

USA DEAF BASEBALL

MEDIA GUIDE

2026





WELCOME



Hello Friends,

Baseball and community are at the heart of who we are. Baseball is far more than a game, it is a source of joy, culture, history, and connection. For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, it is also a powerful space for identity, pride, and belonging.

Our organization exists to serve and strengthen the Deaf baseball community at every level. While fielding a national team for the World Deaf Baseball Championship in Kanagawa, Japan in November 2026 is an important milestone, our mission reaches far beyond international competition. We are committed to building sustainable pathways for Deaf and Hard of Hearing athletes through youth baseball clinics, overnight summer camps, leadership development, and year-round opportunities to grow both on and off the field.

Across the country, thousands of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children play on predominantly hearing little league teams. Too often, they do so without access to Deaf role models, language access, or a broader sense of community. We want them to know they are not alone. We are here to support them, empower them, and connect them to a rich legacy of Deaf athletes who have paved the way.

This inaugural media guide represents more than a team, it represents a movement. With your support, we can elevate visibility, create access, and foster confidence, pride, and belonging for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth nationwide.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping us build a stronger future for Deaf baseball.

Sincerely,

Danny Gabel
USA Deaf Baseball
Executive Director



Since 1996, **USA Deaf Baseball** has been the national governing body for the sport of baseball.

It represents athletes who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing across the United States of America.

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Our Mission

USA Deaf Baseball exists to:

- ★ Provide accessible, competitive baseball opportunities for athletes who are Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- ★ Empower athletes to communicate fully in their own language
- ★ Create environments where athletes compete proudly
- ★ Ensure Deaf athletes belong completely – on and off the field

Who We Are

A national Deaf-led program that:

- ★ Competes internationally at major Deaf events
- ★ Hosts youth & development clinics
- ★ Develops coaches who understand Deaf athletes
- ★ Creates opportunities never had
- ★ Builds a thriving community of athletes, volunteers, & families

Why It Matters

Deaf Athletes Face Barriers

- ★ Limited access to qualified coaching
- ★ Communication gaps in hearing programs
- ★ Few role models who use ASL
- ★ Isolation in team environments

We Change the Narrative

- ★ Teach in full ASL
- ★ Build community, not just teams
- ★ Safe, culturally aligned spaces
- ★ Develop leaders – not just athletes

“Playing Deaf baseball and wearing ‘USA’ is an honor. It means we get to represent something bigger than ourselves.”

Marcus Smith
2026 Team USA Athlete

Our Vision

1-Year Plan (2026 Season)

- ★ Compete at 2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship in Japan
- ★ Host multiple youth clinics nationwide
- ★ Build a national player pipeline
- ★ Train Deaf development coaches
- ★ Launch a national Deaf youth camp

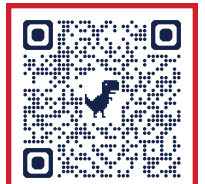
5-Year Plan (2027-2031)

- ★ Establish annual national Deaf youth camp
- ★ Competitive 18U Team USA
- ★ Deaf school league partnerships
- ★ U.S. Deaf Baseball Tournaments
- ★ Representation in next Deaflympics



Stretch Goal: Host a World Deaf Baseball Championship in 2030

Every practice, tournament, and camp brings us one step closer to Japan. Your support helps cover travel, lodging, equipment, and accessibility for every athlete, coach, & staff.



Help Send Team USA to Japan – Donate Today!



LEADERSHIP & STAFF

Board Team



DANNY GABEL | Staten Island, NY
Executive Director

Born in Staten Island, New York, and now living in Frederick, Maryland, Danny holds both a B.A. in Deaf Studies and an M.A. in Public Administration from Gallaudet University. A General Contractor by trade, Danny has also served as President of the Staten Island Club for the Deaf and the Eastern Athletics Association for the Deaf, championing Deaf sports leadership nationwide.



