

INVITATION

Dear IBSA Member in Blind Football,

8th October 2017

JBFA: Japan Blind Football Association is proud to release the invitation and first entry form for the IBSA Blind Football World Grand Prix 2018, from 18th to 25th March 2018 as an official sanction event of IBSA.

What is World Grand Prix (WGP)?

WGP is a newly set up as IBSA official events which aims at both having yearly competitive tournament and developing blind football internationally.

As you may know, 2020 Paralympics will be taken place in Tokyo, Japan. And JBFA had successful IBSA Blind Football World Championships in 2014 with enough fundraising and media coverage. Toward 2020, IBSA Football Committee agreed to make much use of Japanese great movement into blind football family internationally. To have a competition, IBSA and JBFA as a LOC have come to agreement LOC will contribute to make a fund for the sake of developing countries.

WGP is consisted of two categories. One is for elite, high competitive countries, the other is for developing countries.

Who can participate in?

6 countries who are within 16th ranking table by IBSA Football Committee can participate in as “**Elite Category (EC)**” including hosting country. 4 countries after 16th ranking table can join as “**Development Category (DC)**”, which Japan B team will participate in as a hosting country, so that all slots are for 10 countries.

Pre-Camp for 2020 matching coordination

LOC will welcome if you are interested in choosing pre-camp site for 2020. There will be a chance to see a person from some candidate cities.

If you wish to participate in the competition, 1st entry form, expression of interest, should be returned to us by **31st October 2017**, in order to present your interest to participate in the games.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in Japan next spring.

Sincerely Yours,

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Competition Information

Visual Classification:	B1 - All the Visual Classification will be following the IBSA rules.							
The Number of Participants:	6 countries for EC and 4 participants for DC ◆ They should be good stand for IBSA. ◆ Hosting country will use one slot for both categories.							
Qualification:	◆ No qualification to Tokyo2020 Paralympics. ◆ Result will be recorded into IBSA ranking table.							
Venue:	Shinagawa Tennozu Park ◆ Artificial Grass, outside.							
Accommodation:	TBD							
Airport:	Narita International Airport < http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/index.html > Tokyo Haneda International Airport < http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/ > ◆ Organizing Committee will provide the transportation from/to the Narita or Haneda International Airport.							
Entry and Financial Schedule:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>31st October, 2017</td> <td>Due for the 1st entry form, expression of interest.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th December, 2017</td> <td>Due for deposit payment, 2,000.00EURO. Due for the confirmation form</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th January, 2018</td> <td>Due for the final entry form including member list. Also balance payment including IBSA Capitation Fee of EURO 25.00 for each athlete should be completed no later than this date.</td> </tr> </table> ◆ Please note that the official draw for the competition will take place on December with countries processed the deposit payment and confirmation form. ◆ Deposit fee is EURO 2,000.00 in total. ◆ Cancellation after the 10th December will be charged.		31 st October, 2017	Due for the 1st entry form, expression of interest.	10 th December, 2017	Due for deposit payment, 2,000.00EURO. Due for the confirmation form	15 th January, 2018	Due for the final entry form including member list. Also balance payment including IBSA Capitation Fee of EURO 25.00 for each athlete should be completed no later than this date.
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Participation Fee:	EURO 500.00 per person. ◆ Includes local transportations, meals, accommodation. ◆ Excludes visa, travel insurance, flight fee.							
Delegation Number:	15 person ◆ Exceeded person will be charged EURO 1000.00 per person at maximum of 18.							
Extension of stay:	Participants who arrive/depart exceeded days, it will cost you EURO 120.00 per person a night.							
Official Language:	Japanese and English. All printed materials will be available in English.							
Transportation:	Organizing Committee will be responsible for all local transportation.							

Insurance:	Participation Countries are responsible for their own insurance requirements for travel, personal accident, liability, and medical matters.
VISA:	Verify with the Japan Embassy or Consulate in order to request visas.

Itinerary:

DAY	DATE	OUTLINE
1	18 Sun	Arrival
2	19 Mon	Classification/Official Training/ Technical Meeting
3	20 Tue	Classification/Official Training
4	21 Wed	Opening Ceremony/Group League
5	22 Thu	Group League
6	23 Fri	Group League
7	24 Sat	Placement Match/Pre-Camp Matching
8	25 Sun	Placement Match/Awarding
9	26 Mon	Departure

- ◆ Competition format will be fixed after the confirmation form and deposit process.
- ◆ Schedule might be changed after the entry process.