



The National Pan Disability Boccia League Schools Division Guidelines

Introduction

The aim of the League is to provide an opportunity for young disabled people to compete together at a local level and then provide an opportunity for teams to progress through to a National Final. The competition is open to pupils on the SEN register, though we would urge you to include those with a severe functional disability whenever possible.

A School's division of the National Pan Disability Boccia League was introduced in the 2010/11.

Some Guidelines:

- A team competition, each team will be able to register between 3 and 10 players.
- The Leagues will run seasonally, between October and July, with the end of the season being marked by the National Boccia League Finals Day.
- The local league size will be determined by the number of entries received within a given geographical area. Local leagues will consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 7 teams. If there are more entries in a particular area then teams will be split between two (or more) leagues.
- The winners of the local leagues will be invited to the National League Final (depending on the number of entries, it may be necessary to have play offs before the National Final).
- Each team will play all the other teams within their league twice, once home and once away. However, both matches can be played at same venue on the same day if more convenient.
- Each Home & Away Match will consist of 6 ends.

Entry

In order to encourage more school's into the league and to provide greater opportunity for school's to progress from local competition through to a National Final we are offering two entry options:

Option 1 – schools independently express their interest to join the league (as in previous years). Boccia England groups schools according to their location and coordinates the teams and results. (Schools' arrange their own fixtures).

Option 2 – where there may be school leagues that already exist or there is a suitable person locally who can coordinate the league, this league can affiliate to the Boccia England National League. The league must adhere to the same entry criteria and rules as the National league. This will provide an opportunity for teams to progress through to a National Final.

All teams that enter must hold current Boccia England membership (£5 per school – to be confirmed).

Cost

Option 1:

£10 per team

Option 2:

Number of teams in the league	League affiliation cost
4-6 teams (1 qualifier)	£30
7-12 teams (2 qualifiers)	£55
13-18 teams (3 qualifiers)	£80
19-24 teams (4 qualifiers)	£100
25-30 teams (5 qualifiers)	£115
31-36 teams (6 qualifiers)	£130

If you are interested in joining the league next season as a school, please complete the expression of interest form, if you are interested in joining as an affiliated league then please contact Lucy Hall, lhall@bocciaengland.org.uk, 0115 9678455