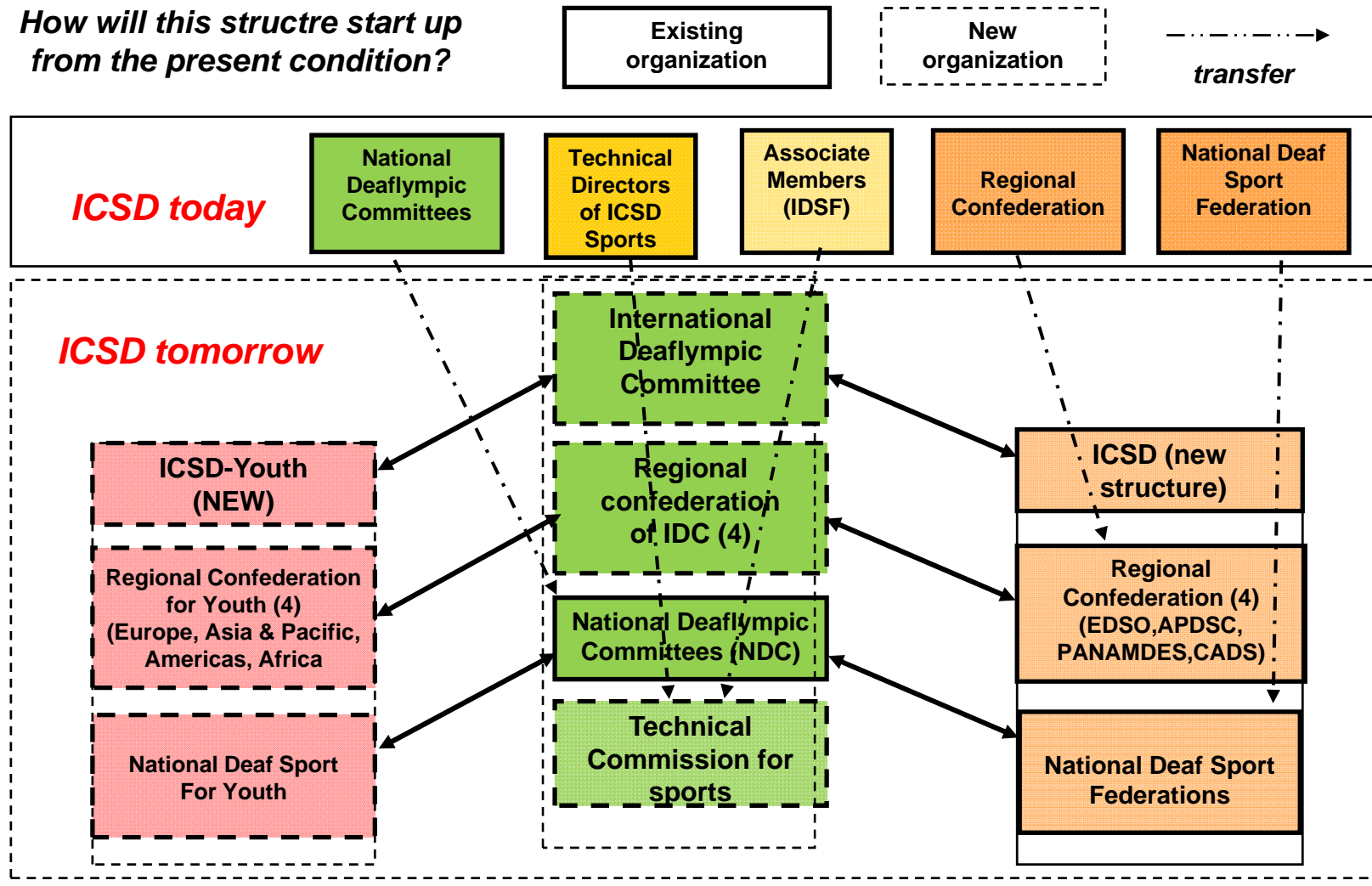
- **Executive Director**
- **Financial Officer**
- **Technical Operations Manager**
- **Program Development Coordinator**
- **Marketing and Public Relations Team**
- **Supporting Staff Team for Congress and NDSFs**

This is an example of what the centralized office will provide support to all NDSF members and three (3) branches. There shall be between 15 and 20 paid employees.



TRANSFER FROM OLD TO NEW STRUCTURE

How will this structure start up from the present condition?





OVERVIEW OF NEW IDC STRUCTURE AND CHANGES IN THE CURRENT-NEW STATE

- **IDC shall have three (3) main documents:**
 - ***Deaflympic Charter***

This **central** document will define the ***Deaflympic Movement*** as a part of the *Olympic Movement* and will guarantee claiming of all principles of the *Olympic Charter* within the deaf sports community.
 - ***IDC Organizational Regulations***

This document will describe individual components of IDC organizations and bodies, their activities, rights and duties.
 - ***IDC Competition Rules***

This document will contain conditions for international deaf sport competitions at all levels.

- *Transformation from the current to a new state should be in progress so that the 42nd IDC Congress in TAIPEI 2009 will be held according to the new structure and new main IDC documents, including elections of new IDC bodies.*



SUMMARY

The ideas outlined here may be only a beginning
....of a great concept

Certainly, we shall expect much more tasks
and gradual steps in the near future.

Near future is not far – it comes at the
41st ICSD Extraordinary Congress
in Bratislava, 12-13 September 2008.

The most important tasks shall be:

- to support the concept for reform by
 - agreeing to implement changes in **phases**
 - securing necessary funding to **support programs outlined in this reform.**
- to pursue and fulfill these **goals and visions** in our **quest to raise standards and quality of deaf sports worldwide.**