



DEAF SPORTS REFORM

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INTRODUCTION

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**

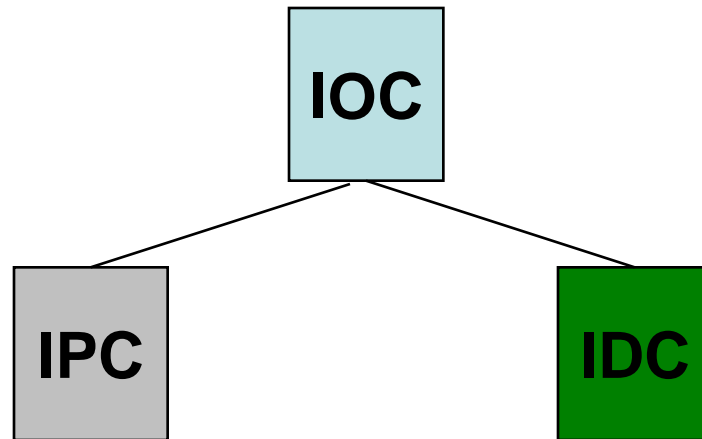
New Heights for SPORT through OLYMPISM

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



PROPOSAL OF IDC STRUCTURE

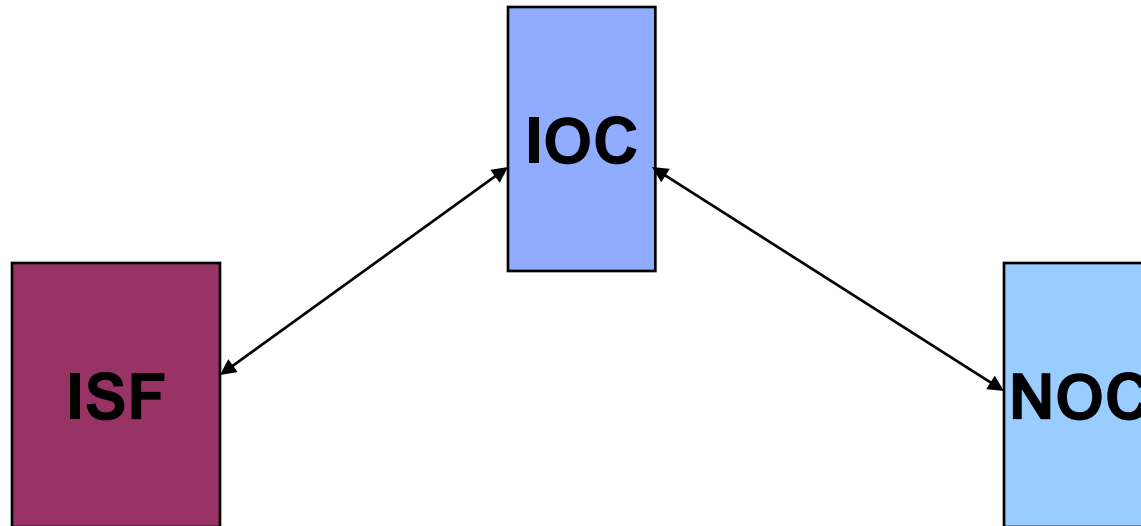
- The main goal of the Deaf Sport Reform (DSR) is that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will recognize the International Deaflympic Committee (IDC) as an equal organization to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). We define the Deaflympic Movement as a realization of the ideals of the Olympic Movement in the deaf sporting community.



- In chapter 1 of the Olympic Charter - “Composition and General Organisation of the Olympic Movement” it states that the three main constituents of the Olympic Movement are the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Sports Federations (ISFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). The Deaflympic Movement shall follow this structure.



