GOALBALL RULES
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The competition will be conducted under the SSSA Event Philosophy and played under the rules published by the International Blind Sports Federation (http://www.ibsasport.org/sports/goalball/rules/) except where stated below. These rules should be read in conjunction with the International Blind Sports Federation. The website for IBSA can be found at www.ibsasport.org. These rules are also to be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia General Policies and Pacific School Games Policies.

SECTION 1 - RULES OF COMPETITION

1.1 Eligibility
1.1.1 All players must be bona fide school students in the year of competition. Each competitor will require certification of their enrolment in a school signed by the school’s principal as per School Sport Australia Eligibility Policy.
1.1.2 Students must participate in all programmed activities during the event unless:
   (a) A medical certificate is provided which confirms their inability to participate or
   (b) The appointed judiciary approves their non-participation.

1.2 Divisions and Age Requirements
The division is 16 Years and Under. The ages are to be calculated as 16 Years and Under as at 31 December in the year of competition. As per the SSA Eligibility Policy, the minimum age for participation in any School Sport Australia event shall be 10 years of age in the year of competition.

1.3 Competition Format
In the case of the competition being entered by eight (8) or fewer teams, the competition will be run via a round robin format. Where nine (9) or more teams are involved, a format using pools will be utilised.

1.4 Team Size
Each team may have a maximum of six (6) players.

1.5 Team Make-Up
1.5.1 The competition will be played as a mixed gender competition.
1.5.2 While it is expected that first priority for the team make up should be given to those players with an eligible blind or vision impaired classification of B1, B2, or B3 as assessed by IPC certified classifiers, remaining places may be filled with players who fall outside of these guidelines.

1.6 Player Uniform Numbers
Each player must wear a number; either; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9.
1.7 **Classification**

1.7.1 There will be no classification assessments offered at this event.

1.7.2 Further information about classification for Goalball may be found at:


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**SECTION 2 – PLAYING RULES**

2.1 **Field of Play**

Court dimensions are 18 x 9 metres (volleyball court).

2.2 **Match duration**

Games shall be 2 x 10 minute halves.

2.3 **Warm up**

2.3.1 There will be a minimum warm-up time of five minutes on court prior to the start of each game.

2.3.2 In extenuating circumstances, the Competition Manager may authorise a reduction in the warm up time provided.

2.3.3 Teams can begin their warm up at the conclusion of the previous game.

2.4 **Substitutions and Time-Outs**

Substitutions and time-outs will be in accordance with IBSA Competition Rules.

2.5 **Drawn Games**

2.5.1 No additional time will be played if the scores are level at the end of the game in the minor rounds. The result of the game will remain as a tie.

2.5.2 If the scores are level at the end of the game in the final rounds, IBSA Goalball Rules will be implemented.

2.6 **Penalties**

2.6.1 **Personal Penalties**

- A personal penalty may be given out for:
  - Short Ball
  - High Ball
  - Long Ball
  - Eyeshades
  - Illegal Defence
2.6.2 Team Penalties

- A Team Penalty may be given out for:
  - Ten Second Violation
  - Team Delay of Game
  - Team Unsportsmanlike Conduct
  - Illegal Coaching
  - Noise made during or after the throwing of the ball by a fellow team member that may prevent the opposition from tracking the ball.

More information on Team Penalties can be found at on page 22.

2.7 Special Rules

2.7.1 Minimum Game Time Rule

- Rule 14.4 of the IBSA Goalball Rules and Regulations will not apply to this competition. The game will not end once one team leads the other team by 10 goals.

- Teams will only be awarded a maximum goal difference of 10 for every game played. Similarly, any team beaten by more than 10 goals will be awarded a goal difference of -10 for that game.

2.7.2 Scoring/Points Allocation

- In the pool rounds, teams will score three points for a win, two points for a draw, one point for a loss and zero for a forfeit.

