



2017 USA Men's National Deaf Ice Hockey Team Announced

Chicago, IL – The American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA) has released the 23-man roster that will compete in the 3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships to be held in April of 2017 in Amherst, New York.

The 2017 U.S. National Deaf Ice Hockey team was chosen from players who attended the AHIHA tryout this summer in Buffalo, NY. The team has a geographically diverse roster with players from 13 different states.

Head Coach Joe Gotfryd said “The coaching staff is excited about our team that will represent the USA in the upcoming WDIHC. The team is comprised mainly of veteran players who have played for us in other international events with a few young players being introduced to the international scene for the first time. The team is prepared for the high level of competition that we will face in this tournament and ready for the challenge.”

The World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships will take place in Amherst, New York, April 19th – April 29th, 2017. Team USA won the Bronze medal at the 2015 Deaflympics held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

The team operates under the guidelines of the USA Deaf Sports Federation. To qualify for the games, athletes must have a hearing loss of at least 55 dB in their "better ear". Hearing aids, cochlear implants and the like are not allowed to be used in competition, to place all athletes on the same level.

Funding for athletes is provided by the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association through private donations and support from the USA Hockey Foundation. Donations to help cover player expenses can be sent to the address below.

About the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA)

AHIHA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is one of the leading sports organizations in the US serving deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Founded in 1973 by National Hockey League Hall of Fame member Stan Mikita and businessman Irv Tiahnybik. In 2009, Tony Granato, former NHL player and now the head coach of the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team, continued the leadership role started by Mikita and Tiahnybik. Long time AHIHA President and Head Coach Jeff Sauer, who recently passed away in February, was integral to the growth of the organization. To learn more about AHIHA, please visit www.ahiha.org or contact:

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For information on the USA Deaf Sports Federation:

www.usdeafsports.org

For information about the 2017 World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships:

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Roster for Team USA – 3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships 2017
Amherst, New York – April, 19– April, 29, 2017

Name	Height	Weight	Age	Hometown
Goaltenders				
Curran Allison	6 – 1	160	19	Laguna Niguel, CA
Joe Lingle*	5 – 9	205	25	Yardley, PA
Jeff Mansfield*	6 – 1	190	32	Arlington, MA
Defense				
Taylor Andersen	6 – 4	230	17	Bemidji, MN
Joey Bingham*	5 – 9	160	20	Franklinville, NJ
Christian Buczek*	5 – 10	170	19	Hamburg, NY
Tyler DeVore*	5 – 9	165	22	Boonton TWP, NJ
Miles Gates*	6 – 2	218	27	Erie, PA
Ryne Krueger	6 – 2	165	18	Barrington, IL
Aaron McGarvey*	5 – 11	200	24	Westchester, PA
T.J. Oricchio*	5 – 11	160	20	Plattsburgh, NY
Forwards				
Troy Benson*	6 – 3	196	27	Henderson, NC
Max Finley*	6 – 1	180	22	Peoria, IL
Henry Fusco	5 – 9	140	16	White Bear Lake, MN
Garrett Gintoli*	6 – 2	160	20	Shelton, CT
Peter Gintoli*	5 – 8	175	25	Shelton, CT
Sam Holzricher*	5 – 10	150	19	Sioux City, IA
Scott Humes	6 – 3	215	20	Columbus, OH
Grant Isenbarger*	6 – 2	180	23	Ft. Wayne, IN
Danny Kurchena	6 – 2	195	20	Rutland, VT
Bo Ruef*	5 – 9	180	25	Erie, PA
Derek Struwing*	5 – 9	165	19	Bartlett, IL
Mike Wonoski *	5 – 7	170	28	Beverly, MA

*Previous international team experience

TEAM STAFF

Head Coach: Joe Gotfryd, Brookfield, IL
 Assistant Coach: David Lassonde, NH
 Assistant Coach: Tony McGaughey, Holbrook, MA
 Medical Trainer: Jenny Janczak, Schaumburg, IL
 Team Physician: James Leonard MD, Western Springs, IL
 Equipment Manager: Rob Malnory, Madison, WI
 Interpreter: Jana Swenson, Minneapolis, MN
 General Manager: Cheryl Hager, Oak Lawn, IL