# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Agenda

Tuesday 9th May 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), Dyfrig Lewis-Smithy (DLS).

## Welcome & Apologies

Kate Coghlan sent apologies.

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Return to Play Update

2.1 Update of Covid-19 Measures

Measures are to remain the same until the end of the season.

## Competition Framework Development

3.1 Player Ratings Review

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed player ratings put forward by Goalball UK for the start of the 2023-24 season following the all-player review.

Gary Fraser, Goalball UK High Performance Lead joined the meeting.

The committee discussed the ratings of those players in the Goalball UK performance programme and the impact of the proposed ratings. At this point the committee also discussed the continuation of the Queen Bees (female performance team) for the 2023-24 season (see 4.5 below).

Gary Fraser, Goalball UK High Performance Lead left the meeting.

Following minor amendments, the committee approved the proposed player ratings put forward by Goalball UK.

Goalball UK will now prepare communications to inform clubs of their player ratings ahead of the 2023-24 entries. PH highlighted the need for sensitivity and the opportunity for discussion where players are moving down or up a rating. SL highlighted the need to communicate guidance on how clubs should manage player rating changes throughout a season.

3.2 2023/24 Competition Structure Planning Update

TD confirmed the draft 2023/23 calendar has been published to teams and officials. Work is ongoing to finalise dates and venues. Entries will open to teams at the end of May following the publication of player ratings to teams.

PH raised the possibility of having scheduled back up days in the case of bad weather cancellations. AB highlighted the staffing and venue booking challenges associated with this. AB confirmed Goalball UK will always look to rearrange events if time and staffing allows.

## Issues requiring CC update / discussion / action

4.1 Regional Shield – Player Request

The committee discussed a request in relation to an exemption of rule 3.1 due to the restricted entry of the Regional Shield. The players and clubs involved will be informed of the committee’s decision.

4.2 Player Rating request

The committee discussed a request in relation to a player playing at the playing level below as one off due to player availability at their club and their recent access to court time following an injury. The player and club involved will be informed of the committee’s decision.

4.3 Patching

The committee discussed the possibility of patching at all levels of Goalball UK competition. The committee was supportive of the move, AB highlighted the cost implication. AB will report back with the seasonal costs at the next meeting before the committee makes a final decision.

4.4 Ranking of teams for divisions or tournament pools at the start of Super League 2023-24 season

The committee confirmed the final overall 2022-23 Super League ranking will be used at the start of the 2023-24 season to determine starting divisions or tournament pools at the first tournament.

4.5 The committee agreed the continuation of the Queen Bees for the 2023-24 season. Any female performance players requiring exemptions to rule 3.1 are to be submitted to the committee by the High-Performance Lead before the Super League and Intermediate League entry deadlines.

## Updates

5.1 End of Season Awards

TD confirmed nominations are open for the Player of the Season and Keith Lound Awards with the deadline for nominations 28th May 2023.

## AOB (ALL)

## Date of next meeting (TD)

Tuesday 11th July at 6.30pm via Zoom

Document Ends.