KENNY LONG | Plainfield, IN
Operations Coordinator

Hailing from Sacramento, California, and now based in Waldorf, Maryland, Kenny holds a B.A. in Communication Studies and an A.A. in Physical Education and Recreation from Gallaudet University. He teaches American Sign Language at the high school level and serves as an NCAA Men's Basketball Referee, bringing unique leadership and athletic insight to USA Deaf Baseball.



DARREN DROLSBAUGH | Buda, TX
Youth Programs Coordinator

Originally from North Wales, Pennsylvania, and now living in Buda, Texas, Darren earned his B.S. in Risk Management and Insurance from Gallaudet University. He currently serves as an Athletics Administrative Assistant at the Texas School for the Deaf, contributing his sports management background and lifelong passion for baseball to the continued growth of USA Deaf Baseball.



JAKE GRINDSTAFF | Frederick, MD
Finance Coordinator

Born and raised in Maryland, Jake currently resides in Frederick, MD, and works in Financial Management in the federal government. A three-time graduate of Gallaudet University, he earned degrees in Risk Management, Business Administration, and a Master's in Public Administration. Jake previously served with the Maryland School for the Deaf Alumni Association (MSDAA) and is a proud Team USA captain.



DYLAN HEUER | Des Moines, IA
Visual Media Coordinator

Dylan Heuer works as a team photographer for the Iowa Cubs, Iowa Wolves, and freelancer for MLB, NBA, and various other organizations — and is a former MLB photo editor. He specializes in capturing sports stories through visual design. He is also the founder of the Iowa Baseball Camp for the Deaf, a non-profit organization that provides baseball experiences for children who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing.



CHESTER KUSCHMIDER | Frederick, MD
Member At Large

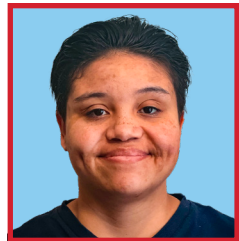
A native of Olathe, Kansas, and current resident of Frederick, Maryland, Chester earned his B.A. in Studio Art from Gallaudet University. He teaches Art at the Maryland School for the Deaf and is an active member of the Southeastern Deaf Golf Association, combining his passion for education, sports, and community engagement.



CLINT SQUIRES | Mitchellville, MD
Member At Large

Originally from Springfield, Illinois, and now based in Mitchellville, Maryland, Clint serves as an accountant in the federal government. He holds a B.S. in Accounting and Business Administration and brings extensive financial experience to the board, helping guide USA Deaf Baseball's organizational growth and sustainability.

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COACHING STAFF



Head Coach



JONNY FURMAN

Austin, TX

A native of Long Island, Jonny Furman brings over a decade of coaching experience at Deaf schools and men's leagues. Known for his inclusive leadership and passion for the game, he combines a strong baseball background with deep commitment to the Deaf community. Coach Furman aims to guide Team USA with pride, unity, and excellence on the international stage.

Experience Highlights:

- ★ Former collegiate player at Suffolk County Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology
- ★ 10+ years of varsity coaching at AASD, TLC/MPS, and Texas School for the Deaf
- ★ Managed and played for multiple men's league teams in Austin, Texas
- ★ Experienced teacher, coach, and umpire across youth and collegiate levels



"Baseball speaks every language, including ours."

Jonny Furman



Assistant Coaches



KENNY LONG

Plainfield, IN

Kenny Long brings a strategic, data-driven mindset to the coaching staff. A former Gallaudet University player, his playing career was cut short by injury, pivoting him toward coaching. Since then, he's earned Coach of the Year honors, led multiple playoff teams, and helped guide Team USA to a silver medal at the 2024 Deaf Baseball World Championship.

Key Responsibilities:

- ★ Analyze performance metrics and player trends
- ★ Create scouting reports and prep tools
- ★ Manage tournament data flow, in-game strategy board, and post-game reviews



TYSON GILLIES

Vancouver, CAN

A former professional outfielder with over a decade of elite experience, Tyson Gillies brings star power and grit to Team USA. Drafted by the Seattle Mariners and later traded to the Philadelphia Phillies, Tyson was a mainstay on the Phillies' 40-man roster and represented Team Canada in international play, including the World Baseball Classic and Pan American Games.

