

Pathways

Local

- Come 'n' Try Days/Deaf Sports Day/Deaf Swimming Day
- Local Deaf sports Clubs and local mainstream sport clubs



State

- Deaf Sport Organisations & competitions
- Support towards participation in mainstream events at a state level



National

- National Deaf Sport competitions
- Australian Deaf Games
- Support towards participation in mainstream events at a National level



International

- Deaflympics
- International Deaf sports competitions

Example: Deaf Netball

Local

- Come 'n' Try Day for Deaf Netball
- Join local netball team or nearest Deaf Netball Team
- Local competitions e.g. Macgregor



State

- State Deaf Netball Competition
- Support towards participation in mainstream events at a state level, eg. DSAT training/ consultancy



National

- Margo Allen National Deaf Netball Club Championships organised by Deaf Netball Australia
- Australian Deaf Games
- Support towards participation in mainstream events at a National level e.g. contact with Deaf Netball Australia etc.



International

- Deaflympics
- World Deaf Netball Championship



Tips for supporting these pathways

Coaches

- Learn how to communicate effectively with deaf participants
 - learn specific techniques for coaching and game plans
 - get to know the individual deaf person's needs
 - learn Auslan
 - encourage respect amongst the team members



Local Clubs

- Provide training and resources to coaches
- promote your sport to potential deaf participants
- invite deaf people to your special events
- apply for grants for interpreters and specific equipment

Government

- Provide funding for DSAT training and deaf specific resources
- fund interpreters and travel
- specifically invite the Deaf community to consultation meetings
- encourage partnerships

Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and State Sporting Organisations (SSOs)

- Form partnerships and agreements with deaf sports organisations (e.g. Basketball Australia, Deaf Basketball Australia & Deaf Basketball Qld)
- ensure interpreters are provided at your community fun days/public sports events/display and information days
- include the deaf community in your membership drives
- target the Deaf community in your advertising

Parents

- Encourage your child to participate in sport
- take your child to deaf and mainstream Come 'n' Try days and sports events
- inform DSRQ of child's interest so support can be provided
- ask the sport event organiser to provide interpreters

Deaf consumers/Deaf clubs

- Apply for grants for club development activities
- become mentors for your deaf athletes
- volunteer at deaf and mainstream events
- ask mainstream organisations to provide interpreters
- actively seek new members for your club
- encourage young people to participate
- set up a 'youth division' within your club
- attend mainstream club events and meetings to learn from them



Contact DSRQ for more detailed personalised information on how you and/or your organisation can support deaf athletes.