



Mr Michael Barredo
President
IBSA
Manila
Philippines

Tuesday 21st March 2006

Re: International Berlin Challenge Cup 2006

Dear Sir / Madam,

The International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA), of which I am President, is continually seeking new ways to further develop the range of sports for the blind and partially sighted on our international sports calendar. We welcome the initiative to hold the "First International Berlin Challenge Cup" in May 2006.

Blind futsal is an exciting, fast-moving sport that is experiencing exponential growth thanks to IBSA support. We organise regional championships, world championships, and many other cup and friendly tournaments. At the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games the futsal tournament was one of the most exciting and popular events and we are further promoting the sport worldwide and in particular in Europe, where thanks to sponsorship from UEFA we are currently implementing the IBSA Futsal Development Project Europe.

The International Berlin Challenge Cup 2006 is a welcome addition to the blind futsal calendar; coming as it does immediately before the FIFA World Cup, also to be held in Germany, it is an excellent opportunity to showcase the skills and talent of blind players and demonstrate to the world that blind people are, as IBSA's slogan states, *Capable of Everything*. We wholeheartedly endorse this event and encourage you to support it in any way you can.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL I. BARREDO
IBSA President