Key Responsibilities:

- ★ Instruct offensive tactics and advanced baserunning
- ★ Serve as defensive coordinator and work with players on positioning, reads, and footwork
- ★ Drive game momentum and manage in-game adjustments



SKIP FLANAGAN

Rochester, NY

Dr. Skip Flanagan is a High Performance Coach blending elite baseball experience with human performance and sport psychology. A former Under Armour Preseason All-American and RIT standout, he now supports USA Deaf Baseball—on the field and in the dugout—helping athletes develop the physical tools, mental skills, and confidence to perform when it matters most.

Key Responsibilities:

- ★ Lead mental performance and high-performance development initiatives
- ★ Support strength, recovery, routines, and confidence training
- ★ Build team culture, game strategy, cohesion, and on-field readiness



TEAM ROSTER



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B/T: R/L • AGE: 24
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ROAD TO JAPAN



2026 Outlook

Every stop on the road to the **2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship** strengthens our team – on the field, in the community, and as ambassadors for Deaf athletes across America.

March 2026

Las Vegas, NV

MSBL/MABL Kickoff

- ★ Early spring tournament
- ★ Team USA evaluates talent, tests lineups, and builds team chemistry



June 2026

Des Moines, IA

Iowa Baseball Camp for the Deaf

- ★ Team USA joins IBCD as guest coaches
- ★ Joins Deaf Culture Night with the Iowa Cubs
- ★ Plays friendly exhibition games vs local men's league teams



August 2026

Washington, D.C.

USA Deaf Baseball Classic

- ★ Host youth clinics
- ★ Team practices at Gallaudet University
- ★ Regional tune-up tournament before Japan



2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship

November 1-3, 2026

Kanagawa, Japan

2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship

The world's premier Deaf baseball event returns in Japan. Held every two years, the WDBC brings together the top Deaf baseball nations for elite competition, cultural exchange, and global visibility.

2026 marks only the second WDBC, with the next tournament expected to take place in South Korea in 2028.

Team USA will arrive in Japan battle-tested – every exhibition and tournament adding real experience, momentum, and confidence on the world stage.

Nations expected:

USA, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, along with growing interest from additional countries.

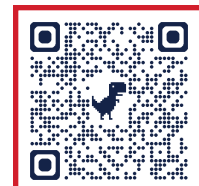
Our goal: Represent the Deaf community on the international stage and bring home gold.



“Every stop across America brings us one step closer to Japan – to compete, and to show the world what Deaf athletes can do.”

Danny Gabel
Executive Director

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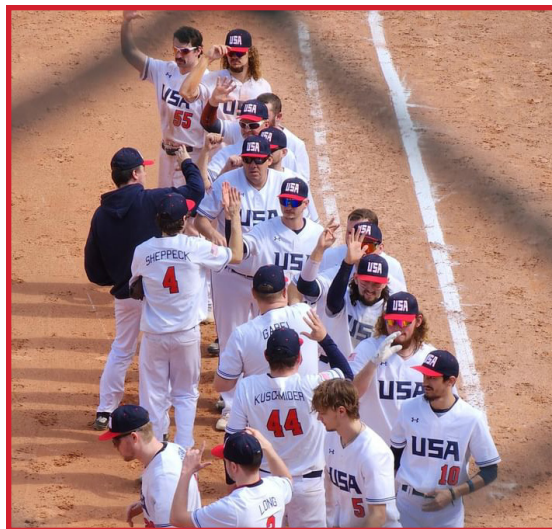


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HISTORY

2024 World Deaf Baseball Championship



Team USA Earns Silver on the Global Stage

International Deaf baseball made its long-awaited return in 2024 with the inaugural World Deaf Baseball Championship in Taipei City Taiwan, marking a new era for global Deaf athletics.

Team USA battled through a competitive field to earn the silver medal, finishing behind Japan in the championship game.

