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## DSCC athlete named to Team USA, will compete in Tokyo Paralympic Games

**Columbus, Ohio** – Defense Supply Center Columbus employee Mindy Cook will represent Team USA at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in the sport of goalball later this summer.

Cook is a contracting specialist with Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime's Land Supplier Operations Directorate. The [official announcement](#) was made by the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes, the sport's governing body, following Cook's selection. Cook will be making her Paralympic debut alongside five seasoned USA Women's Goalball Team members. In the 2016 Rio Games, the team claimed bronze.

"I'm so grateful for all of DLA's support in this journey," Cook said after learning of her selection. "My success at DLA and in Goalball is a reflection of the outstanding leadership of my DLA Land management team. I'm excited for what is yet to come and to share in this journey with DLA."



Goalball is a team sport for blind and visually impaired athletes. Its origins can be traced to World War II when it was used as a rehabilitation resource for blinded veterans.

Goalball consists of two opposing teams with three players on the court at a time. The game is played on a volleyball-sized court and the object is to roll or bounce a basketball-sized ball across the opposing team's goal line. The ball contains several bells so that players can locate its position. All players wear eyeshades to negate any sight advantages between those with complete blindness and those with vision impairments. The court is marked with raised lines so the players can feel their location

at any time.

The Summer Games originally scheduled to open in Tokyo last July were delayed due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The goalball competition begins Aug. 25 with the medal matches taking place Sept. 3.

*(Photo courtesy of U.S. Association of Blind Athletes)*

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