



# ***2023 IBSA BLIND FOOTBALL INTERCONTINENTAL CUP***

**23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER - 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**KOCHI, INDIA**

**Invitation for the IBSA Blind Football  
Intercontinental Cup 2022**



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### Welcome Message

*Dear friends,*

*We are delighted to host the 2023 IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup in India. We are confident that the event will live up to all expectations. We look forward to seeing you in great numbers and eager to take part in this event.*

*- M . C. Roy, Tournament Director & Project Director,  
Indian Blind Football Federation (LOC)*



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*The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) the official affiliate of the Indian Blind Sports Association, New Delhi (member of the International Blind Sports Federation) is delighted to take up the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) role for the 2023 IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup*

### **DATES AND CONTACTS**

The 2023 IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup will be held in [Kerala, India](#) from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2023.

#### **Main contact person for national teams:**

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E-Mail: [sunil@blindfootball.in](mailto:sunil@blindfootball.in)

Name: M C Roy (Project Director)

E-Mail: [mcroy@mcroy.org](mailto:mcroy@mcroy.org)

#### **Indian Blind Football Federation**

Address: South Square, 5th Floor, Panampilly Nagar,  
Kochi, Kerala 682036

Website: [www.blindfootball.in](http://www.blindfootball.in)

Email: [office@blindfootball.in](mailto:office@blindfootball.in)

### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

#### **a) Travel to/from/in Kerala, Kochi**

- **Airport:** [Cochin](#) International Airport (COK)

**Local transportation** between Cochin airport and the competition venue/hotel will be provided to all accredited delegation members, from the official arrival day to the official departure day.

**National teams must provide information on travel arrangements.** Pickup at airport/ can only be guaranteed if the travel details are provided by the dates requested on the booking form.

#### **b) Passports, Visas and Covid-19 regulations**

The participants need a valid passport and a visa for entering India.

In addition, as entry restrictions to India are frequently changing based on the **COVID-19** situation, please check the updated rules and regulations by the Ministry of Health ([click here](#)).



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### **THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **SCHEDULE**

Arrival of the teams: **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**  
Classification Period: **24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
Opening Ceremony: **26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
Opening Game: **26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
Competition Period: **26<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**  
Closing Ceremony: **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**  
Departure: **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

A more detailed schedule of the event can be found as “**Competition Schedule**” at the end of this document.

### **FORMAT**

- 10 Men’s National teams - 2 Groups (5 teams for each group)
- After the group stages, the teams finishing 1st and 2nd will progress to the semi-finals
- Teams finishing 3rd will play for 5th and 6th position
- Teams finishing 4th will play for 7th and 8th position
- Teams finishing 5th will play for 9th and 10th position



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The Referees will be **official IBSA referees**, and all the matches shall be played according to the current **IBSA Blind Football regulations 2022-2025**, [link](#).

Prior to the event, **team training sessions** will be guaranteed at the practice grounds.

**Changing rooms** will be available for all teams inside the venues. Showers and toilets are located with the changing rooms.

The event is subject to **random doping tests** in accordance with IBSA regulations. Athletes should refer to the IBSA Anti-Doping Policy. Any athlete taking medication subject to doping controls must be in possession of a valid IBSA Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). For information on IBSA's anti-doping policies and how to apply for a TUE, [click here](#).

**Classification** process will respect IBSA procedure, as defined by IBSA Classification rules ([click here](#)) only athletes competing in this event can be classified.

### **Procedure for the classification of an athlete at a competition:**

- A fully filled MDF, dated and signed by a certified ophthalmologist, must be uploaded on ISAS **6 weeks prior to the event (14<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**. Only updated MDF versions will be accepted ([download here](#)).
- For athletes with a Review status - tests and complementary medical exams requested in previous competitions should be uploaded at the same time of MDF (6 weeks prior to the event, **14<sup>th</sup> August 2023**). Every athlete should state in the MDF if they wear optical correction (glasses, contact lenses, filters) during competitions.
- If the MDF is not uploaded before the deadline, the athlete will **NOT** be scheduled for classification, and will **NOT** enter the competition. **There will be no exception.**

Important deadlines		
	Start Date	Deadline
Entry by Number	26 June 2023	15 July 2023
Entry by Name	17 July 2023	14 August 2023

Teams who do not have their own team doctor will be able to receive the **event medical assistance**. The medical assistance will operate daily during the competition time.

Participating member organizations are **responsible for their own insurance** requirements for travel, personal accident, liability, and medical matters.

