# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Tuesday 22nd March 2023, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

Apologies: Dyfrig Lewis-Smith.

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Return to Play Update

2.1 Update of Covid-19 Measures

AB confirmed no changes have been made to the current measures.

## Competition Framework Development

3.1 Consultation Response

The committee discussed and considered the feedback.

The committee agreed the proposed two season rule will not be implemented. However, there will be changes made to the player ratings guidance, updates to the minimum and maximum numbers allowed on court at each playing level, and a full-scale player rating review. Further work will take place before a full update will be provided to clubs and players.

3.2 2023/24 Competition Structure Planning Update

TD confirmed the development of the 2023/24 calendar is on-going, with several dates awaiting final venue confirmations. Due to this, the first calendar release will now be mid-April 2023.

Entries for the Super League and Intermediate leagues will open in May 2023. Goalball UK will aim to confirm formats and the allocation of teams to dates before the IBSA World Games.

TD confirmed the committee will review the league rules and regulations ahead of the 2023/24 season.

AB confirmed Goalball UK are looking to host an international national team’s event in 2024. Planning is underway to secure a suitable venue with accommodation close by.

## Issues requiring CC update / discussion / action

4.1 Super League goal scorers Division A and Division B

The committee agreed there will be separate end of season goal scorer awards for male and female in Division A and Division B. The agreed formula will be shared with all teams in the league.

4.2 Intermediate South Matchday 3 - Rearrangement Plans

Goalball UK presented the options available for the re-arrangement Matchday 3. The committee approved a plan that will make amendments to Matchday 4 rather than arrange a new date. All teams in the league will be informed.

4.3 Intermediate South goal scorers due to split into divisions (A and B) for Matchday 4

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4.4 Club Enquiry – Patching

The committee received an enquiry regarding patching at competitions. Goalball UK confirmed all Regional events 1st April 2023 will be patched. Additional meeting to be set up to deal with the matter.

4.5 Intermediate South - Use of rule 3.2.4 (player exemption)

AB confirmed a player exemption was granted under 3.2.4 for Intermediate South Matchday 3 (subsequently cancelled) for exceptional circumstances related to injury and player availability.

## Updates

5.1 End of Season Awards

TD confirmed the End of Season awards will be going live w/c 10th April and will be announced and awarded at the Goalfix Cup or next appropriate competition.

## AOB

None.

## Date of next meeting

9th May 2023 at 6.30pm via Zoom

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