Highlights

- ★ **Coaches:** Kenny Long, Danny Gabel, Siah Huseby
- ★ **Captains:** Jake Grindstaff, Darren Drolsbaugh, Chester Kuschmider
- ★ **Final Record:** 3-3 overall (2-2 in round-robin, 1-1 in playoff)
- ★ **Key Wins:** Defeated Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan
- ★ **Championship Result:** Lost to Japan, 13-5

Tournament All-Stars

- Four Americans were recognized for their outstanding performances:
- ★ Tournament Team MVP Stefan Anderson
 - ★ OF Kyle Gumm
 - ★ 3B Mitchell Bensman
 - ★ 1B Darren Drolsbaugh

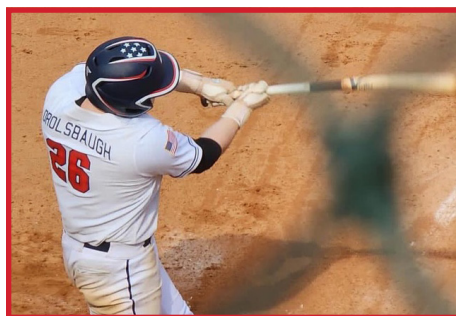


Medals

- 1 JAPAN**
 - 2 USA**
 - 3 TAIWAN**
- 4) Korea 5) Mexico

Results

Game	Result
USA vs Korea	W, 17-7
USA vs Taiwan	L, 5-6
USA vs Japan	L, 6-11
USA vs Mexico	W, 13-1
USA vs Taiwan SEMI-FINAL	W, 14-2
USA vs Japan FINALS	L 5-13



Previous Competitions



2000 - Washington, D.C.

The World Deaf Friendly Games were hosted at Gallaudet University, where the USA team emerged victorious with the gold medal.

- 1 USA**



1998 - Japan

The Japan-American Deaf Goodwill Baseball Games took place in Japan, with the USA team securing the gold medal.

- 1 USA**



1996 - Venezuela

The Venezuela Pan Am Baseball Championship was held in Venezuela, where the USA Deaf Baseball Team won the gold medal.

- 1 USA**

Notable Deaf Players in MLB History

William "Dummy" Hoy was the most successful Deaf player in baseball history, who played 15 seasons in the major leagues from 1888-1902, spending most of his career as a center fielder. He collected 2,048 hits, stole 596 bases, and recorded 725 runs batted in.



Some sources also credit him as one of the early influences behind modern umpire hand signals. Because he could not hear balls and strikes, umpires would raise their right arm to signal a strike and their left arm to signal a ball, a practice that later became standard for all umpires that is still in use today.

In the 21st century, Hoy received consideration from the Veterans Committee for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. His nickname - "Dummy" - was a common nickname at the time for those who did not speak.

Hoy played for the following teams - Washington Nationals (1888-1889), Buffalo Bisons (1890), St. Louis Browns (1891), Washington Senators (1892-1893), Cincinnati Reds (1894-1897, 1902), Louisville Colonels (1898-1899), Chicago White Sox (1901).

Curtis Pride is widely regarded as the most successful modern deaf Major League Baseball (MLB) player. Deaf from birth, he overcame adversity and went on to excel in multiple sports in high school. Pride then attended the College of William & Mary on a basketball scholarship before focusing on baseball.



Pride made his MLB debut with the Montreal Expos in 1993, becoming the first deaf major-league player since 1945. Over 11 seasons (1993-2006), he appeared in 421 games for six teams - including the Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim - compiling a .250 batting average with 20 home runs and 82 RBIs.

After his playing career, Pride became head coach at Gallaudet University (2009-2024), a school for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, and in 2015 was named MLB's Ambassador for Inclusion.

Pride's journey as a deaf individual stands as a powerful example that disability need not limit dreams.

YOUTH CLINICS



Inspiring the next generation



Building Confidence & Deaf Pride

Our Youth Clinics bring athletes who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing together to learn, compete, and connect – all in 100% ASL.

