



Indian Blind Football Federation

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INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON 1

GOVERNANCE RULES

1. COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

- (A) The Competition will be known as “**Indian Blind Football Premier League** “and shall be organized by “**Indian Blind Football Federation** “.
- (B) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The International Blind Sports Association (IBSA).
- (C) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club upon entry shall be deemed to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee.

This Competition is required to apply for sanction from the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) on an annual basis. The application must be submitted no later than one month before the scheduled date of the tournament. The organizing body is responsible for submitting application forms to the clubs before the event.

INCLUSIVITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to IBSA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements.
- (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognizing that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members.
- (D) All Clubs shall abide by the IBSA Regulations for Safeguarding the athletes as determined by The IBSA from time to time. At all times the clubs must make sure that the welfare of blind athletes taking part in the tournament, in any capacity, is paramount.
- (E) All competing teams must have a minimum of two sighted adults accompanying their team; A maximum of 15 individuals, including the coaching staff, will be allowed to constitute a team for the tournament.

2. APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE,

- (A) Clubs shall enter the tournament by submitting an application form to the tournament organizer by the date determined by the management committee. Any applications submitted after the entry date shall be allowed at the discretion of the management committee. The application form must include details of the club secretary and team officials who will be accompanying the team on the day complete with emergency contact.
- (B) IBFF has the authority to accept or reject any application for team participation in the tournament.



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- (C) The entry fee shall be payable with the application form and shall be set annually by the competition management committee. The entry fee for the League 2024 is 5000 INR (Refundable).

3. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (A) The Tournament Management Committee will be composed of the Competition's Officers as designated by the IBFF.
- (B) The Club management committee must, at time of application for sanction, include the names of the officers of the club.
- (C) The application must include three Club owners who shall act in that capacity for the tournament.
- (D) The tournament management committee shall produce a safeguarding policy for the event; this will list the designated persons responsible and policies to be followed; this will be distributed to all competing clubs in advance of the tournament. The tournament shall also complete a Risk assessment of the event prior to the competition, assessing both Safeguarding and Health and Safety, and shall make sure all mitigating factors identified in the assessment are actioned appropriately.

4. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

- (A) Any protests or claims shall be submitted by a team official (who has been listed on the application form) to tournament organizers within 30 minutes of the completion of the match in question. Upon receipt the Tournament management committee shall consider the protest and arrive at a decision.

5. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

1. Team Confirmation agreement for the **Indian Blind Football Premier League Season 1**.

The team confirmation agreement, which must be signed by the three owners and the two icon players, is attached herewith. Once the agreement is signed, the team is not allowed from withdrawing or making any changes to the owners and icon players/players for the ongoing season.

6. MATCH RELATED RULES

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (A) The player must complete the online registration form provided by the IBFF prior to the deadline. A set number of players will be permitted for each season, and the IBFF will close registration once this limit is reached online.
- (B) Players who wish to register online must have participated in at least one zonal or national tournament within the past two years. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the rejection of their registration by IBFF.
- (C) The teams will choose the players via an auction process. Therefore, the players who register online must be prepared to join any team that acquires them through the auction. If a player fails to participate in the tournament after registration, they will be ineligible to play in the subsequent season.
- (D) The club has the option to designate any player or goalkeeper as an icon player, provided there is mutual understanding between the player and the team. Additionally, the player must have participated in at least one zonal or national



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tournament within the last two years.

- (E) An Athlete who has not being certified as B1 by the relevant authority shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.
- (F) Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Match or Matches, where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record and the match, and at the discretion of the management committee *the match awarded to the opposition along with the points or Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed* points. If this occurs in a knock out match the result shall be declared null and void and, at the discretion of the management committee *the match awarded to the opposition who shall progress into the next round or Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed*.
- (G) Players who have participated in unauthorized tournaments or those not sanctioned by IBFF will be deemed ineligible. Any clubs found to include such players will face disqualification.
- (H) The players can receive their remuneration from the teams if the teams have sponsors who can cover the remuneration. Similarly, the IBFF will provide remuneration to the players if they have sponsors. The amount of remuneration will be determined based on the sponsorship amount.

CLUB COLOURS

- (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts for the competition before one month of the tournament.
- (B) Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.
- (C) If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, *the team listed as second on the fixture shall be deemed the "away"*
- (D) Players T Shirts *must be numbered*

9. TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES, MATCH FORMAT

- (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Blind Football Association (IBSA).
- (B) All Matches shall be played on pitches provided by the competition, competing clubs will be advised of their respective pitch and kick off time by the management committee.
- (C) The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the tournament organizers and the two competing Clubs must be in attendance at their respective pitch for that time; failure to do so will be dealt with by the management committee
- (D) Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition
- (E) For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.
- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.
- (G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.



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10. REPORTING RESULTS

- (A) *Match referees shall report the results to the results coordinator, any discrepancies shall be determined by the management committee*
- (B) *Results shall be displayed along with tables by the competition.*

11. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

- (A) *The tournament will proceed with the league round in the initial stage, followed by the knockout round.*
- (B) *Each match will last 15 minutes each way with 10 minutes half time.*
- (D) *The group will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the group the rankings shall be determined by IBSA rules and regulations.*
- (E) *The scheduling of the matches will be determined according to the number of teams participating. Our plan is to hold the tournament at a single venue, where each team will have the opportunity to play against every other team twice. The details of the knockout round will be decided prior to the tournament, and we will promptly inform the team owners about it.*

12. MATCH OFFICIALS

- (A) *Registered referees approved by IBFF shall be appointed for each game by the Management Committee. The management committee shall only appoint referees affiliated to Indian Blind Football Federation.*