For the participation in the event, all the legal **regulations issued by the Indian Government on Covid-19** will be respected, also considering the **IBSA guidelines** for the safe organization of international sport events and the **health protocol issued by IBFF** (*a more detailed communication regarding updated requirements and regulations will follow over the next month*).

All the athletes **must be licensed for the current year (2023)**, have a **valid eye classification**, and belong to an **IBSA Member** in good standing.

Team athlete entries should be made using the **ISAS Online Registration System** ([click here](#)).

The **substitution** of an athlete (because of injuries, visa problems or all other reasons) will only be allowed **up to the deadline** of the MDF upload. After that date **NO substitutes** will be allowed to participate.



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### THE COMPETITION VENUE

The competition will take place at the United Sports Centre a sports centre built in 2021 and set in 1 hectare of greenery, two artificial grass grounds and a refreshment area located at Infopark Expressway, Near Infopark Southgate Entrance, Kochi which makes it easy for first-time visitors in locating this establishment. **India Hosted the 2022 IBSA Asia-Oceania Blind Football Championship at this Venue.**



### ACCOMMODATION

National teams, officials, referees, classifiers, and other invited participants will be staying at Four Points by Sheraton Kochi Infopark, Phase 1 Campus Infopark P.O, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala 682042  
Phone: 0484 716 0000





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### **FOOD ARRANGEMENTS**

During the Championships, accredited members will be served **Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner** at the Hotel (from the dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023).

The meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast 06:30 – 09:30 h      Lunch: 12:00 – 15:00 h      Dinner: 19:00 – 22:00 h

Variations may occur according to the final program of the matches. There will be a vegetarian option at all meals. Gluten-free and other special dietary meals are available on request at an extra cost.

### **ENTRY FEES**

**Entry fee: € 990** per person for the whole period - 11 nights for Twin share (arrival on 23<sup>rd</sup> September – departure on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023)

- Deposit (30%) to be paid on or before **1<sup>st</sup> June 2023**
- Deposit (Next 40%) to be paid on or before **15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
- Balance (Total) to be paid on or before **1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**The fees cover:**

- 11 nights, twin sharing accommodation

For the accommodation in **single room**, please contact the Local Organizing Committee with specific requirements.

**The fees do NOT cover:**

- IBSA capitation tax (€25 per athlete)
- Optional payment for extra nights or additional group members (priority will be given to delegations)
- Additional costs associated with arrival/departure from other airports
- Other expenses may be applied on arrival, depending on team requirements. These may include additional ice packs (free ice for matches is provided), snacks, and recreational activities.

**Payment:**

Payments must always be in Euro (€).

Please note that you are responsible for paying all bank charges, including transfer fees





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### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES (ENTRY FORMS)**

Form n.		Start Date	Deadline
1	Preliminary Information	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
2	Finance – 30 % deposit		<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>
3	Finance – Next 40 % deposit		<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>
4	Classification (Entry by number)	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>
5	Classification (Entry by Name)	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>
6	Finance – balance of payment and IBSA capitation Fees		<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
7	Team profile and dietary requirements		<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
8	Arrival/departure details		<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
9	Delegation Form (Entry by name)		<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>





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### GENERAL SCHEDULE

	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<i>Arrival</i>											
<i>Classifications</i>											
<i>Opening Ceremony</i>											
<i>Opening Game</i>											
<i>Group Stage Matches</i>											
<i>Semifinals</i>											
<i>Placement Matches</i>											
<i>Final</i>											
<i>Closing Ceremony</i>											
<i>Departure</i>											

### SCHEDULE OF THE GAMES

SESSIONS					
	08:00	16:00		18:00	20:00
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Arrival (11 AM)				
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Classification	Classification		Classification	Classification
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Classification	Classification		Classification	Classification
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Opening Ceremony Group A	Group B		Group A	Group B
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Group A	Group B		Group A	Group B
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Group B	Group A		Group B	Group A
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Group B	Group A		Group B	Group A
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Group A	Group B		Group A	Group B
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Semifinal-1	Semifinal-2		9th/10th Place	7th/8th Place
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	6th/5th Place	3rd/4th Place		Final	Trophy Ceremony
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Departure (11 AM)				



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### FORM 1: Preliminary Information

**This form must be returned by E-Mail no later than **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** to:**

M C Roy (Project Director): [office@blindfootball.in](mailto:office@blindfootball.in)

<b>Country</b>	
<b>Name of Federation</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>	
<b>Name of Contact Person</b>	
<b>Position of Contact Person</b>	
<b>Estimate of Total Team Members</b>	
<b>Estimate of Athletes numbers</b>	
<b>Estimate of Staff numbers</b>	



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### WELCOME TO INDIA



### KOCHI – KERALA