Led by Deaf and signing coaches, athletes train without barriers and discover the joy of baseball in a community that understands them.

What Our Clinics Provide

- ★ Coaching fully in ASL
- ★ Skill stations & guided drills
- ★ Teamwork & sportsmanship
- ★ Mentorship from Team USA players
- ★ Safe space for families & Deaf community

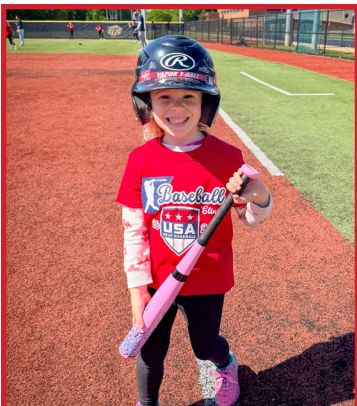
Past & Future Youth Clinics

Date	Location
May 2025	Washington, D.C.
June 2025	Austin, Texas
Dec. 2025	Austin, Texas
Spring 2026	5+ Clinics nationwide <i>SoCal, Rochester (NY), Indiana, etc.</i>
June 2026	Des Moines, Iowa (IBCD)
August 2026	Washington, D.C.
Spring 2027	10+ Clinics nationwide
Summer 2027	National Deaf Baseball Camp



“My son never felt included in Little League. After joining the USA Deaf Baseball clinic, we found his confidence and community.”

Deaf Youth Parent





IMPACT

Empowering Deaf Athletes to compete, connect, and lead

Our Drive for Change

Deaf athletes have the talent – but not always the access.

As school programs fade and opportunities decline, Deaf players face barriers to coaching, role models, and belonging.

USA Deaf Baseball bridges that gap through development, mentorship, and leadership programs.

Our Ongoing Impact

- ★ 60+ Deaf athletes represented Team USA internationally
- ★ Multiple youth clinics hosted nationwide
- ★ Partnerships promoting Deaf inclusion
- ★ ASL-first environments for families and athletes
- ★ Community that extends beyond the field



Moments from our journey across the 2024 World Deaf Baseball Championship and a youth clinic.

Overall Goal: \$200,000

Every pitch, every play, and every victory tells a story – a story of perseverance, unity, and belief in what’s possible.

With your support, USA Deaf Baseball will continue to provide athletes who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with the resources they need to compete, connect, and inspire – as they prepare to represent the United States at the **2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship** in Kanagawa, Japan.

These are the two core priorities your support fuels:

Team Travel Budget

Goal: \$150,000

Supports all travel and competition expenses for the **2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship**:

- ★ International airfare, lodging, meals
- ★ Team training, practice facilities, insurance
- ★ Equipment, uniforms, and medical support
- ★ Contingency reserve for unforeseen expenses

Youth Baseball Clinic

Goal: \$50,000

A portion of all donations support youth baseball clinics for children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing across the U.S., helping:

- ★ Provide equipment and facilities
- ★ Support volunteer coaches’ travel
- ★ Promote inclusion, teamwork, and leadership in Deaf Sports

“Deaf baseball is more than a sport. It’s identity, culture, and a stage where our athletes show the world what’s possible.”

Jake Grindstaff
Finance Coordinator &
2024 Team USA Captain



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Tax-deductible (EIN 99-0756054)

Full budget breakdown available upon request.



Your partnership fuels Team USA's journey to Japan

Fuel the Journey

Sponsorship makes our journey possible. You help provide the resources Deaf athletes rely on – airfare, housing, interpreters, equipment, training, and clinics – while gaining brand visibility.

Together, we will represent the USA and the Deaf community at the **2026 World Deaf Baseball Championship** in Kanagawa, Japan.

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We believe in open communication and collaborative partnerships. If you have questions, ideas, or have interest in supporting our athletes, contact us! We're here to talk.



