# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Agenda

Wednesday 7th April 2021, 6.30pm-8pm (Conference Call)

In attendance; Alex Bunney (AB), Tom Dobson (TD), Dina Murdie (DM), Dyfrig Lewis-Smith (DLS), Dani Dillon (DD), Paul Holloway (PH), Sarah Leiter (SL).

## Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Sammie Korosi.

DM opened the meeting 6.30pm and thanked people for their ongoing work and support.

## Return to Play Update

AB outlined how the government restrictions are impacting clubs and delivery with access to venues still a key issue. Several clubs are planning to or have already returned in advance of step 3 (17th May) in England using the indoor disability sport exemption.

## Competition Plans

3.1 Feedback from the club consultation

The committee discussed and considered all the submitted feedback statistics and comments.

3.2 2021/22 Season Plans

Following consideration of the feedback the committee agreed the structure for the 2021/22 competition season. Outline details of the structure and formats at each level will be released to the goalball community by April 30th 2021.

Following the April announcement, a further stage of planning will take place with the competition calendar, regions, rules, and entry requirements etc. to be announced by 31st May 2021. However, it is likely some specific venues may still be TBC.

The committee considered female players and their potential representation or lack of in the proposed National Finals Weekend at Elite Level. The committee agreed to consider the option to schedule elite female exhibition matches in 2021/22 to ensure full representation of players at the event.

It was highlighted the tone of competition on re-start needs to be a positive one, with any negative behaviour by players or coaches to addressed by referees and Goalball UK where necessary. Goalball UK are committed to delivering a ‘start of season’ webinar for players, coaches, and referees to set the tone for the season and encourage positive behaviour.

The new ‘Introduction to Officiating’ course (launching May / June 2021) is seen as a positive step recruit new officials. However, it was highlighted there needs to be more structed support at competitions for new official volunteers. Goalball UK will look to create and appoint a table manager / support role per tournament.

1. **Updates**

4.1 Complaints Procedure

AB & DLS confirmed the document is close to completion and will be shared with the committee for approval before the next meeting. The procedure will be shared directly with clubs as part of the announcement of the new competition rules in May 2021.

4.2 Sporting Chance

AB highlighted the successful engagement with Sporting Chance to support a Goalball UK member. Sporting Chance are now available to support other members as required, determined by the committee.

4.3 Goalball UK Board member

The appointment of a new Goalball UK board member to the committee is ongoing. Further update provided at the next meeting.

## Issues received to the CC

None.

## Date of next meeting

## 12th May 2021 at 6.30pm via conference call.

## AOB (ALL)

None

Document Ends.