

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Eligibility & Classification Process

Who is Eligible?

Tennis Australia follows the Athlete Eligibility Policy set by Deaf Sports Australia which applies to all deaf and hard of hearing athletes who wish to participate in national and international sanctioned deaf sporting events (<http://deafsports.org.au/pathways/athlete-eligibility/>).

Many athletes have varying levels of hearing losses and the International Sports Committee for the Deaf (ICSD) has established a criteria under the Audiogram Regulations for deaf and hard of hearing athletes wishing to compete at sanctioned international deaf sporting events.

Code	Hearing Level Loss	Eligibility	Tennis Australia Events
AU0	0-39 dB 3FAHL	Not eligible to compete in DSA or ICSD approved events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream tennis tournaments
AU1	40-54 dB 3FAHL	Eligible to compete in DSA approved events – e.g. Australian Deaf Games, National Deaf Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream tennis tournaments Australian Deaf Games Australian Deaf Tennis Championships
AU2	55 dB or more 3FAHL	Eligible to compete in AU1 events plus ICSD approved events (e.g. Deaflympic Games, World Deaf Championships) and Australian National Sporting Organisation controlled events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream tennis tournaments Australian Deaf Games Australian Deaf Tennis Championships World Deaf Tennis Championships Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf Deaflympic Games

How do I get classified? How do I get an audiogram?

- If you have a copy of your latest audiogram, please complete an online form and submit this to Deaf Sports Australia via this link: <http://deafsports.org.au/classification/>
- If you do not have an up to date audiogram:
 - Make an appointment with your audiologist at Australian Hearing ([Find a local Australian Hearing Centre](#))
 - Obtain a copy of your audiogram at your appointment
 - Complete the online form to submit your audiogram via this link: <http://deafsports.org.au/classification/>

Next Steps?

- Deaf Sports Australia will receive your audiogram and present this to their Audiologist for assessment. Once the assessment has been completed, Deaf Sports Australia will provide you with a response on the outcome.
- When you receive the response from Deaf Sports Australia, you will need to notify Holly Tawse (HTawse@Tennis.com.au) at Tennis Australia to confirm your eligibility to compete in tennis events.