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Goalball Times

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Welcome

Hi all

Well we enter the New Year in relatively good shape. At our recent review meeting with Sport England we revealed that we are ahead of our key targets (total participation numbers and talent pathway). Indeed we have had such a good increase in playing numbers that Alex now has to try and source an appropriate venue for our annual end of season tournament that has 3 separate playing areas/halls to accommodate us. A nice challenge to have!

Let's all ensure we keep making good strides throughout 2014.

Cheers.
Mike Reilly
CEO

Goalball Corporate Event Experience

We are very pleased to announce that we have launched a new event/workshop called the "Goalball Corporate Event Experience". This is an exciting unique event for businesses to improve their communication, leadership, and teamwork skills within their organisation. Hopefully this will create a major new revenue source for us for the foreseeable future helping us to further develop and expand our sport. In addition it should increase our awareness and profile, engage us with large corporates, and introduce new people to Goalball.

To view the video please click on the link below.



To find out more please click on this link <http://goalballuk-events.com>

Club Scene

Coaching Conference

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New IBSA Goalball Rules 2014 - 2017

IBSA have announced the new set of rules for 2014 - 2017 which we will be adopting in our national league. To find the new rules please [click here](#). If you have any questions about the rules then please contact Alex on alex.Bunney@sysport.co.uk



International Tournament

Goalball UK are hosting a Men's 21 and Under & Women's Open International Tournament in August 2014. The tournament will take place at The Royal National College for the Blind, Hereford, 8th August until the 11th. The competition is open to 8 men's teams and 5 women's team and spectating will be free. More information will be available soon .



Men 21 & Under and Women (open age) Sessions

Don't forget to book on to the session...

Goalball UK have started new individual entry development sessions for Men 21 & under and Women (open age). These sessions are an opportunity



The weekend of 14th and 15th December saw the first ever Goalball UK Coaching Conference take place at The Lighthouse in Birmingham. The weekend was a great success with a total of 15 coaches attending. Across the two days a number of topics were covered including introducing Goalball to beginners, orientation and accuracy by current and former GB coaches. The coaches who attended enjoyed the two days and took away lots of new ideas to introduce back at their clubs. A Goalball UK coach's forum was also suggested as a tool for sharing ideas between coaches which will be developed in February. After the success of this conference we will be organising another one in 2014. More news coming soon!

Tracking and Monitoring

We have now begun training clubs on the UPSHOT system and currently have 6 clubs trained on the system - For those clubs who have been trained please remember to input your registers regularly. Dates for other clubs training will be confirmed soon. This system is vital to show Sport England how many people are playing Goalball this season so please continue to take registers at all your sessions.

New Goalball Clubs

Recently 2 new Goalball clubs have been developed and are regularly training. There is one in Hillingdon (West London) who train every Wednesday 6pm - 8pm, if you are interesting in joining the club then contact Ben on ben@dash.org.uk. Also a new club has been developed in the North East and train on alternate Saturdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Newcastle College for more information about this club please contact Kathryn on kathryn@goalballuk.com.

Free Membership

If you or any members of your club are not currently members of Goalball UK then please sign up! You are required to be a member to play and officiate in all Goalball UK events. You can become a member by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Funding

Please contact your local County Sport Partnership (CSP) who will be able to help you find local funding streams. To find your local CSP [CLICK HERE](#). Please get in touch with Becky on becky.ashworth@sysport.co.uk if you would like help with funding bids and if you are planning to use Goalball UK as your reference.

Tournament News

Results from all tournaments and all future tournaments together with the league table and top goal scorer stats can be found on the Goalball UK [website](#)

Top Goal scorers

Male

Sessions are an opportunity for players to gain some additional competitive court time with players of similar ability from other clubs throughout the country. The first session was a great success in Sheffield. The date of the next session is:

12th April - Cambridge

For more information and to book on to this session [CLICK HERE](#)

Yorkshire League

The 1st round of the 2013/14 Yorkshire League took place at Armley Leisure Centre in Leeds on Sunday 1st December. Teams from West Yorkshire, Kirklees, Moor End (Huddersfield), Scarborough, South Yorkshire and York battled it out across all 3 levels of play. West Yorkshire are currently top of the Elite League whilst Scarborough are top of both the Intermediate and Novice Leagues.

Need Pads?

March Sports are offering 10% off their advertised price for knee and elbow pads to all goalball players/clubs. [Click here](#) to visit the website. For more information please email Kathryn@goalballuk.com

Get in touch

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Elite Niall Graham 28 (Nottingham)
Intermediate South David Scott 37 (RNC Hereford)
Intermediate North Dan Hudson 23 (Scarborough)
Novice Bilal Hussain 21 (Nottingham)

Female

Elite Laura Perry 6 (RNC Hereford)
Intermediate South Lisa Dyer 7 (Cambridge)
Intermediate North Amy Ottaway 15 (York)
Novice Kali Holder 15 (Winchester)

Tournament Results



Lincoln Novice Worcester
Wolverhampton Intermediate South RNC Hereford
Elite Leicester

Upcoming Tournaments

Rochdale Intermediate North 1st February
Birmingham Elite 22nd and 23rd February
Birmingham Novice 15th March
Cambridge Intermediate South 12th April



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