Sponsorship Packages

Hall of Fame Sponsor

\$25,000+ (1 slot available)

Includes MVP benefits, plus:

- ★ Prominent exclusive logo placement on:
 - USA Deaf Baseball jerseys (sleeve)
 - Practice shirts (sleeve)
- ★ 3 custom jerseys (home, away, and practice)
- ★ Primary presenting sponsor with prominent logo placement across nearly all season-long sponsor recognition graphics.
- ★ +2 additional USA Deaf Baseball shirts (8 total)
- ★ Opportunity to co-brand a youth clinic
- ★ Video interview with sponsor representative to be shared on social media)



Flagship partner and primary corporate brand associated with the team. Hall of Fame partners are featured on all of our jerseys. Helmet branding is reserved for MVP sponsors to maximize visibility across media and game action.

All-Star Sponsor

\$5,000+

Includes Starter benefits, plus:

- ★ Group logo placement on select sponsor recognition graphics, included periodically throughout the year as part of USA Deaf Baseball's social media content.
- ★ +2 additional USA Deaf Baseball shirts (4 total)
- ★ Autographed team baseball



Best tier for regional companies and organizations wanting ongoing visibility.

Starter Sponsor

\$2,500+

Includes Rookie benefits, plus:

- ★ Dedicated Sponsor Spotlight post (short feature article with quotes, shared on website and/or social media)
- ★ 2 USA Deaf Baseball shirts

Recognizes sponsors who support the team at a deeper level.

MVP Sponsor

\$10,000+ (2 slots available)

Includes All-Star benefits, plus:

- ★ Your logo on team **batting helmets**
 - One sponsor per side (up to two total).
- ★ One USA Deaf Baseball helmet featuring sponsor's logo
- ★ Group logo placement on season-long sponsor recognition graphics, displayed alongside other MVP sponsors within USA Deaf Baseball's recurring social media posts.
- ★ Branded social media reel (15–30 seconds) promoting your company in a Deaf-friendly format with players
 - Up to 3 branded video features across the 2026 campaign
- ★ +2 additional USA Deaf Baseball shirts (6 total)



Premium exposure with branded media assets and game-day visibility.

Rookie Sponsor

\$1,000+

Includes Prospect benefits, plus:

- ★ Social media thank-you shout-out
- ★ Logo and website link on official website sponsor page
- ★ 8x10 printed team photo

Ideal for small businesses, families, and local supporters.

Prospect Sponsor

\$500+

- ★ Name listed on website as a supporter
- ★ Digital thank-you letter

Simple and accessible entry level.

Sponsor Alignment Policy

USA Deaf Baseball partners with organizations whose values align with access, inclusion, youth development, and leadership. Partnerships may be declined if they conflict with Deaf community ethics or promote services including but not limited to: political organizations, gambling platforms, or similar industries.

Social Media Logo Placements

Sponsor recognition graphics are part of USA Deaf Baseball's regular social media content rotation. Graphic usage varies by event, schedule, and season needs. Specific post frequency and placement are not guaranteed.

Individual & A-La-Carte Support

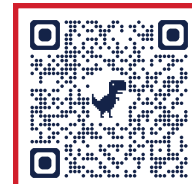
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Tax Deduction Info

Portions of sponsorship may be tax-deductible. USA Deaf Baseball will provide a receipt identifying the deductible amount minus the fair market value of goods/services provided.

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*Empowering
Deaf Athletes
with Baseball*



Who We Are

We field a national Deaf baseball team that competes internationally – and aims for the Deaflympics in the future. As a **nonprofit organization**, we also host youth clinics and tournaments across the country, creating a rare space where athletes who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing can play freely, communicate fully, and belong completely.

On November 1–3, 2026, USA Deaf Baseball will compete in the **World Deaf Baseball Championship** in Japan.

2026 Road to Japan

From Las Vegas tournaments to community events and tune-up games in Iowa and D.C., USA Deaf Baseball is gaining momentum for the **World Deaf Baseball Championship** in Japan (Nov. 1–3, 2026).



March 2026
Las Vegas, NV



June 2026
Des Moines, IA



August 2026
Washington, D.C.



November 2026
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