

Blind Soccer MLB Parent/Guardian survey Summary

The MLB Parent/Guardian Survey indicates that parents have generally positive perceptions of blind soccer among families of young children with visual impairments. Parents and guardians strongly endorsed the social, orientation and mobility benefits of blind soccer. Moreover, parents in the early learner program provided the highest level of agreement for the that children with and without visual impairments both benefit from playing together (3.83). Open-ended responses echoed enthusiasm, highlighting new skills, excitement at home, and gratitude for the program's inclusive impact. One of the few challenges that emerged in the data was a relatively low average rating ($M = 2.08$) for the difficulty of participation, however, parents also indicated that they thought their children could fully participate indicating challenges were overcome in the project.

Participants

23 Survey

69.6% - Age 1-4 students -16

30.4% - K-2 students - 7

Average age- 29.38* (some answered for age of child)

53.8% Hispanic/Latino

Cared for about 2 kids on average (range is 1 to 4)

Level of education-

23.1% Bachelor's or above

30.8% Some college/associates

23.1% High school/GED

23.1% Other/unknown

Income

30.8% < \$35k per year

61.5% played a sport themselves. 15.4% have a visual impairment themselves.

4 responses for students without VI

Table 2. *Perception Ratings of Survey Statements*

Perception	Average Rating
Participation in blind soccer is difficult for my child.	2.08
Blind soccer is a good way to address the mobility needs of my child.	3.43
Blind soccer is a good way to address the social needs of my child.	3.61
Children with and without visual impairment both benefit by playing blind soccer together.	3.83
My child...	
... enjoys blind soccer.	3.48
... is athletic.	3

... is well supported in blind soccer.	3.64
... is able to participate fully in blind soccer.	3.57
... benefits socially from playing blind soccer.	3.57
... has made friends while playing blind soccer.	3.41
... needs more support in blind soccer.	3.13
... learns soccer skills from playing blind soccer.	3.55
... learns orientation and mobility skills from playing blind soccer.	3.41
...’s communication skills have improved from playing blind soccer.	3.24
... works better with their peers as a result of playing blind soccer.	3.22

Quotes:

I love the blind soccer program.

Aimee has come home and has had the desire to kick the soccer ball all the time. She can stop it, kick it, throw it in. All new skills for her!

That a amazing project! Continue!

There are so many great benefits from my child being part of the blind soccer program. Our family is very excited to have our children participate in the sport.

Looking forward to seeing all the benefits from my child being in the blind soccer program.