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Dear all ICSD members,

### **Qualification Criteria for Team Sports at Tokyo 2025**

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is committed to hosting the Tokyo 2025 in November, showcasing the world's best and high-performance teams. To ensure a systematic approach to qualifying national teams for the Games, the ICSD has meticulously devised a plan, taking into account the forthcoming World Championships and Regional Championships leading up to the Summer Deaflympics.

In response to these circumstances, the ICSD has opted to temporarily suspend Deaflympics Regulations 12.6 and make adjustments to 1.2. However, it is important to note that while these changes are implemented, the qualification system for the Deaflympics remains intact, with minor modifications aimed at ensuring national teams compete against high-performance or quality opponents.

Outlined below are the specific qualification details for each team sport participating in Tokyo 2025. Parentheses indicate countries that have already qualified.

#### 1. Basketball:

##### 1.1 Men: 12 teams

- 1.1.2 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (United States)
- 4 - Europe
- 3 - Americas (Argentina, Canada, Venezuela)
- 2 - Asia-Pacific
- 1 - Africa

##### 1.2 Women: 12 teams

- 1.2.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (United States)
- 6 - Europe
- 2 - Americas
- 1 - Asia-Pacific
- 1 - Africa



## 2. Football:

### 2.1 Men: 16 teams

- 2.1.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (Ukraine)
- 4 - Europe
- 3 - Americas
- 4 - Asia-Pacific
- 3 - Africa

### 2.2 Women: 6 teams

- 2.2.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (United States)
- 1 - Europe
- 1 - Americas
- 1 - Asia-Pacific
- 1 - Africa

## 3 Handball:

### 3.1 Men: 8 teams

- 3.1.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (Croatia)
- 3 - Europe
- 1 - Americas
- 1 - Asia-Pacific
- 1 - Africa

### 3.2 Women: 6 teams

- 3.2.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion (Denmark)
- 1 - Europe
- 1 - Americas
- 1 - Asia-Pacific
- 1 - Africa

## 4. Volleyball:

### 4.1 Men: 10 teams

- 4.1.1 1 - Host (Japan)
- 1 - World Champion
- 3 - Europe



2 - Americas

2 - Asia-Pacific

1 - Africa

4.2 Women: 10 teams

4.2.1 1 - Host (Japan)

1 - World Champion

3 - Europe

2 - Americas

2 - Asia-Pacific

1 - Africa

Any country making their Preliminary Team Entry Form submitted to us and is in our system will be the highest priority and then follow as described below:

If a country is not listed above, it signifies that either the regional championships have yet to take place or are scheduled between now and 2025 before the Deaflympics. Post the conclusion of the championships, national teams will be qualified as outlined above.

In the event of a Regional Championship cancellation, qualifying will be determined based on World Rankings, which can be accessed through the following links:

[Basketball Rankings](#)

[Football Rankings](#)

Handball rankings [unavailable]

Volleyball rankings [unavailable]

Should any qualifying teams decide not to participate or withdraw, the next national team in line will be determined based on the World Rankings provided above.

The official list of national teams is published in the technical regulations of each sport, accessible through the following links:

Technical Regulation - Basketball

Technical Regulations - Football

Handball Technical Regulations - Handball

Technical Regulations - Volleyball



If any unforeseen events are not covered by above, the respective sport director will make the final decision with the ICSD's approval. For any inquiries, please contact the respective sports directors:

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