



UK Deaf Athletics – Inclusion & Communication Statement

We are a deaf-aware community group. Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, and we aim to remove barriers to participation in athletics.

Our commitments

- We use clear, visual and accessible communication.
- We provide information in BSL where possible.
- We plan sessions with deaf athletes in mind.
- We use visual starting signals and safe communication methods.
- We welcome all levels of deafness and hard-of-hearing people of all ages.
- We promote deaf inclusion in athletics across the UK.

We recognise and support the diverse communication needs of Deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Our core communication provisions are:

- **International Sign Language (ISL)**
- **British Sign Language (BSL)**
- **Visual communication** (written information, diagrams, demonstrations, clear signage)
- **Lipreading support**, including good lighting and clear face visibility

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This statement will be reviewed annually by the committee.