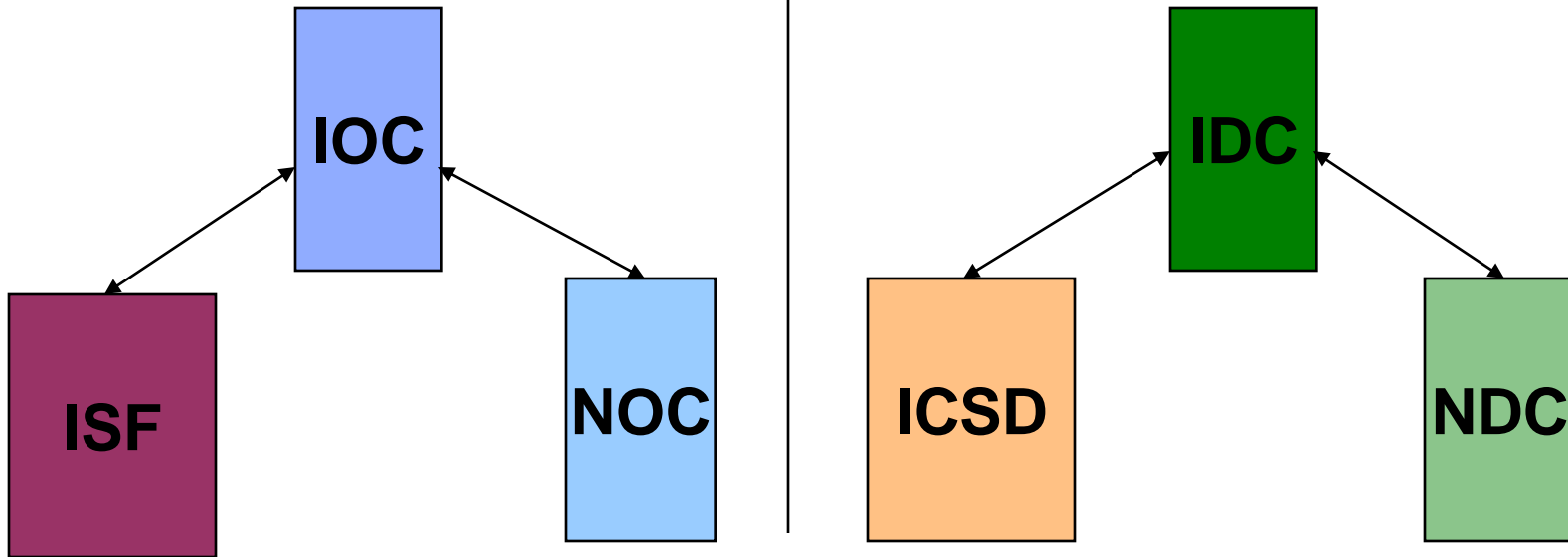
OLYMPIC MOVEMENT



- Similar to the Olympic Movement, the three main constituents of the **Deaflympic Movement** shall be the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)**, the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)** and the **National Deaflympic Committees (NDC)**.
- DSR will bring a new structure of the world deaf sports, directed by the IDC – International Deaflympic Committee:



DEAFLYMPIC MOVEMENT



- **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).**

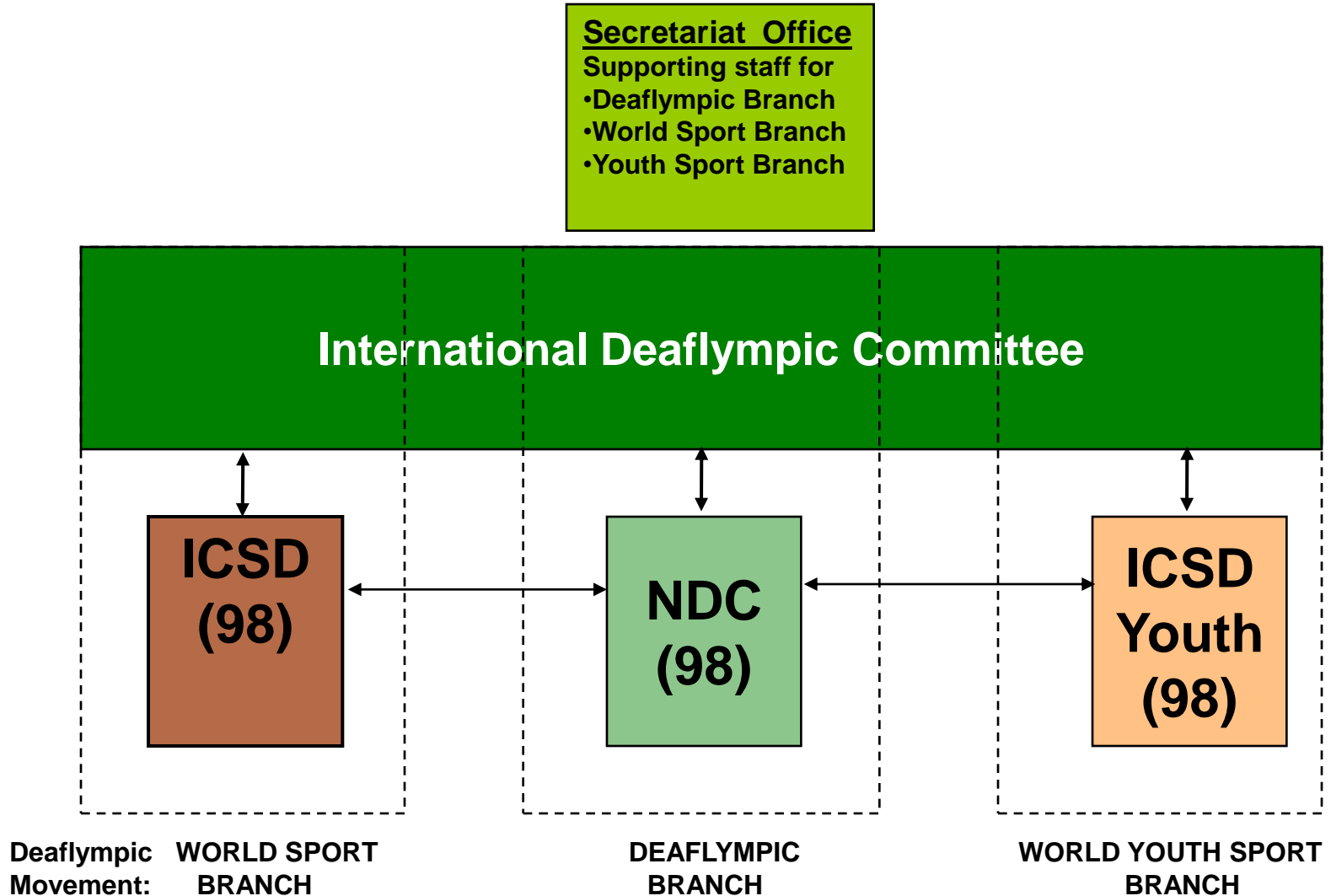


DEAFLYMPIC BRANCH:

- **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: a Deaflympic branch, a World Sport branch and a World Youth Sport branch.**



GLOBAL STRUCTURE FOR *IDC*





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- **IDC** will show a **calendar of international competitions** of a four-year period, 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. There would not be a difference compared to the current one, but there would be coordination between regional sport championships as well as other important sport international competitions (world championships, regional championships, qualifications, world cups, regional cups, etc.).
- **National Deaflympic Committees exist, in some National Deaf Sports Federations but the number is still low.** This reform structure shall give NDSF some ideas on how to form two separate committees to support three separate areas. 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 sport deaf 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 sport deaf confederations are responsible for regional international competitions of the Deaf.



