

DEAF SPORTS EQUITY POLICY

SECTION 1 DEFINITION

In this policy, the term 'Deaf' is used generally to refer to;

- Deaf People who use sign language
- People with Hearing Loss
- People with Cochlear Implant (C.I.)

SECTION 2 PERMEABLE

- The Anti-Discrimination Acts shall take precedence over this policy in area not covered.

SECTION 3 RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

- All Deaf people shall have the same right as ordinary citizens of Australia to participate in every sports and recreation event. Deafness or hearing loss should not be seen as an excuse or barrier for exclusion or refusal of service and participation. This includes the right to choose sport or recreation of one's preference, to participate in elite training and to aim for representative honour.
- All Deaf people shall have right to a clear communication at training session, with coaching team and in higher education involving sport and recreation career.
- All Deaf People shall have right to engage interpreter of preferable mode in order to participate in competition, training or team meeting.

SECTION 4 PROCEDURES

- Team selection should be based on skills/ability, not on disability or hearing loss. Likewise club membership of one's choice shall based on equal right as a citizen.
- Where difficulties occurs with the communication, DSRQ shall endeavour to train the person/team concerned in modified sign language to facilitate communication with Deaf sportsperson/s.
- Where necessary, upon request from Deaf sportsperson, Deaf Sports and Recreation Queensland shall advocate with the offending entity to provide equal access within reasonable boundary for Deaf people.

SECTION 5 EQUAL PARTICIPATION

- Deaf people is used generally to refer to
 - Deaf people who sign
 - People with Hearing Impaired
 - Deaf people with Cochlear Implant (C.I.)
- All Deaf people shall have the same right as ordinary citizens of Australia to participate at sports and recreation event. Deafness or hearing loss should not be seen as an excuse or barrier for exclusion or refusal of service and participation. This includes the right to choose sport or recreation and participate in elite training and aim for high honour, be it local state or national representative.
- Selection should be based on skills/ability, not on disability or hearing loss.
- All Deaf people shall have right to clear communicate in training, coaching and higher education involving sport and recreation career.
- All Deaf people shall have right to engage interpreter of preferable mode in order to participate in competition, training or team meeting.
- Where difficulties occurs such as communication, DSRQ shall endeavour to train the provider in modified sign language to facilitate future communication.