

MICHIGAN GOALBALL TOURNAMENT

75-85 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The United States Association of Blind Athletes, the Michigan Blind Athletic Association, and Warren Consolidated Schools, presents the 2012 John Bakos Memorial Goalball Tournament. Come and see the sport of goalball at its finest, give us a much-needed hand, and learn something about this popular sport for blind athletes. Your volunteerism will provide excellent sports entertainment, give you experience with outstanding athletes who are visually impaired, and be a great resume addition!!

Tournament information:

- Saturday and Sunday ***March 3-4, 2012***
- Location is Warren Mott High School 3131 Twelve Mile Road Warren Michigan
- Goalball teams from throughout the USA and Canada will be participating
- Several Members of the USA National Goalball teams will be representing their State's team at this tournament.
- As many as ***75-80*** volunteers will be needed throughout the weekend.

Volunteers are needed to fill various areas and roles, line judges, table officials, court sweepers, runners, team liaisons, gym managers, food servers, and transportation of teams to and from Metro Airport. If you can help, please e-mail or call, both adults and students are welcome to volunteer. If you have any physical restrictions to certain activities please let us know so we can schedule you to an appropriate area. Please note that you don't need to know anything about Goalball we will give you a brief training session 30 minutes prior to the session in which you volunteer.

Volunteer Sign Up information needed:

1. Your name
2. Your e-mail address
3. Your telephone number
4. If you would be available to transport teams to and from the airport Friday and Sunday.
5. Which session or sessions would you like to volunteer (may select more than one, or if you are only able to help during a portion of a session we can use all the help we can get)
 - a) Saturday morning, March 3rd from 7:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - b) Saturday afternoon, March 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - c) Sunday morning, March 4th from 7:15 a.m. to 2:00

E-mail (or call) this information

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Description of Goalball

Goalball is a goal-oriented sport similar to hockey or soccer, which is played exclusively by visually impaired or blindfolded players. Developed in Eastern Europe following World War II, it came to the U.S. in the 1970's and is presently played internationally. The playing area has dimensions similar to those of Volleyball. Three players from each team are positioned at opposite ends of the court facing one another. They maintain their positions at the ends by following raised cord boundaries on the playing surface. The middle player of the three is placed slightly ahead of the players to his/her left and right to avoid collisions. The objective of the game is to roll a bell-filled ball fast enough to force it through the defenders and into their goal net, which is the width of the back line. Players defend their goal net by carefully listening for the ball. If the opponents successfully block the ball, they become the offensive team and throw the ball back in an attempt to score. The game is governed by rules, which when broken result in penalties as in soccer. Sighted referees monitor play from mid-court and from each of the four corners. The game is made exciting by the impact of the ball (3.5 pounds), speed of the ball (upwards of 40 mph) and by the players' volleyball-like acrobatics.