IBSA leadership recently approved a revision to the rule revision schedule that will accelerate the current rule revision schedule by 1 year. The purpose of this change will be to provide more time between major rule revisions are published and goalball’s qualification process for Paralympic Games.

Below are key dates for the next major rule revision period:

- **May 2019:** Announcement of accelerated rule revision process for 2021-2024
- **June – November 2019:** Solicitation of rule changes from national Federations
- **December 2019:** Announcement of rules to be tested.
- **January - March 2020:** Testing of any proposed rules at selected tournaments
- **March – April 2020:** Final results of testing to goalball community; selection of final rules and regulations to be prepared into rulebook
- **May – June 2020:** Final preparation/editing of 2021-2024 Rules and Regulations.
- **1 July 2020:** Final Proposed 2021-2024 Rules and Regulations submitted to IBSA for approval.
- **September – October 2020:** update all documentation (to include Coach Essentials, referee and ITO documentation).
- **October – December 2020:** Referees’ and officials’ training/education.
- **1 January 2021:** New Rules and Regulations for the period 1 January 2021-31 December 2024 take effect.