

# 2017 USA MEN'S DEAF NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM



**Ryan Nelson - 8**  
L / 5'8"

## Personal

Name: Ryan Nelson  
Sport: Volleyball  
Discipline(s): Volleyball  
Position: Libero/Defensive Specialist  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 120  
Hometown: O'Fallon, IL  
High School: O'Fallon Township High School

## Volleyball Career Highlights

6 years of Club Volleyball  
4 years of O'Fallon High School Volleyball  
3 years Scholar Athlete Award  
Illinois Elite 8 State Finals 2015  
Regional Champions 2015 and 2016  
    1st Team All Tournament Lafayette 2015  
    2nd Team All Conference 2015  
    1st Team All Conference 2016  
2nd place finish Pan Am Games 2016  
5th place Deaf World Championships 2016

## Interest

I was born profoundly deaf and I wear bilateral cochlear implants. I am from Southern Illinois where I still live with my parents, Judy and Craig Nelson, and my younger brother Ethan. I will begin college in the fall of 2017. I enjoy family time and hanging out with friends. I design, organize, and construct an annual neighborhood Christmas lights display.

## Quote

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."  
Walt Disney