

# USABA

UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES

## FACT SHEET



### Who We Are

USABA is a national organization that provides sports opportunities to thousands of children, youth, adults and veterans who are blind and visually impaired. **USABA programs serve athletes of all ages and abilities, from local grassroots programs to elite Paralympic level.**

### Mission & Vision

The United States Association of Blind Athletes empowers Americans who are blind and visually impaired to experience life-changing opportunities in sports, recreation and physical activities, thereby educating and inspiring the nation.



### Significant Accomplishments



USABA is a member of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

The women's & men's goalball teams both qualified for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

The U.S. was the only nation to have both goalball teams win medals in Rio 2016.

USABA hosted its first 5 a-side-Soccer Talent ID Camp, as it builds a national team leading up to the 2028 Paralympic Games.



# 1976

USABA was founded by Dr. Charles Buell in 1976 with the purpose of improving the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

# 13 Sports

USABA provides athletic opportunities in various sports including, but not limited to, goalball, track & field, 5 a-side-soccer, swimming, tandem cycling, and alpine skiing.

# +3,000 Athletes

USABA has impacted the lives of over 3,000 athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

# +75 Partners

USABA has partnered with multiple organizations, including the Anthem Foundation, proud supporter of our National Fitness Challenge for the past 7 years.