



2005 Australian Deaflympic Team

20th Deaflympic Games - Melbourne 2005

Orienteering 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 ORIENTEERING PROGRAM

Melbourne will signify the first time Australia has participated in the Orienteering competition at the Deaflympics. It is expected that the team will be inexperienced, however the opportunity to represent Australia will encourage a fighting spirit to be competitive against the strong European countries.

3. COMPETITION VENUE

The Orienteering events will be held Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, which located on the outskirts of 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, maps and competition regulations will comply with the IOF Rules.

6. EVENTS

The 20th Deaflympic Games Orienteering competitions will comprise the following events:

- Men classic distance, final, app. 12 km
- Women classic distance, final, app. 9 km
- Men short distance, qualification race and final, app. 4 km
- Women short distance, qualification race and final, app. 3 km
- Men relay, final, 4 x app. 7 km
- Women relay, final, 4 x app. 5 km

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 competing 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 Orienteering Nomination Criteria.

8.2. Team Size:

Australia may enter a maximum of fourteen (14) competitors, consisting of a maximum of seven (7) men and seven (7) women.

8.2.1. Individual Events: Australia may enter a maximum of four (4) athletes in any individual event.

8.2.2. Team Events: Australia may enter a maximum of one (1) team for each team event.

8.3. EOI, Nomination and Selection:

8.3.1. Expression of Interest (EOI): Anyone who is interested in being selected in the Orienteering 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 Orienteering 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.