

2019  
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# Year 7/8 Goalball

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Venue - Belle Vue

Participants in this competition can be from the same or different schools in the borough

## Competition Pathway

**1** SGO Area Events  
Open to all schools in the area/borough with the winning school from each borough being invited to the School Games County Final

NB. An athlete can only represent their school in one event at the Greater Manchester School Games County Finals

**2** Greater Manchester School Games County Final  
This stage is organised in partnership with Goalball UK and comprises of 10 teams representing each of the boroughs in Greater Manchester

## Teams

Players must be in year 7 and/or 8.  
Teams can be mixed.  
Teams consist of 3 players.

## Equipment

A badminton-sized court or similar space.  
Eyeshades if non-visually impaired players are participating

## Playing the Game

The aim of the game is to score a goal by throwing/rolling the ball across the opponent's goal line. The game is non-invasive, and players must stay within their team zone and wear eyeshades at all times during a match.

When the ball is thrown there are four possible scenarios:

1. Goal (ball crosses opponent's 'goal line') – game restarted by the team who conceded the 'goal'.
2. Block (defending team prevents a 'goal') – game continues and defending team become them attacking team.
3. Ball thrown over the sideline – game restarted by the other team.
4. Block out (ball blocked but crosses the sideline) – game restarted by the team which blocked the ball.

## Scoring

Three points are awarded for a 'goal'.  
One point is awarded for a block.  
The winning team can be the first to reach a number of points (e.g. 50 points); first to 11 in best of three sets or the team that scores the most points within a time limit (e.g. 5 mins).

## Rules

Failure to comply to these rules will result in the opposition receiving the ball:  
Players can move anywhere within their 'Team Zone' to throw the ball.  
Under-arm throwing/rolling only no kicking.  
When the ball is thrown, it must land before the end of their 'Team Zone'.  
No player is to have two consecutive shots.  
Players remove eyeshades.

## Blocking

To block a shot, a defending player must have at least one body part (e.g. hand or foot) touching their mat.

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## Fair Play.

The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

## Entry deadline Friday 14th June

If you enter past this deadline your school will not appear in pre-press material

## Health & Safety.

Before all matches this must be read and adhered to: Encourage players to protect their face with their top arm when blocking.

Ensure the ball is kept at a safe height by reinforcing the rule that the ball must land before the end of the team zone when thrown.

Because players are wearing eyeshades and using bell balls the noise levels must be kept to a minimum so players can hear the ball.

Players can't play if they are barefoot or in unsuitable footwear.

No jewellery to be worn.

All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied.

No chewing gum or sweets.

Players should bring plenty of drinks.

All players are advised to warm up appropriately before each match.

When not competing, players must remain off the court and not get in the way or distract officials

Medical supplies that players may need should be brought with them on the day i.e. asthma inhalers.

All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when playing.

Please ensure students have been briefed on health and safety.