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Executive Committee

International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)

Executive Committee of IDC (5 + 4 Regional Representatives)

President of IDC (1)

**Vice President of
IDC
=
Sport Director of
ICSD (1)**

**1 member
at large**

**1 member
At large**

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

EDSO (1)

APDSC (1)

PANAMDES (1)

CADS (1)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Congress structure

- **IDC President and 2 Member 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.
- 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.
- **During the first day of IDC Congress a Workshop about world deaf sport of children and youth is held.**
- **During the second day of IDC Congress a Workshop about world deaf sport of adults is held,**
World Championships, regional championships, qualifications, etc.
- **The third day is the main day of IDC Congress.** This would be the 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
=
Sport Director of ICSD (1)

**Secretary General
of ICSD (1)**

**Assistant Director
(1)**

**Representative
of EDSO for
World Sport (1)**

**Representative
of APDSC for
World Sport (1)**

**Representative
of PANAMDES
for World Sport (1)**

**Representative
of CADS for
World Sport (1)**



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Youth Sport Branch

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•YouthSport Branch

International Committee of Sport for the Deaf for Children and Youth (ICSDCY)

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

Secretary General
of ICSDCY (1)

Assistant Director
(1)

Representative
of EDSO for
Youth Sport (1)

Representative
of APDSC for
Youth Sport(1)

Representative of
PANAMDES
for Youth Sport (1)

Representative
of CADS for
Youth Sport(1)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Structure of National Deaf Sports Federations

**National Deaf Sport Federation
(in EDSO, APDSC, PANAMDES, CADS)**

NDC

**World Sport
(NDSF)**

**World YouthSport
(NDSF)**

*One delegate from each sector shall
represent at IDC Congress and Regional
Congress.*

Internal structure of NDSF depends on conditions in individual countries.



TECHNICAL COMMISSION Structure

WC – World
championships

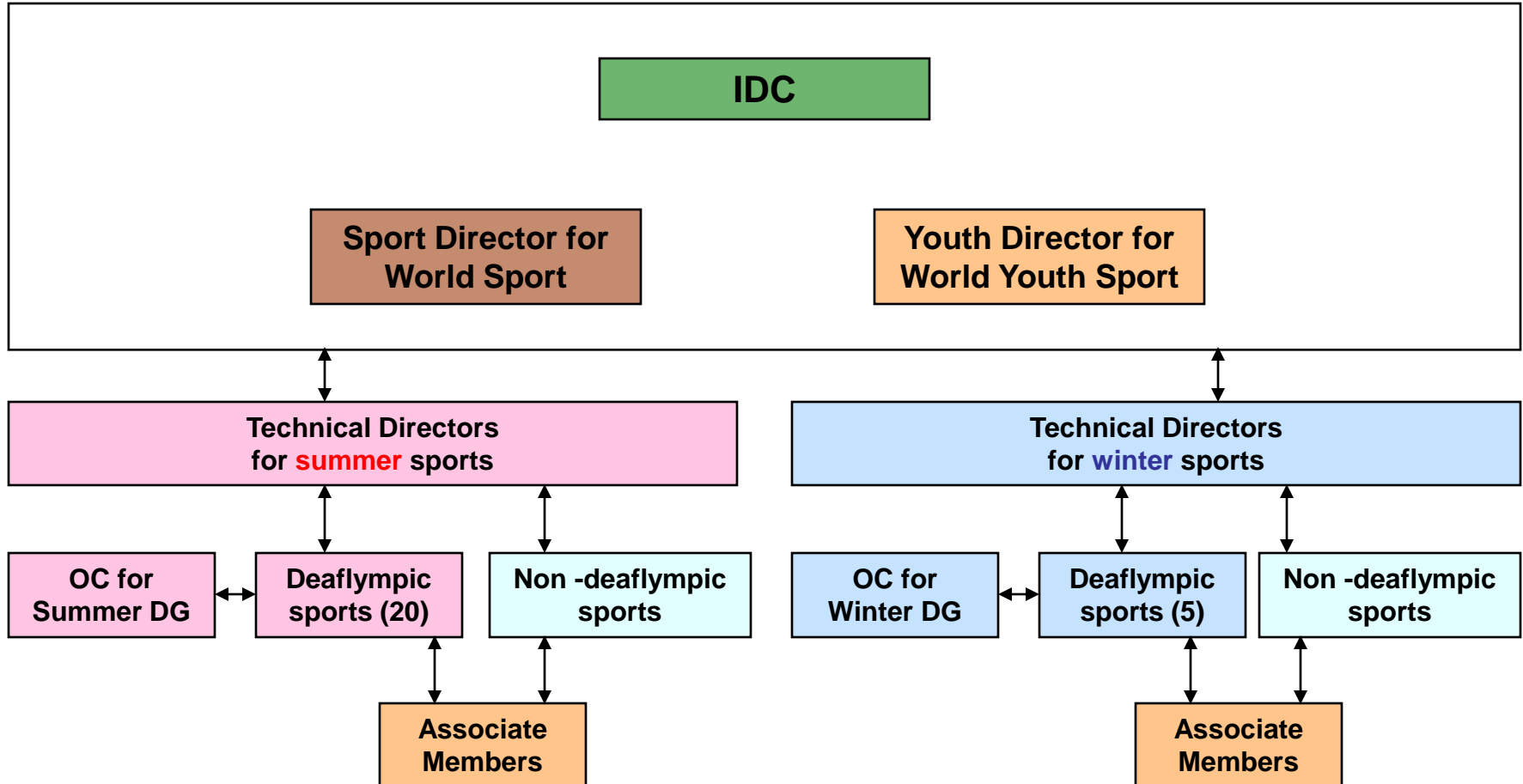
WCY – World
championships for
children and Youth

