

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC - BOCCE Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The 2025 Provincial Games will only offer Team competition. Although Team and Singles competition may be offered at 2024 Regional Qualifiers, only Team Competition will be a qualifying event.

### **SPORT RULES.**

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website [www.specialolympics.bc.ca](http://www.specialolympics.bc.ca) at

*Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Bocce*

### **RULES - EXCEPTIONS TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA, (SOC) RULES.**

Please note that these rule exceptions only apply to Local, Regional and, where noted, Provincial Games. Athletes and Coaches must be aware that all competitions outside of the above will be governed by SOC rules and the rules of that Sport's Governing Body.

1. A regulation game shall consist of reaching a winning score as follows: 16 pts for 4 player team, 12 pts for 2 player team, 12 pts for individual person competition or if a game reaches 1 hour in length.
2. One (1) three (3) minute break will be given throughout the game
3. Scorekeepers must have coaches sign score sheets at the end of each game in a tournament. The director of the tournament will oversee all officials, timekeepers and scorekeepers at the competition. This will ensure that both teams agree upon score before the score is made final. Once the score sheet is signed a protest cannot proceed.
4. Due to the lack of bocce facilities with boards the facility requirements at a Regional or Provincial Levels may not include a playing service that has boards designed to keep the ball in play. If the ball goes out of bounds it is considered a dead ball.

### **FACILITY**

The competition venue should comply with the requirements dictated in SOC Rules (exception noted above)

In addition to the venue requirements listed in the SOC Rules participants should also have access to the following facility amenities:

- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Separate changing facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.

## **DIVISIONING**

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is to be utilized.

1. Skill Assessment must be completed for each athlete and submitted to the Competition Coordinator with registration.
2. Teams or singles will be divisioned based on submitted assessments.
3. Should schedule allow teams or singles will be required to play modified games (sets) as per they appear in the Special Olympics Canada Official Rules Book.
4. Following the divisioning round, teams or singles are to be divisioned according to the Special Olympics Canada Official Divisioning Process.
5. If schedule does not allow for modified games, teams and singles will be divisioned based on submitted assessments
6. Divisioning process must be reviewed with the SOBC Sport Coordinator

## **REGIONAL QUALIFIER EVENTS**

Regional Qualifiers must offer the following events

- 1) Team Competition (4 Players)

**NOTE: Only athletes competing in the Team Competition will be eligible for qualification to Provincial Games.**

Athletes may enter either Team or Singles Competition but not both.

## **LOCAL COMPETITION**

Local Competition that is not designated as a Regional Qualifier may offer Team, Doubles and/or Singles competition at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.

## **COMPETITIVE ATTIRE**

All athletes and coaches must be dressed uniformly in proper bocce attire. Such attire includes a collared shirt, black dress pants or shorts with a straight hemmed bottom or Regional Track pants in the case of rain. Matching hats are optional. Denim, sweatpants, stir-up pants, and spandex shall not be permitted.

NO JEANS may be worn by coaches or athletes

## **SPORT OFFICIALS**

All officials should have a strong knowledge of the sport of Special Olympics Bocce. The Head Official must be in place before applying for sanctioning from the SOBC Provincial Office.

## **MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at a bocce competition.

- Two (2) First Aid attendants - (standard certification)

## **REGISTRATION FORM / SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

Please refer to the registration form included in this sanctioning supplement. Registration for both Team and Singles Competition must include assessment scores.

A template for a complete Bocce Registration Package that you can customize for your tournament can be obtained by contacting [competition@specialolympics.bc.ca](mailto:competition@specialolympics.bc.ca)

## **BOCCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

Registration package must include the requirement to submit Bocce Skills assessment for all athletes in both Team and Singles Competition

Skills Assessment to be conducted as follows:

1. Each athlete should play three modified games, called a set. The athlete should alternate from each end of the court and play the following allotted balls. The athlete should not surpass the foul line when they play the allotted balls:
  - a) The referee should place the pallina at the 30-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
  - b) The referee will then place the pallina at the 40-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
  - c) The referee will then place the pallina at the 50-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
2. Measurements will be taken from the center top of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements.
3. During Assessment, if the pallina is moved from its spot at 30ft, 40ft or 50ft. it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken.

## Bocce Regional Qualifier Registration Form Team Competition

Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team #1

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S NAME	THROW – 30f (3 best throws)			THROW – 40f (3 best throws)			THROW – 50f (3 best throws)		
<b>Team Total</b>									

### Team #2

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S NAME	THROW – 30f (3 best throws)			THROW – 40f (3 best throws)			THROW – 50f (3 best throws)		
<b>Team Total</b>									

### Team #3

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S NAME	THROW – 30f (3 best throws)			THROW – 40f (3 best throws)			THROW – 50f (3 best throws)		
<b>Team Total</b>									

**Each Team must be comprised of 4 athletes, and 1 coach.**

*\*\*please use additional sheets as necessary*

Team Competition is a Qualifying Event for the 2025 Provincial Games.

## Bocce Regional Qualifier Registration Form Singles Competition

Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Asst Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Asst Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name	DOB Dd/mm/yy	THROW – 30f (3 best throws)			THROW – 40f (3 best throws)			THROW – 50f (3 best throws)		
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2)										
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5)										
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**The minimum required coach ratio for Singles Bocce is 1 coach for every 4 athletes. Sufficient coaches to meet this ratio must be registered**  
*\*\*please use additional sheets as necessary*

Singles Competition is not a Qualifying Event for the 2025 Provincial Games.  
 Athletes competing in Singles Competition will not eligible to qualify for the 2025 Provincial Games in Bocce