

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **An international sport tournament for blind and visually-impaired athletes, live from Montreal!**



**Montreal, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2016** – The 16th edition of Montreal Open Goalball Tournament (MOGT) organised by the *Association sportive des aveugles du Québec* (Quebec blind sports association), will take place from January 29<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 at the Gadbois recreational facility in Montreal. This annual sporting event allows goalball teams from everywhere in North America to compete and become best team of the year.

Goalball is a sport specifically designed for blind and visually-impaired people. This sport consists in making roll or bounces a ball into the opponent's goal. The ball contains a bell to make sound, so the players can find orientation and know where it is on the field. The goalball field is bordered by a black adhesive tape with a central string to create a tactile line that helps player find orientation on the field. Every player must wear a blindfold to equalize chances between blind and visually impaired players.

This year, 16 teams all from North America participate in this event. For the first time in sixteen years, the tournament will host as many male teams as female teams. The opportunity to participate in an international goalball tournament is pretty rare. For players, MOGT is the occasion to face their peers and adjust their tactics. Some are high-class players and will represent their country at Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. This is the opportunity to challenge themselves before the ultimate competition.

Canadian teams come from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The teams from the United States will come from Delaware, Oregon and New-York.

The presentation of this 16th edition is possible thanks to the financial support of the Government of Quebec, the City of Montreal and the following sponsors: Pepsi Canada, Pizza Hut, Location Légaré, Dagwoods, Protection Incendie Idéal Inc., Metro Bellemare, McKesson Canada, Physiothérapie du sport du Québec.

Entrance is free for people who want to attend matches of this very special sport that can only be played in complete silence.

All details and the game's schedule is available on the website of the ASAQ: <http://sportsaveugles.qc.ca/sport/goalball/tournoi-invitation-de-goalball-de-montreal/>

### **Montreal Open Goalball Tournament (MOGT).**

**WHERE:** Gadbois recreational facility, 5485, Ch. Côte Saint-Paul, Montreal.

**WHEN:** January 29, 30 and 31, 2016.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Quarter finals:** Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

**Semi-finals:** Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Final:** Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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