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National Volleyball Team Forming at RIT

NTID News - February 28, 2008

Sixteen of the country's best deaf volleyball players will try out for the USA Deaf Mens National Volleyball Team at Rochester Institute of Technology on March 7 to 9. The 12 members selected are expected to participate in the Deaflympic Games in Taipei, Taiwan in September 2009.

The tryouts are coming to RIT, home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Team coach Roger Worsley is the head volleyball coach for the women's team at RIT; Rochester's large deaf population is another reason the tryouts are happening at RIT.

"RIT/NTID is happy to host the national tryouts for the USA Deaf Mens National Volleyball Team," said Alan Hurwitz, CEO of NTID and dean and vice president of RIT for NTID. "I wish them well and am confident they will be contenders to medal in Taipei in 2009!"

The team earned the right to compete in Taipei after winning the silver medal in the Pan American games in Venezuela in 2007. About half of those team members are expected to try out for this national team, Worsley said.

Once the team has been selected, they will practice as a group four times around the country prior to the Taipei games.

Tryouts must be male, at least 16 years of age and have a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels. Anyone interested should contact [Roger Worsley](#).

The public is welcome to watch the tryouts at RIT's Clark Gymnasium from 6 to 9 p.m. Fri., March 7; 9 to 11 a.m.; 2 to 4 p.m.; 6 to 9 p.m. on Sat., March 8; and 9 a.m. to noon on Sun., March 9.

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