OC – Organizing
Committee

DG – Deaflympic
Games

RC – Regional
championships

RCY – Regional championships
for children and Youth





IDC TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Structure

- **IDC Technical commission is directed by Technical team which members are ICSD Sport Director, Youth Director, and Technical Directors.**
- **ICSD Sport Director is responsible for technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of Summer & Winter Deaflympics and world deaf championships, in both Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports.**
- **Members of technical commissions for summer and winter sports are Technical Directors of individual sports. ICSD Sports Director is also responsible for supporting the Organizing Committees of World Championships.**
- **ICSD Youth Director is responsible for management and technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of world deaf junior championships, in categories U-16 and U-21; division is also for Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports. Members of technical commission for summer and winter sports are corresponding Technical Directors of individual sports who are responsible for all age categories (U-16, U-21 and adults) in their sports. Youth Director is also responsible to provide technical assistance to Organizing Committees of junior tournaments.**
- **Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships and Organizing Committees of Regional Deaf Championships cooperate with ICSD Sports Director in the area of sport regulations and rules.**
- **Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships in junior categories U-16 a U-21 and Organizing Committees of Regional Deaf Championships in junior categories U-16 a U-21 cooperate with ICSD Youth Director in the area of sport regulations and rules.**



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Structure of Secretariat Office

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. It is important since the three branches are located in different locations that we have a centralized office.

