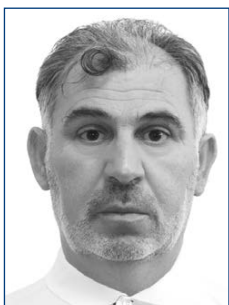


Analysis of the dynamics of performances of the Russian national team in tennis (deaf sports) at the major international competitions

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Abstract

The article provides an analysis of the performance of hearing-impaired Russian tennis players at the Summer Deaflympics in 2013, 2017; European Championships 2016, 2019; and World Championships 2015, 2019 in Deaf sports. In contrast to the 2013 Deaflympics, the 2015 World Cup and the 2016 European Championship, the number of countries with champions and prize-winners has increased. Our team included 8 athletes (4 male and 4 female tennis players). In total, athletes from 13 countries in 2016 and 15 countries in 2021 took part in the European Championships; 18 countries in 2015 and 22 countries in 2019 in the World Championships; and 16 countries in 2013 and 18 countries in 2017 in the Summer Deaflympics. Static analysis of the performance results of tennis players in all events at tournaments in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021 showed that the best results were shown at the European Championships in 2016. The players there won three gold medals out of five: two golds in singles and one gold in mixed doubles. At the World Championship in 2015, one gold medal was won.

Keywords: *analysis, dynamics, performance, tennis players, championship, deaf sports.*

Introduction. Competitions in the sports discipline 'tennis' among the hearing-impaired athletes are held in accordance with the present rules of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). Adaptation of sports facilities according to the needs of deaf athletes is not required. The competition requires the presence of at least two sign language interpreters. The purpose of our study is to analyze and evaluate the performances of the Russian men's and women's tennis team (deaf sports) at major international competitions.

The object of the research is the competitive process of tennis players of the Russian national tennis team (deaf sports) at the European Championships, World Championships and Summer Deaflympics.

The subject of the research is the performance dynamics of the Russian national tennis team (deaf

sports) players at the European Championships, World Championships and Summer Deaflympics.

Research objectives are to determine the performance indicators of Russian tennis players at major international competitions (the 2013 Deaflympics 2013, the 2017 Deaflympics, the 2016 European Championships, the 2021 European Championships, the 2015 World Championships, the 2019 World Championships).

Research methods are the analysis of documents and protocols of tennis competitions, study of literary sources and Internet resources on the topic of our study.

Table 1 shows that the best results were shown at the 2016 European Championship where tennis players won three gold medals. This is the best result in



Table 1 The results of the performance of Russian national team (deaf sports) tennis players at the 2016 and 2021 European Championships

Event	Performance results							
	The 2021 European Ch.				The 2016 European Ch.			
	1*	2*	3*	4*	1*	2*	3*	4*
Men's Singles	1/32	1/16	1/16	1/8	1/32	1/32	1/16	1st place
Women's Singles	-	1/16	1/16	1st place	1/32	1/8	1/4	1st place
Men's Doubles	-	1/8	-	3rd place	1/8	1/8	-	-
Women's Doubles	-	-	-	3rd place	1/8	1/8	-	-
Mixed Doubles	-	1/8	1/8	2nd place	-	1/16	-	1st place

Note: 1* - player 1, 2* - player 2, 3* - player 3, 4* - player 4.

the history of our athletes at the European Deaf Tennis Championships. As for the the 2021 European Championships, our athletes won four medals (one gold, one silver and two bronzes).

Table 2 provides information on the number of prizes and places won by the the Russian national team

tennis players at the 2015 and 2019 World Championships.

Table 3 shows that the 2017 Summer Deaflympics turned out to be more productive than the 2013 Deaflympics, as three medals (gold, silver and bronze) were won, while in 2013 – none.

Table 2 The results of the performance of Russian national team (deaf sports) tennis players at the 2015 and 2019 World Championships

Event	Performance results							
	The 2015 World Ch.				The 2019 World Ch.			
	1*	2*	3*	4*	1*	2*	3*	4*
Men's Singles	1/32	1/16	1/8	1st place	1/32	1/32	1/16	1/8
Women's Singles	1/32	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/32	1/16	1/8	3rd place
Men's Doubles	-	1/16	1/8	-	-	1/16	1/4	-
Women's Doubles	-	1/16	1/16	-	-	1/16	1/8	-
Mixed Doubles	1/32	1/16	1/8	1/8	1/16	1/16	1/8	1/4

Note: 1* - player 1, 2* - player 2, 3* - player 3, 4* - player 4.

Table 3 The results of the performance of Russian national team (deaf sports) tennis players at the 2013 and 2017 Summer Deaflympics

Event	Performance results							
	the 2013 Deaflympics				the 2017 Deaflympics			
	1*	2*	3*	4*	1*	2*	3*	4*
Men's Singles	1/32	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/32	1/16	1/4	3rd place
Women's Singles	1/16	1/16	1/8	1/8	1/32	1/8	1/4	2nd place
Men's Doubles	1/8	1/4	-	-	1/8	1/4	-	-
Women's Doubles	1/8	1/8	-	-	1/8	1/8	-	-
Mixed Doubles	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/8	1st place

Note: 1* - player 1, 2* - player 2, 3* - player 3, 4* - player 4.



To sum up the performance of the Russian team at the World Championships, it should be recognized as good:

- The 2015 World Championship was attended by 32 men and 24 women. The results of our athletes were as follows: Panyushkin E. - 1st place; Chumak A. - 5-8 places; Grin A. - 9-16 places.

- The 2019 World Championship was attended by 21 men and 22 women. The results of our athletes in singles are as follows: Smirnova P. - 3rd place; Chumak A., Lasitsa A. - 9-16 places; Abramov V., Revin Ya., Likharev S. - 9-16 places.

Conclusion. Based on the results shown by Russian tennis players (deaf sports), the performance at the European Championships should be considered successful as four gold, one silver and two bronze

medals were won. As for the World Championships, the performance was not successful, since our athletes won only one gold and one silver medal out of 30 possible medals in two competitions. As for the Summer Deaflympics, only 3 medals were won for both competitions: gold, silver and bronze.

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