



**Canadian Blind Sports**  
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## **CBSA 2026 Junior National Goalball Championships**

CBSA is pleased to announce that the 2026 Junior National Goalball Championships, hosted by the Ontario Blind Sports Association, will take place from April 24 to 26, 2026, at the W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind in Brantford, Ontario.

We look forward to welcoming junior Goalball teams from across Canada for a weekend of development, competition, and community.

### **Competition Schedule**

Teams are encouraged to arrive prior to the technical meeting on Friday, with competition running through Sunday afternoon.

#### *Friday, April 24, 2026*


- Technical Meeting – early afternoon
- Competition – late afternoon start

#### *Saturday, April 25, 2026*


- Competition: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### *Sunday, April 26, 2026*

- Competition: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Medal Ceremony: 1:30 p.m.

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## **Tournament Venue**

W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind

350 Brant Avenue, Brantford, Ontario

The venue provides:

- Accessible competition gymnasium
- Athlete change rooms and washrooms
- Separate spaces for officials, volunteers, and spectators

## **Eligibility**

Athlete eligibility will align with IBSA Junior standards.

To be eligible to compete:

- Female athletes must be born in 2003 or later.
- Male athletes must be born in 2005 or later.

All athletes must meet these birth year requirements to participate in the 2026 Junior National Goalball Championships.

## **Divisions**

The 2026 Junior National Championships will feature two competitive divisions, structured to create appropriate and equitable competitive environments for athlete development and performance.

### *Division 1 - Male athletes*

This division is intended for higher-velocity male athletes and will primarily include athletes who consistently shoot above 55 km/h.

### *Division 2 - Open - Female and Male athletes*

This division is designed to create a competitive environment that supports athlete development while ensuring equitable match play across genders and stages of physical maturation.

Division 2 will include:

- Canada's top junior female athletes
- Male athletes whose throwing velocity aligns with the competitive standards of this division

To preserve competitive balance and athlete safety, male athletes who consistently shoot above 60 km/h are not eligible to participate in Division 2.

CBSA reserves the right to review athlete placement to ensure competitive integrity, athlete safety, and alignment with the objectives of each division.

### **Registration Fees**

- **\$250 CAD** per participant, plus
- **\$300 CAD** per team

Registration forms and waiver details will be circulated by CBSA. All required documentation must be completed prior to the start of competition.

### **Accommodation**

Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre

19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, Ontario

Phone: 519-753-8651

Room Block:

- 17 rooms – Standard Two Double Beds - \$169.00 per night
- 13 rooms – Standard Queen Bed with Pullout Sofa - \$169.00 per night

Teams are responsible for booking their own accommodation directly with the hotel. **The booking deadline is March 13, 2026.**

## **Transportation**

Teams are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Brantford, including airport transfers if required.

Shuttle bus transportation will be provided between the hotel and competition venue.

## **Meals**

The following meals will be provided at the venue:

- Friday, April 24: Dinner
- Saturday, April 25: Lunch and Dinner
- Sunday, April 26: Lunch

Any dietary requirements should be included in registration materials.

## **Technical Information**

The competition will follow the most recent IBSA Goalball Rules and Regulations.

### *Eye Patches*

All athletes will be patched for every game. Patches will be supplied in accordance with CBSA competition standards.

### *Protests*

- Protests will be reviewed by the Tournament Protest Committee.
- Protest fee: \$50 CAD (cash) payable at time of submission.

### *Ceremonies*

Opening acknowledgements will occur in conjunction with the start of competition. Medals and awards will be presented during the Sunday medal ceremony.

### **For further information**

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Richard Amelard, [richard@blindsports.on.ca](mailto:richard@blindsports.on.ca).