



DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
SINGAPORE



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I am deeply honoured to serve as the President of Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) once again in 2017-18 and I am excited to work closely with ASEAN Deaf Sports Federation in Year 2018.

Our athletes, coaches, volunteers and exco members stood out for their commitment to sports excellence and development programme. I would like to acknowledge the hardwork of volunteers and exco members for their time and efforts in ensuring that the programmes can keep going on.

I am very proud that Singapore has delivered its first Deaflympic medal in the history of Deaf sports. Ms Adelia Naomi Yokoyama clinched the Gold medal in the Women's Masters Bowling event at the Samsun 2017 Deaflympics. She brought national pride and many cheers to the deaf community.

In addition, Ms Kimberly Quek clinched the Bronze medal at the same event. She battled against the world class athletes from South Korea. This kind of experience has inspired her to have a sense of courage and determination for her future.

I am delighted to share that Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) has joined Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) as the Ordinary Member in August 2017. We look forward to work closely with SDSC to serve the Deaf community better.

We are working hard to expand a pool of athletes and prepare them for the upcoming ASEAN Deaf Games. We look forward to their achievements and their families will be proud of them because they sacrifice their time for regular training sessions.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank my team, athletes, supporters and donors for their contributions. Without them, everything would not be possible!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Eng Meng' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loh Eng Meng  
President

## INTRODUCTION

Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) [DSA] is registered with the Registry of Societies on 26 November 2012. The Unique Entity Number is T12SS0228C. DSA is an approved Institution of Public Character (IPC000799) from 07 March 2017 to 06 March 2020.

DSA serves as the national entity for all sports affairs relating to the Deaf Community in Singapore.

## VISION

The vision is to serve as an effective and productive organisation promoting Deaf sports in Singapore.

## OBJECTIVES

- To promote Deaf sport, culture and education in the Republic of Singapore;
- To serve as a platform to build a bridge between sports associations and Deaf athletes;
- To plan, organise and participate in local sports events and compete in regional and international sports championships; and
- To provide technical advice and sharing of knowledge on Deaf sports.

## MISSION

Inculcate values into the deaf community through sports as part of social integration, character building and healthy lifestyle.

**PRESIDENT**

Mr Loh Eng Meng

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr Jaffa Bin Mohamed Salleh \*

**SECRETARY**

Ms Koh Ee Lin \*

**TREASURER**

Mr Johnson Chia Rong Xi

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Mr Teet Guo Cheng

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms Jessica Mak Wei-E

Ms Lim Jia Yi

Mr Lee Siau Hua

Ms Tan Keng Ying

Ms Neoh Yew Kim

Note:

