

Goalball Development Plans from grassroots level

We would like to inform our focused plan to promote Goalball in India from its grassroots level across the country with an objective to increase participation, identify young talent at early stage, and build a strong development pathway for future national and international participation.

Our key initiatives include talent identification programs in schools and institutions for blind children, organizing goalball awareness and demonstration camps, and expanding our network of trained and certified coaches. Also, we plan to establish regional training centres to make structured coaching more accessible.

To support players growth, IBSA will strengthen the competition structure through regular district, state, and national-level championships, ensuring a clear pathway for progression. All programs will emphasize players safety, inclusion, and equal opportunities, especially encouraging greater participation of women in goalball.

Regional Programme:

- North Region
- South Region
- East Region
- West Region

We organize regional training and awareness camps across different regions to identify talented players and coaches from schools, colleges, NGOs, and other institutions. These camps create awareness about blind sports and provide a platform to assess skills and potential.

Based on the identified talent, regional-level championships are conducted to offer competitive exposure and structured training. The performance of players during these championships helps in shortlisting promising athletes and coaches. Selected players are then groomed to represent their respective states or regions at the National Championships, contributing to the systematic development of blind sports at the grassroots and competitive levels.

Junior/Sub Junior level Championship:

We also focus on developing players from the entry level by organizing structured training camps and championships at the Junior and Sub-Junior levels. These initiatives encourage young players to participate in sports at an early age and help them understand the fundamentals of the game, discipline, teamwork, and competitive spirit.

Early exposure through these platforms builds confidence and identifies potential talent at a basic stage. Regular participation in age-appropriate championships also allows players to gain match experience and adapt gradually to higher levels of competition.

This approach ensures sustained engagement of young players and creates a strong foundation for their long-term involvement in sports. We prepare players for future regional, national, and international competitions while promoting continuity, skill development, and leadership in blind sports.

National Level Championships:

National Championships provide a crucial platform for players to represent their respective states or regions and compete against the best talent from across the country.

This stage exposes athletes to high-level competition, enhancing their skills, mental strength, and sportsmanship. Participation in national-level events motivates players to perform at their highest potential and supports their holistic development.

National Championships also serve as the final and most important platform for identifying and selecting players for national teams. By following a transparent and performance-based selection process, these championships ensure merit-based progression and provide deserving athletes with the opportunity to represent the country at international competitions.

Through these efforts, we aim to create a sustainable talent pipeline and contribute meaningfully to India's future success in international Goalball competitions, including the Paralympic, Asian and other international Games.