

**2023 USABA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GOALBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**November 2-4, 2023**  
**Tournament Information**

- The tournament will be held at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The tournament site address is:

**1100 West 45th Street**  
**Austin, Texas 78756**

- **The deadline for team entries is October 5, 2023.** No entries will be accepted after October 5, 2023. We will host a maximum of 24 teams on a first come first serve basis, so get your registration in early.
- **Players must be 19 or younger as of November 2, 2023.**
- Teams should arrive by Thursday afternoon and plan to depart no earlier than Sunday morning. The tentative tournament schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, November 2 – 5:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**Friday, November 3 – 8:00 AM-9:30 PM**

**Saturday, November 4 – 8:00 AM-8:00 PM**

- Meals provided: Thursday night dinner, Lunch and dinner Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday for registered/paid team members only. All meals will be served in the Recreation Center.
- Tournament fee (**\$35 per player/coach/escort**) covers meals, officials, awards, and miscellaneous costs.
- **Players and coaches need to be USABA members.**
- **Players and coaches need to sign the TSBVI Media Release.**
- Transportation is not provided by the tournament hosts. Transportation needs will have to be addressed by individual teams.
- Hotel accommodations are left up to the teams to secure the best fares and meet individual team preferences. If you need assistance or other information, please contact the tournament director.
- The format will be round-robin pool play with cross-over/quarter-final matches. Teams advancing will be reseeded based on pool play, followed by semi-finals and medal games. (Format subject to change based on number of entries)
- **IBSA rules will be used except for the length of games, consisting of 8-minute halves. We will use 12-minute halves in the semi-finals and finals. (Subject to change depending on the number of teams).**
- There will be a marshalling table outside the main gym for coin tosses. Teams must do the coin toss 15 minutes before the start of their game or earlier if both teams are present and agree.
- Certified Nurses will be on-site during the tournament if needed.
- There will be a 10-goal mercy rule in effect for the tournament. This rule will be applied at any point in the game.

- Players will be patched in all medal games. The tournament hosts will provide patches for the medal games. Any other requests for patching must occur during the coin toss and patches must be provided by the requesting team.
- If a coach wishes to protest a game result, protests must be handled in accordance with IBSA rules. The protest fee will be \$100.
- Pool players will be placed as needed at the tournament director's discretion. If a team wishes to request a pool player, please indicate such on your registration. Please note that you must have at least three of your own players to qualify as a registered team.
- USABA Certified Referees will be used.
- Reminders –
  - Players may not wear hard pads or other items that may damage the gym floor. No dark-soled shoes that leave marks. Approved eye shades are required. Jerseys and numbers on jerseys should meet IBSA guidelines.
  - All participants must be USABA members.
  - No smoking on the school campus.
  - No phones or other devices on ring or buzz during games.
  - We ask that no food or drinks, other than player/participant water bottles, be brought into the gyms to ensure the safety of participants and spectators in the bleachers.
  - Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- At the conclusion of the final game, an awards ceremony will take place. Medals (gold, silver, and bronze) are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers also receive a trophy.
- All games will be streamed. Streaming can be accessed at <http://www.tsbvi.edu/live>. Please pass this information on to players' families and other interested parties.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We look forward to having a great tournament experience for all.