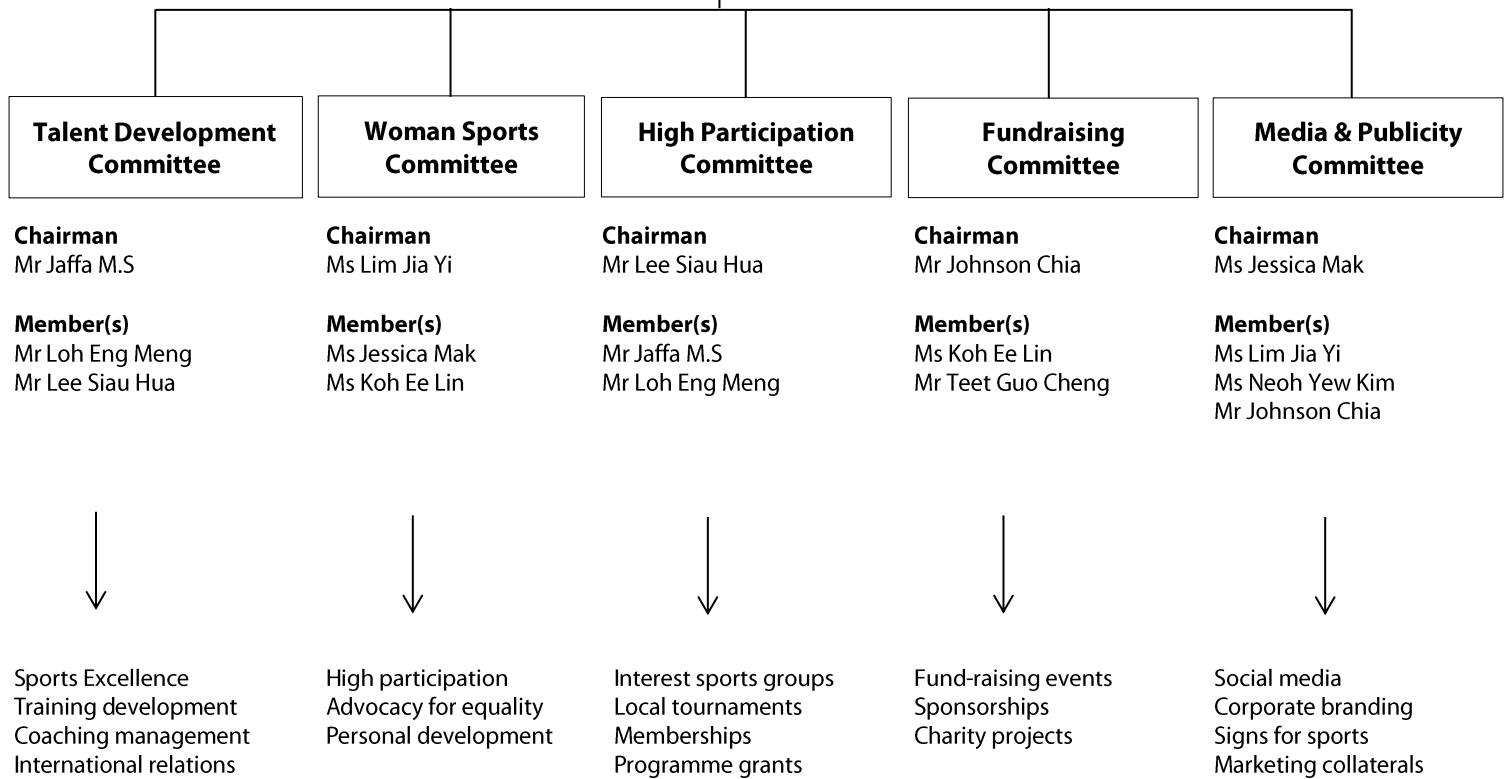
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# ORGANISATION CHART

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS



## MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 March 2018, our membership strength stood at 28. The breakdown is as follows:

Category	Ordinary	Total
Deaf	26	26
Non-Deaf	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>

As at 31 March 2018, our affiliate membership stood at 3. The breakdown is as follows:

Category	Corporate	Affiliate	Total
Companies	0	0	0
Organisations	0	0	1
Schools	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

List of Affiliate Members:

### 1) TOUCH SILENT CLUB

TOUCH Silent Club is a service of TOUCH Community Services, a not-for-profit charitable organisation officially registered in 1992 and a member of the National Council of Social Service. TOUCH Silent Club (TSC) was launched in March 1993 to meet the needs of the deaf community.

TSC works closely with DSA to promote sports awareness and encourage active participation through competitions.

Number of TSC members: 500

### Affiliated to Singapore Disability Sports Council

On 30 August 2017, Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) joined Singapore Disability Sports Council as the Ordinary Member.

## SPORTS AND PROGRAMMES

### SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Four (4) sports groups have been established to recruit athletes for DSA sports training programmes. Until the end of March 2017, the details of four (4) sports groups are as follow:

Sports	No of Athletes
Badminton	7
Bowling	10
Futsal	30
Swimming	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

#### 1) **Badminton development programme**

April 2017 – present

The badminton group has been training at Singapore Badminton Hall (SBH) every Sunday evening. The use of SBH badminton court was supported by Arina International Holding Pte Ltd.

They participated in several local tournaments such as Singapore National Games to enhance their performance and opportunity to qualify for the future ASEAN Deaf Games.



#### 2) **Bowling development programme**

April 2017 – present

The bowling team trained three times every week towards Deaflympics Games. Jforte Sportainment Centre supported these training sessions with special rates.

