



# 2005 Australian Deaflympic Team

## 20th Deaflympic Games - Melbourne 2005

### Cycling Fact Sheet

#### 1. MELBOURNE 2005 DEAFLYMPIC GAMES

The Deaflympic Games, under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, is the second oldest multi sport and cultural festival on earth with a long and proud history since the Inaugural Games in Paris in 1924. Held every four years, the Deaflympics are recognised as the major sporting and cultural event within the worldwide deaf community.

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) will host the 20th Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. To be held between 5th and 16th January 2005, arrival and lighting of the Official Deaflympic torch will set the scene for 12 days of elite sports and cultural events.

#### 2. DSA CYCLING PROGRAM

At past Games, the number of athletes selected to represent Australia in Cycling have been relatively small, yet relatively successful due to stringent entry standard times.

The DSA Cycling Program prides itself on selecting high quality athletes that are very competitive at Deaflympic Games, with the ultimate aim of having our Australian athletes finishing in the Top 10, while focusing on being a chance to win medals.

#### 3. COMPETITION VENUE

The Cycling events will be held on the streets within and around the large rural city of Ballarat, located 120km from Melbourne.

#### 4. TRAINING VENUES

The training venue is the same as the competition venue.

#### 5. EQUIPMENT & REGULATIONS

All equipment and competition regulations will comply with the UCI Rules.

#### 6. EVENTS

The 20th Deaflympic Games Cycling events will consist of the following events for men only:

- 1000 m sprint
- 100 km road race
- 35 km time trial
- 50 km individual point race

#### 7. SCHEDULE

The preliminary competition schedule is based on the number of participants in the previous Deaflympic Games. The final competition

schedule is subject to change according to the number of entered athletes for each event. The schedule will consist of all entries racing in the same event, with no heats or finals. Information will be given at the technical meeting prior to the competition start.

## **8. SELECTION**

### **8.1. Eligibility:**

All athletes at the Deaflympic Games that represent Australia are required to (i) Be an Australian citizen, and, (ii) have a hearing loss of a minimum of 55 dB in the best ear, and, (iii) have meet the requirements as stated in the Cycling Nomination Criteria.

### **8.2. Team Size:**

Australia may enter a maximum of fifteen (15) competitors, with a maximum of five (5) starters for each event. Only competitors who reach the age of seventeen (17) by 31 December 2004 inclusive may compete. Every cyclist must have an UCI international license, valid for 2005 that is issued by Cycling Australia via one of its affiliates.

### **8.3. EOI, Nomination and Selection:**

**8.3.1. Expression of Interest (EOI):** Anyone who is interested in being selected in the Cycling team are advised to make an initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) on a form that can be obtained from the DSA Office and/or website. EOIs made by prospective athletes to DSA can be made up until approximately 12 months prior to the date of the Games' opening.

**8.3.2. Nomination:** DSA will invite selected athletes to participate in its selection programs. DSA will then nominate a Shadow Squad from which the Australian Cycling Team will be selected. Athletes can be removed and added from the Squad at anytime due to performance or due to any other reasonable circumstance.

**8.3.3. Selection:** Final selection will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of DSA. Selection will depend on whether the athlete has met all eligibility points for selection.