# Goalball UK - Use of Different Patches Application Form

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**Introduction**

This application form is to be used by individual players applying for the use of different patches in Goalball UK competitions. Any information within this form and relevant attachments will be shared with members of Goalball UK staff and the Competition Committee.

We recommend reading the full application form before starting your application.

Applications should be made to The Competition Committee (The CC) via email ([thecc@goalballuk.com](mailto:thecc@goalballuk.com)) along with submission of relevant evidence. Please allow up to four (4) weeks for a decision regarding your application.

## Regulations

IBSA Regulation 6.4 states:

“All players must have their eyes covered by gauze patches, or an equivalent material under the supervision of the Technical Delegate (TD). Teams must provide medical certification to the TD, if a player needs to use different patches.”

It is important to note that at international level there is no option for a complete patching exemption, only an exemption to use different patches.

## Goalball UK Competitions

As an extension of the IBSA rules patching can take place at all levels within Goalball UK competitions.

The patches used at Goalball UK competitions are Master-Aid Ortopad Eye Patches (white) from [Orthotic Suppliers.](http://www.orthopticsupplies.co.uk/) They are made from natural bamboo and adhesive is hypoallergenic latex free.

**Application Form**

## Personal Details

Player Name:

Email (parent / carer / guardian if under 18):

Phone Number (parent / carer / guardian if under 18):

Current Player Rating:

Current Club:

Number of years playing goalball:

## Evidence

1. Please provide the reasons why you are applying for an exemption. If you can, please provide photo evidence as an attachment to your application. Photos will be used to allow the committee to make the decision and may be kept on file for future reference.

2. Provide details (link to product or photos) of the patches you are applying to wear instead. The committee will arrange a time to physically see the patches.

## Additional Information

The CC will be in touch regarding the decision and if they need any further information. If an exemption is granted, please be aware of the following:

* It is the players responsibility to provide (including payment) the approved patches any time there is a need for patching. If you can’t provide the patches, Goalball UK provided patches will be used.
* The Tournament Director at each event you attend will be aware of the exemption and the approved patches. Other officials will also be informed.
* Other teams may become aware of the exemption and while the committee or Tournament Director will not share confidential reasons for the exemption, they will confirm if there is an exemption in place.
* Any change to the new approved patches will require a new application.
* The exemption can be suspended at any time by The CC if it is deemed the exemption is being abused, you may also be subject to Goalball UK disciplinary procedures.

Please email your application to [thecc@goalballuk.com](mailto:thecc@goalballuk.com).