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A photograph of a blind soccer player in a blue jersey and white shorts, running on a green field. The player is wearing a white armband and has their arms outstretched. In the background, there are other players, a goalpost, and a brick building under a blue sky with clouds.

OSA Soccer Summit 2016
March 6th 2016

Blind Soccer

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- A person in a wheelchair is shown in action on a soccer field, wearing a blue jersey and a red headband. They are positioned near a goalpost. In the background, there are trees and a clear sky. The image has a soft, painterly texture.
- **Manager, Membership Services with Ontario Soccer**
 - **Disability Football Advocate**
 - **Para Pan Am Chair for 5's and 7's Soccer**
 - **National B License Coach**

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- **5-a-side**
 - **Outfield players all Legally Blind**
 - **Goalkeeper is sighted**
 - **Audible Ball**
 - **2 periods of 25 minutes (stop clock)**
 - **Unlimited Substitutions**
 - **Communication (Coach, Goalkeeper and Guide)**

The Basics

The following is the general structure used for the classification of athletes with a visual impairment.

- B1: These athletes have a very low visual acuity and/or no light perception.
- B2: Athletes with a B2 sport class have a higher visual acuity than athletes competing in the B1 sport class and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees radius.
- B3: Athletes with a B3 (or equivalent) sport class have the least severe visual impairment eligible for Paralympic sport. They have the highest visual acuity and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees radius.



Categories of Visual Impairment



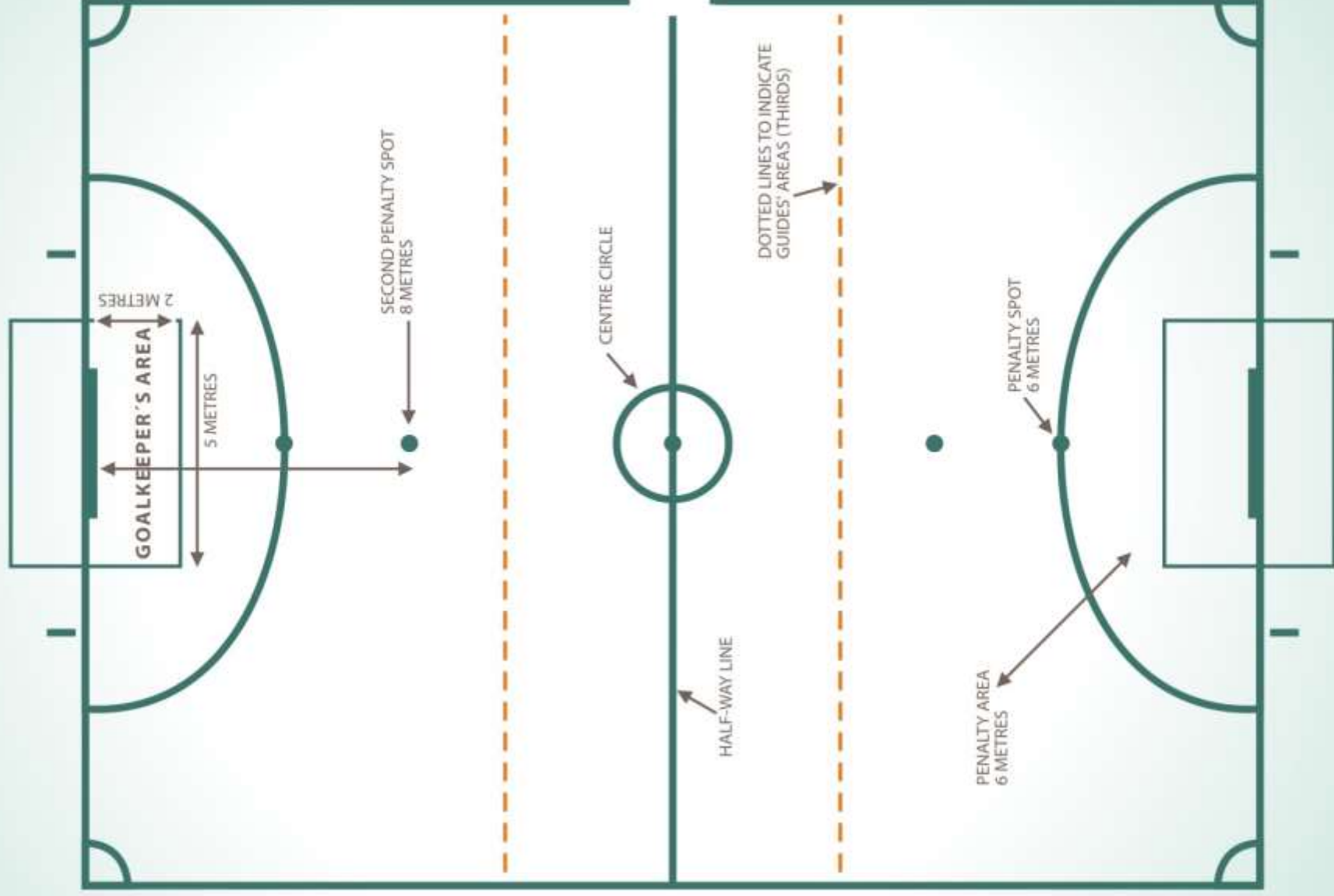
Blindfolds

WIDTH: 20 METRES

LENGTH: 40 METRES

SIDE KICKBOARDS

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The Goal

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- Mexico qualified for Rio 2016 – didn't have a program 4 years ago
 - Brazil were by far the best team, unbeaten and 2-1 winners v Argentina in Final
 - Crowd reaction was immense, lots of questions, loved the atmosphere.
 - 80 balls in circulation
 - Kickboards and goals stored for future competition.
 - 70 coaches trained.

Para Pan Am 5's Legacy



School Experiences

1. Think about blind and visually impaired people – how do they experience recreation?
2. Identify key contacts (next slide) to help.
3. Be creative in ensuring participation happens.
4. Be a Champion.



Your Next Steps

- Ontario Blind Sport Association
- ParaSport Ontario
- Ontario Soccer Association
- @mattgreenwood74



Contacts online