- If two or more teams have the same number of points at the end of the round robin, the teams will be separated by using the following methods in this order:
  - Goal Difference - subtracting a team’s goals scored against from their goals scored in the total round robin
  - Number of Wins – teams will be assessed on the number of wins in the round robin. Teams with the most wins will be given the higher ranking.
  - Goals Scored – the team with the highest goals scored in the overall competition will be given the higher ranking.
  - Goal Difference at Half Time – using the half time scores, subtracting a team’s goals scored against from their goals scored in the total round robin.
  - Goal Difference – The same procedure shall be used again, but this time only the games in the round robin between the teams that have to be separated shall be included.
  - In the event that a tie occurs between more than two teams, the above criteria will be used, in order, until one team has been separated. The above criteria will then be used again, from the beginning and order (and will continue to do so), until all teams have been separated and ranking has been decided.

SECTION 3 – EVENT ORGANISATION

3.1 Equipment
3.1.1 Ball
All games will be played with the regulation sized and weighted ball as per IBSA Competition Rules.

3.1.2 Goals
The goals will adhere to the rules and specifications as stated in the IBSA Competition Rules.

3.1.3 Eye Shades

3.1.3.1 Players will not wear eyeglasses or contact lenses. Eyeshades must be worn by all on court players between the eyeshade checks and the beginning and end of each half.

3.1.3.2 If a defending player’s eyeshades are moved or come off when hit by a thrown ball, the play will be allowed to continue until the ball is controlled, the ball is blocked out or scores.

3.2 Technical Committee, Protests and Jury of Appeal

3.2.1 Technical and Judiciary Committee
- A Technical Committee will be established comprising of the:
  o The Competition Manager
  o The Assistant Competition Manager
  o The 2015 PSG Goalball Sport Manager
- This Committee will rule on any issues relating to the competition including all technical matters and behaviour.

3.2.2 Protests
- Any protest relating to the result of a game must be made in writing to the Tournament Director within 20 minutes of the completion of the game in question. Protests will be considered by the Technical Committee as soon as possible.
- All protests require a deposit of $100 AUD. The deposit will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- Protests relating to umpiring decisions will not be heard.
- Decisions handed down by the Technical Committee are not appealable.

3.3 Merit Teams

A Pacific School Games Merit Team will NOT be selected at the conclusion of the tournament as Goalball is an invitational sport into the School Sport Australia program for 2015 Pacific School Games.

3.4 Medal Presentations and Closing Ceremony

3.4.1 All medal presentations will be held at the Goalball Venue at the conclusion of the gold medal match.
3.4.2 Teams are to assemble in the designated areas adjacent to the playing court 10 minutes after the conclusion of the final game.
3.4.3 All medalists must be in their team uniform for the presentation ceremony. This must include appropriate sports footwear. Bare feet are NOT acceptable. Hats or caps of any description are NOT to be worn during the presentation ceremony.
3.4.4 It is the responsibility of Team Management to ensure medalists are dressed correctly, are punctual and ready for the presentation at the appointed time.
3.4.5 Once in the assembly area, all medal winners are under the control of the Ceremonies Coordinator until official photographs have been taken at the conclusion of their medal presentation.

3.4.6 Medalists will be escorted to the presentation area.

3.4.7 Athletes must wait for their team name to be announced before stepping forward to receive their medal.

3.4.8 Medalists will be escorted from the presentation area.

3.4.9 Only the Official Photographer will be permitted on the court for presentations.

3.5 **Competition Venue**

The 2015 PSG Goalball competition will be played at Westminster School, 1/23 Alison Avenue, Marion SA 5043.

3.6 **Documentation**

A complete team list must be completed and forwarded to the Pacific School Games office prior to the carnival / championship and must include:

- the surname and given name of each player and official
- uniform number

3.7 **Meetings**

The pre-event meeting of all team officials will be conducted prior to the commencement of the event. The post-event meeting will be conducted towards the end of the event. If required, a meeting of team officials may be called at the end of each day's play. For more details, please refer to the SSA Sports Management Committee Operating Procedures.

3.8 **First Aid**

Suitably qualified and accredited personnel must be appointed for all School Sport Australia events and be in attendance for the duration of the event.

3.9 **Student Officials**

Teams are encouraged to bring a minimum of one student official with their delegation.

3.10 **Educational Excursions / Social Activities**

An educational excursion will be incorporated into a scheduled rest day of competition included in the format of the event and conducted according to SSA Event Excursions Guidelines and this will be scheduled prior to the last day of competition.