

# Athlete Eligibility Policy - Basketball

The Athlete Eligibility Policy which applies to all deaf and hard of hearing basketballers who are contemplating participating in national and international sanctioned deaf basketball tournaments is outlined in the table below.

Many basketballers have varying levels of hearing losses and the International Sports Committee for the Deaf (ISCD) has established qualifying criteria for these deaf and hearing impaired basketballers aspiring to compete at sanctioned international deaf basketball tournaments.

As a result of the ISCD eligibility criteria, Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) have developed the Athlete Eligibility Policy to provide and ensure fair participation for all deaf and hard of hearing basketballers in ISCD, DIBF, DSA and DBA sanctioned events.

Below is an outline of the qualification levels:

| HEARING LEVEL LOSS IN THE BETTER EAR | ELIGIBILITY  |
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| 0 – 39 dB 3FAHL                      | Not eligible to compete in ISCD, DIBF, and DSA sanctioned events   |
| 40 – 54 dB 3FAHL                     | Eligible to compete in DSA and DBA sanctioned events (Australian Deaf Games (ADG), National Deaf Basketball Club Championships (NDBCC))<br>Not eligible to compete in ISCD & DIBF events     |
| 55 dB 3FAHL                          | Eligible to compete in DSA sanctioned events (ADG) and ISCD sanctioned events (Deaflympics, Asia/Pacific Regional Championships), DIBF World Championships and DBA sanctioned events (NDBCC) |

Current and former basketballers who have submitted their audiograms and have qualified as eligible at international deaf sporting events previously will not be required to re-submit audiograms again, but are warned that they can be selected for random audiograms at basketball tournaments and face disqualification if audiograms are inaccurate.

In order to be eligible to participate at national and international deaf basketball tournaments, deaf and hard of hearing basketballers are required to submit a copy of a current audiogram (tested within the previous six months) which has been fully completed by their audiologist, and forwarded to Deaf Basketball Australia (DBA) for on forwarding to ISCD via DSA. A decision on the basketballer's eligibility will be determined.

The starting age is 14 years (born before 1999) with no general age limit for basketballers, but commonsense and player safety must be taken into consideration when selecting teams.

For further information, please read the following links:-

<http://www.deaflympics.com/pdf/AudiogramRegulations.pdf>

<http://www.deaflympics.com/pdf/AntiDopingRules.pdf>

<http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>