

= Tyan Taylor =

Tyan " Little Girl " Taylor (born 23 March 1990) is an Australian goalball winger and is classified as a B3 competitor . In 2009 , after only a month playing the sport , Taylor was named to the New South Wales team . She made the national team in 2011 and has played in the 2010 World Championships , 2011 IBSA Goalball World Cup and 2011 IBSA Africa Oceania Goalball Regional Champions . She was selected to represent Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in goalball .

= = Personal life = =

Nicknamed " Little Girl " because of her size , Taylor was born on 23 March 1990 in Mount Kuring @-@ gai , New South Wales . She has ocular albinism and nystagmus , conditions she was born with , and is 156 centimetres (61 in) tall . Taylor has participated in two extreme sports : skydiving and bungee jumping . In 2011 and 2012 , she lived in Normanhurst , New South Wales . In 2012 , she worked as a teacher 's aide .

= = Goalball = =

Taylor is a goalball player , and is a winger and centre . She is classified as a B3 competitor , and has a goalball scholarship with the New South Wales Institute of Sport .

When Taylor was ten years old , several years before started the sport , her grandmother made a comment to her after having seen the game that Taylor could play and one day make the Paralympics . Only when she got to high school , in August 2009 , did she start playing the sport . After only a month playing the sport , Taylor was selected for the New South Wales team that competed at the 2009 National Championships , where she was the second leading scorer in what was her first major competition . Playing again for New South Wales , she competed in the 2011 National Championships , and was named the tournament 's MVP . At the 2012 Australian National Championships , her New South Wales team finished second , and she was awarded the Ladies ' MVP and the Kenaghan Medal , which was awarded at the end of the tournament .

Taylor made her national team debut in 2010 at the World Championships in Britain . It was the first time the national team had played in three years . The team finished sixth at the 2011 IBSA Goalball World Cup , where she scored her first international goal in a game against the Spain women 's national goalball team . She competed in the 2011 IBSA Africa Oceania Goalball Regional Champions that were hosted in Turkey , which served as the Paralympic qualifying tournament . In her first game against New Zealand , her team won 11 @-@ 4 after leading 7 @-@ 1 at the half time break . She scored one goal in the team 's victory . Australia won the final game against New Zealand by a score of 6 @-@ 2 . She played in the game against New Zealand women 's national goalball team with Taylor scoring a pair of goals in the game .

Taylor was named to the Aussie Belles that was going to the 2012 Summer Paralympics . That the team qualified for the Games came as a surprise , as the Australian Paralympic Committee had been working on player development with an idea of the team qualifying for the 2016 Summer Paralympics , and an Australian team had not participated since the 2000 Summer Paralympics , when they earned an automatic selection as hosts , and the team finished last in the competition . Going into the Paralympics , her team was ranked eighth in the world . The Australian Paralympic Committee had chosen to work on her development as a goalball player with the idea that she might be able to qualify for and win a medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics . Taylor debuted the national team 's Paralympic uniform on 1 May 2012 at the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal on day two of the Mercedes @-@ Benz Fashion Week Australia Spring / Summer 2012 / 13 . In the 2012 Summer Paralympics tournament , the Belles played games against Japan , Canada , the United States and Sweden . They lost every game , and did not advance to the finals .