# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Wednesday 9th November 2022, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

In attendance: Alex Bunney (AB), Tom Dobson (TD), Dina Murdie (DM), Dyfrig Lewis-Smith (DLS), Dani Dillon (DD), Paul Holloway (PH), Sammie Korosi (SK), Sarah Leiter (SL), Kate Coghlan (KC).

## Welcome & Apologies

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Return to Play Update

AB confirmed the current measures remain in place at competitions.

The committee accepted a team's request to use their own substitute paddles in competitions. Teams and officials in all the leagues will be informed of the decision.

## 3. Competition Framework Development

### 3.1 2022/23 - Super League – Tournament 2 Venue

TD confirmed two separate venues in Winchester approximately 2miles apart had been secured for the tournament. TD and AB understand from a planning and competition format point of view this isn't ideal but with all other avenues explored the priority was to run the tournament on the published calendar dates.

### 3.2 2023/24 Competition Structure Outline

The committee discussed an outline structure and formats for 2023/24 season with the aim of issuing a draft competition calendar in March 2023.

AB highlighted potential budgeting issues linked to rising costs of core competition deliverables including hall hire, car hire, travel, accommodation, and equipment.

Other key areas discussed and considered: 2023/24 season start date, entry fees, workforce capacity, and major event plans post 2023. To support clubs' entry fees will be remain at current levels for the 2023/24 season.

## Issues requiring CC update / discussion / action

### 4.1 Intermediate South – Matchday 1

PH and SL withdraw from the following discussion.

TD confirmed the action and process taken under rule 7.3.2.2 due to a late notice team withdrawal at the competition. The committee discussed a sperate enquiry from another team related to the original decision. The committee will respond to the team in due course.

### 4.2 Player Exemptions

DM confirmed the committee is in receipt of and in the process of dealing with player transfer request. The player and clubs involved will be informed of the committee’s decisions in due course. DM confirmed the players on the committee PH, SK, and SL are not involved in the decision.

### 4.3 Player Ratings

The committee discussed the rising levels of players rated 2 consistently playing at regional and intermediate level and likewise players rated 4 consistently playing at intermediate and super league level. The impact of this is being particularly felt at regional level where tournaments are at full capacity.

Consideration was given to how long players rated 2 or 4 can be a developing player with ability to play at two playing levels before they must choose which level they would like to play at each season. Currently players rated 2 and 4 potentially have access to twice as many playing opportunities as those players rated 1, 3, and 5.

The committee confirmed alongside Goalball UK staff it would undertake a full player rating review between January – March 2023. Goalball UK will communicate with clubs throughout the process to discuss their player ratings.

## Updates

### 5.1 End of Season Awards

The committee agreed to promote the awards earlier in the season (April) with the aim of increasing nominations.

### 5.2 Terms of Office

AB confirmed Goalball UK will be advertising for new committee roles in 2023 and 2024 as current member terms come to an end.

## AOB (ALL)

PH, SK, and SL will be leading the next club drop-in call in January 2023.

## Date of next meeting (TD)

Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Document Ends.