# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Tuesday 11th July 2023, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

Apologies: Kate Coghlan (KC) and Dani Dillon (DD)

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Return to Play Update

2.1 Update of Covid-19 Measures

AB confirmed substitution paddles and swapping ends will be reintroduced for 2023-24. Hand sanitiser will remain at the table and team bench areas and cleaning equipment available as required.

## Competition Framework Development

3.1 2023-24 Player Ratings Update

All clubs informed of changes ahead of 2023-24 season. In general, the changes have been well received. Follow up phone calls and meetings have taken place with clubs where confirmation of circumstances, clarification, or discussion was required.

3.2 2023/24 Competition Structure Planning Update

Latest calendar available to teams, further update to follow in August confirming Intermediate Trophy and Referee Course dates and venue.

2023-24 Regional – entries open in August

2023-24 Super League - 8 Teams

2023-24 Intermediate South - 10 Teams

2023-24 Intermediate North - 7 Teams

Further information on formats and fixtures etc. to be released to teams no later than 30th July 2023.

Main outstanding date and venue remains the Goalball UK Cup 2024 due to timing of European B Championships in 2024.

3.3 2023-24 Rules

The committee reviewed the current rules and discussed potential changes. The confirmed changes will be highlighted to teams and officials on publication of the 2023-24 rules.

## Issues requiring CC update / discussion / action (AB)

4.1 Competition Behaviour

The committee discussed general behaviour at Goalball UK competitions during the 2022-23 season including an incident at the 2023 Goalfix Cup. AB and DLS will follow up regarding the Goalfix Cup incident with the relevant player and club.

The committee also agreed to consider ways Goalball UK can further encourage positive and sporting behaviour at competitions.

## Updates

5.1 Recreational concussion advice for players, coaches, and officials

AB confirmed Goalball UK are working with British Blind Sport to create some visual impairment and sport specific guidance due to the mainstream guidance release in April 23 is not fully accessible or entirely suitable for people with a visual impairment.

## AOB

None.

## Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2023, 6.30pm

Document Ends.