

Goalball



Goalball is played exclusively by athletes who are blind or visually impaired. Each group comprises of six players with three members playing the game. The court is 18 meters long and 9 meters long. The goal is at the end of the field with the width of the entire back line (9 meters). In this sport, players throw the ball to opponent's goal to score points while being blocked using hands and knees.

All athletes must be legally blind, meaning they have less than 10 per cent vision, and are classified as B3, B2, B1 or totally blind. The object of the game is to throw a ball past the opponents and into their net to score points. Players stay on their hands and knees to defend their net and score against their opponents.

The Sport is governed by International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA).

Eligibility:

Visual impairment

Classification:

B1	Athletes are unable to perceive light in either eye — or have limited perception of light and are not able to "recognise the form of a hand at any distance and in any direction".
B2	Athletes are able to "recognise the form of a hand to a visual acuity of 2/60 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees".
B3	Athletes have a "visual acuity of above 2/60 to a visual acuity of 6/60 and/or a visual field or more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees".

All athletes wear blindfolds while playing to ensure even level of plays amongst competitors with different degrees of visual impairment.