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

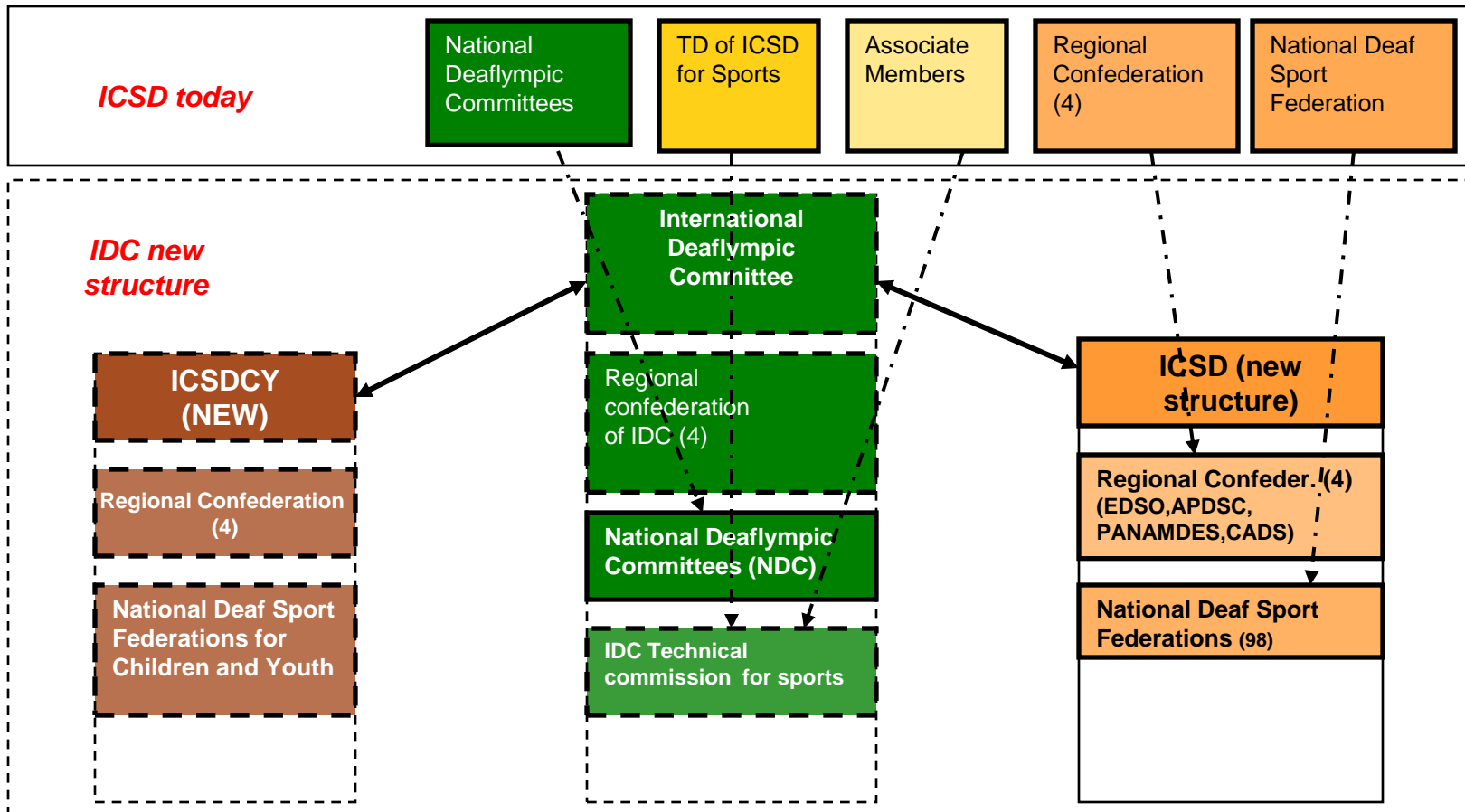
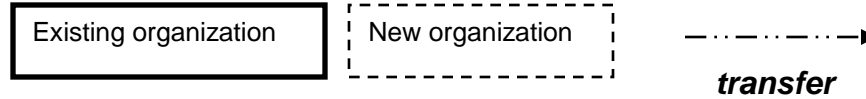
- Executive Director**
- Financial Officer**
- Technical Operations Manager**
- Program Development Coordinator**
- Marketing and Public Relations Team**
- Supporting Staff Team for Congress, NDSF,**

This is an example of what the centralized office will provide support to all NDSF members and to 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?





Summary of new structure of IDC and changes over the current state

- **The main IDC document will be Deaflympic Charter that will define the Deaflympic Movement as a part of the Olympic Movement and will guarantee claiming of all principles of the Olympic Charter within deaf sportsmen community.**
- **Another main IDC document will be IDC Organizational regulations in which will be described individual components of IDC organizations and bodies, their activities, rights and duties.**
- **Conditions for international deaf sport competitions at all levels will be set within IDC competitions rules.**
- **Transformation from the current to a new state should be in progress so that the 42th 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 **ICSD Extraordinary Congress
in Bratislava, September 11 - 13, 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 project.
- **to pursue and fulfill these goals and visions which will raise standards and quality of deaf sports worldwide.**