# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Agenda

Tuesday 21st November 2023, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

Sammie Korosi and Kate Coghlan.

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Issues requiring CC discussion and action

2.1 Intermediate South Matchday 1 – abandonment & un-played fixtures

The committee discussed the remaining 6 un-played fixtures. It was agreed the fixtures will take place at the start of Matchday 4 to complete phase one of the league. The committee acknowledged this may impact the length of fixtures for phase two of the league. However, this was the preferred option based on the potential logistics and costs for teams to attend a new Matchday to play the fixtures.

2.2 Rule 4.6.4

The committee approved the final wording. The new version will be published to teams via version 2 of the 2023-24 rules.

2.3 Team enquiry regarding ‘scooping’

The committee discussed an enquiry regarding the matter of ‘scooping’ at Goalball UK events. The committee agreed to communicate with officials and teams regarding the issue in January 2024.

2.4 Team Viability

The committee discussed several team viability issues in the Intermediate North and South Leagues. Goalball UK will follow up with relevant teams to gather further details regarding their team composition and commitment moving forward. Based on the information provided the committee will then decide the outcome of the teams for the remainder of the 2023-24 season and future entries.

## Competition Framework Development

3.1 2024/25 Competition Development

TD confirmed early planning is underway for the structure of 2024-25 season. It was agreed Goalball UK will present potential options for the committee to consider before the next meeting. TD also confirmed Goalball UK are aiming for the following timeline:

March – April: release a draft calendar.

June – July: entries open for Intermediate and Super Leagues.

August: teams have confirmed competition dates for the season.

## Updates

4.1 Fair Play & Respect at Competitions

AB confirmed Goalball UK have undertaken a referee survey to get the views of referees regarding how we can help to maintain and improve positive behaviour at competitions. The next step is to speak to teams and coaches at the Super League competition in January 2024.

Goalball UK will also send out an officials and teams' email in January 2024 to outline the types of behaviour ‘unsporting conduct’ may be called for during Goalball UK Competitions moving forward.

The committee also discussed the potential introduction of a Workforce award to go alongside the Player of the Day Award at each competition day.

## AOB

None.

## Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024, 6:30pm

Document Ends.