

## 1. EVENTS

Basketball competitions will be conducted from 05 June to 13 June 2026 and will comprise the following events:

- Men's and Women's teams

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1. Invitation to Participate

DIBF and the Organizing Committee will invite all National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and all National Deaf Basketball Association (NDBA) members in good standing to participate in the competition.

### 2.2. Eligibility

#### 2.2.1. Hearing Loss

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. Refer to the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#) for additional details on the measurement of hearing loss.

#### 2.2.2. Age

Athletes born on or after 1 January 2005 are eligible to participate in this competition. Each team may include up to two (2) athletes born on or after 1 January 2003.

#### 2.2.3. Compliance

Only athletes who comply with the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#) and [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#) are allowed to participate in the competition.

### 2.3. Number of Teams

Each National Federation/Association may enter one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team. Participation in the World Deaf Championships is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) men's teams and sixteen (16) women's teams.

### 2.4. Qualified Teams

Participation is determined through a qualification system below:

#### Men's (9 teams)

Argentina  
Italy  
Japan  
Kenya  
Lithuania  
Mali  
Poland  
Ukraine  
United States

#### Women's (6 teams)

Australia  
Japan  
Kenya  
Poland  
Ukraine  
United States



## 2.5. Number of Athletes

Each team may have a maximum of twelve (12) athletes.

Scenario #1: twelve (12) athletes born on or after 1 January 2005

Scenario #2: eleven (11) athletes born on or after 1 January 2005  
one (1) athlete born on or after 1 January 2003

Scenario #3: ten (10) athletes born on or after 1 January 2005  
two (2) athletes born on or after 1 January 2003

## 2.6. Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorized representative of each NDSF/NDBA is allowed to submit competition entries.

## 2.7. Non-Starting Athletes

A fine of \$100 USD will be levied on each non-starting athlete unless he/she submits a doctor's declaration in English that he/she should not be allowed to start.

# 3. REGISTRATIONS

## 3.1. Final Team Registration

The final team registration deadline for the 2026 World Deaf Basketball Championships is **04 December 2025**.

## 3.2. Preliminary Name Registration

The final name registration (18 athletes) for the 2026 World Deaf Basketball Championships must be submitted no later than **04 March 2026**.

## 3.3. Final Name Registration

**At the technical meeting** before the competition, a roster of 12 names must be presented, and these athletes must come from the preliminary name registration of 18 athletes.

# 4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

## 4.1. Technical Organization

DIBF is responsible for the technical organization of the competition in conjunction with the Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA).

## 4.2. Committees

### 4.2.1. Technical Committee

The Technical Committee is comprised of the DIBF Sports Director and other members nominated by the Organizing Committee and approved by DIBF:

Dario PIGNATARO  
James DeSTEFANO  
TBA  
TBA  
TBA

DIBF Director  
DIBF Technical Director  
FIBA Chief Referee  
DIBF Representative  
Sports Liaison Officer

**4.2.2. Protest Committee**

The Protest Committee is comprised of the DIBF Sports Director and other members nominated by the Organizing Committee and approved by DIBF:

Dario PIGNATARO  
James DeSTEFANO  
TBA

DIBF Director  
DIBF Technical Director  
FIBA Chief Referee

**4.3. Competition Rules**

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the [Rules and Regulations of the FIBA](#) (version: 2024). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

**4.3.1.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#), [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#), and these Basketball Technical Regulations.

**4.3.2.** Cases of a technical nature related to competition rules will be resolved in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.4. Competition Equipment**

All equipment used during competition must comply with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.5. Competition Clothing**

**4.5.1.** Participants must wear competitive uniforms representing their nationality, duly registered and published in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.5.2.** Participants must observe the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#) and [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#) regarding advertisements on their uniforms and clothing worn in the competition area.

