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Welcome

Hi all

We were all by definition very disappointed by UK Sport's recent decision to cut our GB Women funding. It is now up to us to regroup and show that this decision was misplaced...and I have to say the very positive reaction by the squad gives me great encouragement. A lot of fundraising initiatives have already taken place and a revised staffing structure and training programme will be announced shortly. Sometimes in adversity great things can happen...and I feel in Goalball we have the spirit and determination to prove our doubters wrong. Let's do it!

Cheers.
Mike Reilly
CEO

New Goalball UK Promo Video

Check out the new Goalball promo video below. This is a great tool to promote Goalball at all levels. Please share this video with all your friends and family!



Club Scene

Marathon Tournament

On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May Goalball UK are going to host their 1st ever marathon tournament (which will be a minimum of 24 hours consecutive play!). This will be taking place at Joseph Rowntree School (Haxby Road, New Earswick, York, YO32 4BZ) and is free for spectators to come and watch during the whole weekend. To enter [click here](#) to download the entry form and then send completed form to becky.ashworth@sysport.co.uk. It is sure to be a fantastic 24 hours so come and show your support!

Talent Camp

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International Tournament

Both our Women and Men teams have been competing internationally recently at the Venice Goalball Tournament. It was a tough competition for both teams but many positives to take away from Italy. The Mens team finished 8th and the Women finished 6th. A full report of the Venice Goalball Tournament can be found by [clicking here](#).

Both teams will be competing in the Malmo Inter Cup in Sweden on 29th May - 1st June.



Coaching Forum coming soon

Goalball UK will be introducing a new online coaching forum soon - watch this space.

Regional Tournaments

On Sunday 9th March RNC Hereford hosted the first Midlands regional Tournament. There were 9 teams in total, 5 Novice and 4 Intermediate teams and some players playing their first ever competitive Goalball. Players from Worcester, RNC, Winchester, and Beacon attended what was a great day due to large numbers attending. Congratulations



Thirteen young goalballers from clubs throughout the country were invited to attend a Talent Camp at RNC Hereford from the 17th to the 19th of February.

Sessions were led by GB coaches Faye Dale and Aaron Ford with support from GB players David Knott, Niall Graham and Brittany Stead. Dawn Newbery (National Talent Lead) was impressed with the performances of the young players who worked incredibly hard over the 3 days.

Goalball Grows Regionally

Because of the great progress made in the last year on development of new and existing clubs we are for the first time in our history going to split our clubs geographically into 3 regions with Alex Bunney, Becky Ashworth, and Kathryn Fielding taking responsibility for club support in each region. Please [Click Here](#) for the regional breakdown. Alex has relocated to London and in the next few weeks will open up our first ever base in the South. This really does illustrate the fantastic strides we are making in expanding our great sport and introducing new people to Goalball. We are rapidly expanding which is great news for a number of reasons not least total participation numbers.

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](#)

End of Season Tournament

End of season tournament will be taking place at Charnwood College (Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 4SQ) on 12th July and for the first time there will be 3 halls of competition going on at one time. Like last year this competition will be individual entry, also a presentation of awards and food will be commencing after the tournament and the format for the new 2014-15 season will be given out. Entries will be sent out soon!

Tournament Results

Attention: Congratulations to the Novice Winners Beacon and the Intermediate Winners Worcester.

Also, the 2nd round of the 2013/14 Yorkshire League took place in Leeds on Sunday 2nd March with 14 teams (from 6 different clubs) competing across all 3 levels of play. South Yorkshire came out on top at Elite level whilst Scarborough dominated at both Intermediate and Novice level. The combined league tables (for round 1 and 2) can be found [here](#).

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

Do you have a story for the next newsletter?

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(RNC Hereford with their Winners medals at Cambridge Intermediate South Tournament with the Mayor of Cambridge)

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| Rochdale Intermediate North | Scarborough |
| Birmingham Elite | Winchester |
| Birmingham Novice | Scarborough |
| Cambridge Intermediate South | RNC Hereford |

Top Goal scorers

Male

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Elite | Niall Graham 54 (Nottingham) |
| Intermediate South | David Scott 46 (RNC Hereford) |
| Intermediate North | Dan Hudson 36 (Scarborough) |
| Novice | Bilal Hussain 30 (Nottingham) |

Female

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Elite | Georgie Bullen 11 (Leicester) |
| Intermediate South | Jessica Luke 18 (Leicester) |
| Intermediate North | Amy Ottaway 15 (York) |
| Novice | Kali Holder 21 (Winchester) |

Upcoming Tournaments

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| York Intermediate North | 26th April |
| Goalball UK GB Cup | 10th and 11th May |
| Marathon Tournament | 24th and 25th May |
| Birmingham Elite | 7th and 8th June |
| Leeds Novice | 21st June |
| End of Season Tournament | 12th July |



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