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# Goal ball (GS08)

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## General description

This audible ball is made of strong, good-quality rubber with eight holes and contains a metal bell so it can be located when in play.

**Please note:** This ball is suitable only for hand ball games and not for football, cricket or any game using a hard bat.

Age range: 10 years plus.

## Using the product

### Regulations for Goalball

Two teams of three players play a game with a maximum of three substitutes on each team.

The game is conducted in an indoor court measuring 18m x 9m with tactile markings, (this enables players to determine their position and direction by feeling for the markings with their hands or feet). The rectangular court is divided into two halves by a centre line with goals erected at either end of the court.

All players must wear eyeshades, so the disadvantages of poor sight and no sight are equalised during play.

The game is to be played with a bell ball. The idea of the game is for a team to throw the ball from one end of the court to the other and across the goal line to score a goal, without the opposing team intercepting it.

The rules for international Goalball competition are those adopted by the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA).

### History of the Game

Goalball was invented in 1946 by Austrian, Hanz Lorenzen and German, Sepp Reindle, in an effort to help in the rehabilitation of blinded war veterans. The game was introduced to the world in 1976 at the Paralympics in Toronto, Canada and has been played at every Paralympic since.

As well as the Paralympics, a World Goalball Championships is held every four years with the first being in Austria in 1978. Since that time the popularity of Goalball has increased to where it is played competitively in all IBSA regions.

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