**4.6. Draw**

The draw for all events will be conducted by the Technical Committee and in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.7. Competition Plan**

The competition plan will be conducted in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.8. Officials****4.8.1. Judge/Referee/Umpire**

The Technical Committee will allocate officials to conduct the events. Wherever possible, officials will possess the DIBF/FIBA international license valid for 2022. However, officials with the highest level of national accreditation may be assigned.

**4.8.2. Appointment**

The Organizing Committee and the DIBF will appoint FIBA and DIBF Commissioners, as well as an appropriate number of officials, to conduct each event.

**4.9. Unforeseen Incidents**

In the event of unforeseen incidents not covered by the rules and regulations, the Technical Committee will decide. In the absence of the Technical Committee, the DIBF Sports Director will make the decision.

**5. VENUES****5.1. Competition Venue**

The competitions will take place at the [Niedziela Sport Hall](#)

**5.2. Training Venue**

The training will take place at the [Niedziela Sport Hall](#)

**6. SCHEDULES****6.1. Competition Schedule**

Refer to the competition schedule on the official U21 World Deaf Basketball Championships 2026 website.

**6.2. Training Schedule**

Refer to the training schedule on the official website of the U21 World Deaf Basketball Championships 2026.

**6.3. Technical Meeting****6.3.1. Date and Location**

The Technical meeting will take place at: To be announced.

1. The Technical Meeting will be held at 20:00 on 04 June 2026.
2. The Technical Meeting will be held at 10:00 on 12 June 2026.

**6.3.2. Attendance**

Each participating NDSF/NDBA may be represented by up to 2 officials, at least 1 of whom must be deaf. The NDSF/NDBA may also bring an interpreter if necessary.

Each NDSF/NDBA must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the technical Meeting for review and approval.

## 7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

### 7.1. Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or cochlear implant is not allowed in the restricted zone area.

#### 7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone is in effect when the athlete enters the competition area during the official warm-up and competition periods.

#### 7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, refer to [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#) 8: Violations and Penalties.

### 7.2. Medical Control

Refer to [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#), 9. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS.

## 8. PROTESTS

### 8.1. Procedures for lodging a protest

All sport-related protests will be resolved in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations and will be approved by the Protest Committee.

**8.1.1.** Any protest must be written in English on the Official Protest Form. The form and a \$100 USD deposit must be given to the DIBF Technical Director within 15 minutes of the official public posting of results.

**8.1.2.** The DIBF Sports Director will decide whether the protest is sport-related or eligibility-related. The Protest Committee will review all sport-related protests, and the DIBF Representative will review all eligibility-related protests.

**8.1.3.** The \$100 USD deposit will be returned to the applicant only if the protest is deemed valid.

### 8.2. Procedure for reviewing a protest

The Protest Committee will meet at the competition venue or a designated office at a time determined by the DIBF Sports Director.

**8.2.1.** The DIBF Sports Director will chair the Protest Committee.

**8.2.2.** The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for booking a meeting room and interpreters.

**8.2.3.** The SLO will contact all members of the Protest Committee to inform them of the meeting time and location.

**8.2.4.** The DIBF Sports Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.



**8.2.5.** After adjudication, the DIBF Sports Director will forward the original Official Protest Form (along with the protest fee if the protest was denied) to the DIBF Secretariat. The SLO will forward a copy of the form to the Organizing Committee.

## **9. ADDENDUMS**

### **9.1. Official Balls**

The balls are Molten Official B7G5000 for Men's and Molten Official B6G5000 for Women's.

### **9.2. Visual Signals on Backboards (Reference: 4.4.)**

The backboards must have red square LED strips around them. The lighting system is activated by the referee's whistle and the timekeeper's signal, or by the timekeeper's manual button.

### **9.3. Violation and Penalty (Reference: 7.1.2.)**

When this hearing aid rule is violated, the offending player's team is declared in default and forfeits the match, with the result 0:2 and 0:20 points (Article 20 of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules). The "Violations and Penalties" section in the Audiogram Regulations serves as a reference in such situations.

Notice: These regulations are subject to change.