

# 7th World Goalball Championship Brazil 2002

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## Brazil Goalball 2002

For the first time the Brazilian people will have the opportunity to enjoy an exciting sport which is played by visually impaired athletes all over the world: goalball.

The International Blind Sports Federation - IBSA, the Brazilian Blind Sports Association - ABDC, and the Department of Sports and Leisure of the city of Rio de Janeiro joined hands to bring you the first World Goalball Championship of the 3rd millennium, that will be held in Rio de Janeiro from August 30 to September 07.

Our main objectives are to promote goalball and encourage its practice in Brazil.

The sports for the blind movement in Brazil is quite active this year: in total, we are going to host seven different Championships. One of ABDC's greatest challenges is the World Goalball Championships, which are going to Rio de Janeiro from August 30 to September 07. Approximately 168 athletes from 18 countries will be competing in the next Paralympics, that will take place in Greece, in 2004.

ABDC has been getting ready to bring the World Goalball Championships to Brazil since 2001. We have sent experts in adapted sports to the Pan American Games, which were held in Spartanburg, North Carolina, USA, to qualify our professionals, to see how the sport is being promoted in other countries, and to observe the referees.

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