

## Special Olympics BC Fall 2020 Virtual Competition BOCCE SKILLS

We are excited to offer a virtual competition opportunity for **bocce programs** that are part of Level 1 within [Special Olympics BC's Return to Sport](#).

Events will be executed within local programs with results submitted to the SOBC Provincial Office. Results will then be divisioned against athletes from across the province.

After the results are compiled, SOBC will host a virtual ceremony that will celebrate everyone's participation. The ceremony will be open to all participants as well as their friends and families!

### Request to Confirm Participation

Head Coaches are asked to email Jean Tetarenko at [jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca](mailto:jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca) to confirm if their program will participate in the Fall 2020 Virtual Competition.

### Virtual Competition Timeline

Results Submission Deadline: **Monday, October 19, 2020** (coaches are asked to submit results as soon as events are completed to assist with data entry)

Virtual Awards Ceremony: Date to be announced

### Virtual Competition Event:

Level 1 competition is based on individual and skills-based events. For bocce, we will be offering **Bocce Skills Competition** as part of the SOBC Fall 2020 Virtual Competition opportunity.

Results will be divisioned for each events as follows:

- Event #1 – 30ft Pallina
- Event #2 – 40ft Pallina
- Event #3 – 50ft Pallina
- Event #4 – All Round\*\*

\*\*Event #4 will based on total of results from Event #1, #2, and #3.

Provincial results will be generated for each event.

Athletes may enter some or all events.

Available facility space and time within individual programs may impact which events programs are able to offer. For example, if a program just have time to run one or two events, this is fine. However, we encourage programs to offer all events if feasible.

Events can be executed at any time prior to the results submission deadline, and can be done over multiple program sessions

## Facility and Equipment

- Flat grass surface
- Bocce courts (sufficient number to allow for spacing to accommodate required physical guidelines as per Return to Sport Protocols)
- Bocce balls (sufficient number to allow for only one athlete to touch a set of balls between disinfecting)
- Measuring tape
- Bocce paddles to signify that an athlete can throw their next ball
- Disinfecting wipes and PPE as per RTS Protocols
- Tape to identify waiting areas
- Recording sheets

## Event Execution

To complete in all events, the athlete plays three modified games. 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:

### Event #1 – 30 ft Pallina

- The referee should place the pallina at the 30-foot line, and the player should play four balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimetres.

### Event #2 – 40 ft Pallina

- The referee will then place the pallina at the 40-foot line, and the player should play four balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimetres.

### Event #3 – 50 ft Pallina

- The referee will then place the pallina at the 50-foot line, and the player should play four balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimetres.

For all events:

- During each end, 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.
- All balls must be left in the field of play with measurements taken once the final throw comes to rest.
- Measurements will be taken from the centre top of the bocce ball to the centre top of the pallina, for a total of 3 measurements for each end.
- Upon completion of each end, the athlete retrieves their own balls and prepares for the next end.
- Upon completion of the three ends, the balls must be disinfected prior to the next athlete competing.
- The competition could take place over multiple weeks.

## Submitting Results

Submitted results will be divisioned against athletes in other Level 1 bocce programs, and Head Coaches will be notified of results in advance of the virtual ceremony.

Results must be submitted no later than **Monday, October 19, 2020** and include:

1. Completed “Bocce Skills Results Submission“ excel sheet
2. Group photo of participants in your program (physically distanced of course) for use in the virtual ceremony. You are welcome to submit more than one photo should not all participants be at one practice.

Submission of additional photos optional but welcome.

Please submit results and photo(s) to [jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca](mailto:jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca)

Submission of results as soon as your program is completed is appreciated to assist with data entry.

## Officiating Events

Coaches will function as referees to the best of their ability. We realize coaches are not trained referees, and just ask that you do your best to execute the events within the rules of the sport.

Your Program Safety Volunteer can support event execution as well.

No additional people can be added to your program to execute events.

Further information on basic skills, competition and rules can be accessed on the SOBC website under [Bocce Coach Resources](#).

## Questions and Support

Questions on processes, including how to structure your event and/or rules, can be directed to:

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