Goalball U.K.

Schools Programme, Supported by BBC Children in Need.

Goalball is:

* A Paralympic sport, since nineteen-seventy-six.
* Inclusive.
* A unique sport.

Why goalball?

* Exciting unique sport.
* Broadens the experience of sport for all pupils.
* Pupils who are blind or partially sighted (V.I.) can play sport with their sighted peers.
* Increases awareness of pupils who are V.I.
* Improves communication and teamwork.
* Most importantly, it gets pupils active!

What is goalball?

* Goalball is an exciting sport designed specifically for players who are V.I.
* Goalball is inclusive as all players wear eyeshades, meaning anybody can play regardless of level of sight.
* Goalball uses a unique ball which has audible bells embedded inside, this allows players to track and defend the ball using their hearing.
* The court is marked using tactile markings, usually string and tape. At a school level gymnastic mats can be used instead.

What can Goalball U.K. offer your school?

We can offer your school a bespoke package suited to your needs, with your choice of the following:

* Goalball U.K. School Leaders course for your staff and/or pupils.
* Goalball U.K. school equipment package, including teaching resources.
* Team-teach sessions working with experienced Goalball U.K. coaches.
* Extra-curricular activities supported by an experienced Goalball U.K. coach.

Every school can add the following to any package, for free!

* Great Britain goalball athlete visit.
* Entry into the school’s local goalball competition.

We also offer taster sessions for your school to try out the sport.

Benefits of goalball in schools.

Goalball is an excellent sport to increase the physical activity levels of pupils with a visual impairment.

What teachers and students say:

* “The mix of ages and abilities and their levels of vision being equalised made it a special and unique occasion.” – Teacher from Bristol
* “It was a fantastic experience to be able to play sport with my friend at the same level. It was brilliant!” – V.I. pupil in Bristol
* “Meeting V.I. pupils from other schools and socialising was marvellous.” – Pupil who attended a school festival in Bradford.
* “The festival was great and now the students know what they are doing, they can work to hone their skill further. It was inspirational for the students to learn from a Great Britain goalball player.” – Teacher after a school festival in Bradford.
* “Amazing, it felt great to be fully included and to represent my school in a competition.” – Young V.I. pupil after competing in Sheffield.

Goalball U.K. Schools Programme in 2018/19.

* Goalball U.K have worked with over 1000 children and young people from schools across The U.K. in 2018/19.
* Over 100 V.I. pupils have benefited from increased physical activity levels and the opportunity to play alongside their sighted peers.

Goalball is an inclusive sport, meaning anybody can play!

If you are interested in getting an exciting sport into your school, then get in touch:

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