## Deaflympics Games 2017 Samsun

The national team contingent is as follows:

- |    |                            |                         |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) | Mr Loh Eng Meng            | (Chef De Mission)       |
| 2) | Mr Lee Siau Hua            | (Team Manager, Bowling) |
| 3) | Mr Francis Liew Foo Wai    | (Bowling Coach)         |
| 4) | Ms Tan Keng Ying           | (Chaperone)             |
| 5) | Mr Vincent Chong Kar Keong | (Bowler)                |
| 6) | Mr Lim Teck Kee            | (Bowler)                |
| 7) | Mr Toh Guanghui            | (Bowler)                |
| 8) | Mr Kimberly Quek Hwee      | (Bowler)                |
| 9) | Mr Adelia Naomi Yokoyama   | (Bowler)                |



Singapore earned its first Deaflympics Games medals at Samsun, Turkey, when game debutants Adelia Naomi Yokoyama and Kimberly Quek Hwee won Gold and Bronze medal respectively. DSA scouted them during the National Deaf Games and trained them through our sports development programme.



18-year-old Adelia Naomi, a former student from CHIJ Katong Convent Secondary School, emerged victorious after five grueling rounds, ending with a flourish when she took Gold from Women All Events champion, Kim Jieun from South Korea in the finals of Women Masters. South Korea ranked third in the medal tally for Deaflympics 2017.

17-year-old Kimberly Quek, currently studying at Singapore Sports School, put up a tough fight as well, competing against the world class bowlers from South Korea. She is the first female deaf Singaporean to set a personal record of 1269 pinfalls and clinched the Bronze medal at the Bowling Women's Master event.

The girls' wins have far exceeded DSA's initial hopes of bringing home Singapore's first Deaflympic medal.

### 3) **Futsal development programme**

April 2017 – present

The men futsal programme continued training at MOE Evan Road on Saturdays.

For the first time, the female futsal players have been added to the programme after the successful Annual National Deaf Games.



## **PROGRAMMES**

### **1) 3<sup>rd</sup> National Deaf Games 2017** 29 October to 18 November 2017

This is the third edition of National Deaf Games held in three consecutive years. The Swimming event was replaced to Table Tennis, forming one of the four games. We will be doing a partnership with the Singapore Disability Sport Council by holding a swimming competition for all disabilities including deaf.

The Games featured four events: Badminton, Bowling, Futsal and Table-Tennis. It registered a record high participation of 147.

On a special note, Eliza Goy Sze Leng, currently studying at Mee Toh School, became the youngest participant at age 10, to compete in the Under-18 Girls Badminton Event in 2016 and won the gold medal. She surprised everyone by producing a commendable performance at the Badminton event of the 2016 and 2017 National Deaf Games.

<b>Guest of Honour(s)</b>	<b>Event/Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Mr Kevin Wong President, Singapore Disability Sports Council	Futsal 29 October 2017	FutsalArena@Yishun
Mr Richard Tan Chairman, Arina International Holdings Pte Ltd	Badminton 5 November 2017	Singapore Badminton Hall Arena
Ms Cecilia Chong Director, Copytron Table Tennis Club	Table-Tennis 11 November 2017	Copytron Table Tennis
Mr Suranga Nanayakkara Head of Augmented Human Lab and Assistant Professor at SUTD	Bowling 12 November 2017	Forte Bowl



Badminton Games



Futsal Games



Table Tennis Games



Bowling Games

## 2) Deaf Sports Awareness Programme

### i) Visit Lighthouse School

Our board member, Ms Lim Jia Yi, gave a presentation talk on Deaf Sports Awareness at the Lighthouse School. It gave 28 deaf students to have a better understanding about deaf sports development, deaf community and deaf international events.

The talk aimed to encourage them to develop interest in sports and provide them the opportunity to participate in sports camp, National Deaf Games and Learn to Play programme.



### ii) St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School

Ms Adelia Naomi Yokoyama who won the first Gold Deaflympics medal, was invited to give a talk at St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School. About 20 Deaf students attended the sharing session.

The students were inspired by Ms Adelia Naomi's achievements and struggles. She gave a piece of advice to those who are wearing cochlear implant or do not know sign language – that they would be always welcome to participate in major games as long as they pass the audiogram test, which need to be screened at least 55 dB levels.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) would like to acknowledge the following donation, sponsorship, and in-kinds sponsorship that were contributed towards the development programme, National Deaf Games and major games in the last two years.

### **Cash Donation (\$2,000 and above)**

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Kuok (Singapore) Limited  
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Lim Teck Kee  
Lim Yoke Kwan  
Alpha Celsius Pte Ltd  
Liew Foo Wai

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