



## Indian Blind Football Federation

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### BLIND FOOTBALL SELECTION POLICY

#### 1. Purpose

This Selection Policy outlines the transparent, fair, and merit-based procedures to be followed for the selection of players for all international blind football events. The policy is implemented by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) in alignment with best practices followed by the Indian Blind Sports Association's (IBSA) guidelines.

#### 2. Scope

This policy shall apply to:

- Indian Men's and Women's Blind Football Teams
- All IBSA-sanctioned international tournaments, championships, and qualification events

#### 3. Selection Camp

- A selection camp of 3 to 5 days shall be conducted prior to every international event.
- The number of players and goalkeepers to be selected for the championship shall be notified in advance.
- Selection camps may be conducted anywhere in India, based on logistical feasibility.

#### 4. Player Confirmation, Standby Players, and Replacement

- The selection camp notification shall be issued at least 20 days prior to the camp dates.
- Players must confirm participation within the timeline mentioned in the notification.
- In case of withdrawal, replacements shall be considered only from the approved standby list.
- A revised notification shall be issued 15 days before the selection camp, and this list shall be treated as final.

#### 5. Facilities and Entitlements

- IBFF or the camp hosting partner shall provide accommodation, food, and local transportation to all camp participants.
- Train travel expenses shall be reimbursed upon submission of valid tickets, as per IBFF norms.
- IBFF shall issue official letters and communications to players' schools, colleges, employers, or institutions to facilitate official leave.



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### 6. Eligibility Criteria

Players must fulfil at least one of the following eligibility conditions:

- Participation in any official IBFF domestic tournament within one year prior to the selection camp date, OR
- Participation in any international blind football event within one year prior to the selection camp date.

In addition, each affiliated state association may nominate up to two players for inclusion in the selection camp. Such nominations shall be considered by IBFF only if the nominated players meet all other eligibility criteria mentioned above.

The total number of participants in the selection camp shall be as follows:

- Outfield Players: Minimum 15 and maximum 20
- Goalkeepers: Minimum 4 and maximum 6

Only players meeting the above criteria and within the prescribed numbers shall be considered for selection.

### 7. Basis of Selection to the Selection Camp

Selection shall be based on:

- Performance in domestic tournaments
- Performance in previous international competitions
- Technical, tactical, physical, and psychological assessment during the selection camp
- Player aptitude and attitude, including discipline, commitment, teamwork, adaptability, and respect for coaching instructions

Selected players must remain available for post-selection training camps, as specified in the selection notification.

Standby players shall be identified and maintained to ensure continuity in case any selected player withdraws due to injury, illness, or unavoidable circumstances.

### 8. Selection Evaluation and Marking System

Selectors shall assess players daily using standardised evaluation sheets.

On the final day, players shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

- Fitness – 10 marks
- Ball Control & Sprint with Ball – 10 marks



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- Shot Accuracy & Power Shots – 10 marks
- Discipline & Communication – 10 marks
- Hearing Accuracy & Voice Orientation (VOY) – 10 marks

**Total Marks: 50**

### 9. Fitness Test

- A mandatory fitness test shall be conducted on the final day of the selection camp.
- The fitness test shall be qualifying in nature (Pass/Fail).
- Players who fail the fitness test shall not be considered for final selection, irrespective of technical scores.

### 10. Training & Trial Camp Duration

- The length of the trialing and preparation camp may vary from 1 to 2 months, depending on the tournament calendar and preparation requirements.
- International friendly matches and exposure games may be planned during this period as part of performance evaluation and match readiness.

### 11. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee shall consist of five selectors:

- Two selectors nominated by IBFF
- One representative from IBSA
- Two selectors from SAI / PCI or licensed football coaches from outside the blind football category
- One member shall be appointed as Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
- The Head Coach of the Indian Team shall be one of the selectors.
- The IBSA representative shall act as the official observer for the selection camp.

### 12. Coaches, Support Staff & Squad Strength

- The total squad strength for each international event shall normally be 15 members.
- Depending on the availability of funds or sponsorship, the squad size may vary, with a maximum of 18 members and a minimum number decided by IBFF based on event requirements and budget feasibility.
- IBFF shall appoint a Doctor or Physiotherapist to accompany the team.



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- The appointed medical professional must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working with national or state-level teams.
- Experience in para-sports will be considered an added advantage.
- Coaches and Goal Guides shall be appointed by IBFF based on merit and experience.
  - A minimum of three (3) years of experience in blind football is mandatory for coaches and goal guides.
- Support staff shall be decided and appointed by IBFF and may be drawn from the IBFF office.
  - IBFF also reserves the right to appoint support staff from outside the organisation, provided the individual has a minimum of three (3) years of experience handling blind football teams.
- The final composition of coaches and support staff shall be determined by IBFF, keeping in view the technical, medical, and logistical needs of the team.

### 13. Decision and Finality

- The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and binding.
- No correspondence or appeal regarding selection decisions shall be entertained.

### 14. Code of Conduct

All players must adhere to IBFF's Code of Conduct during the selection camp and subsequent training programmes. Any misconduct may result in immediate disqualification.

### 15. Amendments

IBFF reserves the right to amend or modify this policy in exceptional circumstances or to align with IBSA, SAI, or PCI regulations.

### 16. Declaration

This policy is issued to ensure fairness, transparency, accountability, and excellence in the selection of Indian Blind Football Teams for international representation.

**Issued by:**

**Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF)**