

## Teams and Pairs Boccia Competition

### Rules and Guidelines

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#### Eligibility/Entry

The Boccia England Teams and Pairs Competition is open to players that meet the CPISRA classification guidelines for Boccia (BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4). All players must hold at least a Regional classification.

There will be 3 divisions of play:

- BC1/BC2 Teams** Maximum of 5 players with 3 on court at any time. At least one BC1 player must be on court at any time
- BC3 Pairs** can include a maximum of 3 players with 2 on court at any time – at least one must be a CP Player
- BC4 Pairs** can include a maximum of 3 players with 2 on court at any time.

There is no qualification process for the event; teams/pairs will be awarded places on a first come first served basis. Players from the other Home Countries are also invited, though teams/pairs will not be representing their country but their club/group.

#### Competition Rules

The events will be played under the CPISRA – Classification and Sports Manual 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (CBC) rules.

Boccia England, in accordance with CBC, recognises that situations may arise that are not covered within the manual. These situations will be dealt

with at the time they arise in consultation with the Technical Delegate and/or Head Referee.

### **Equipment**

Players will be permitted to use their own Boccia balls provided that they are of the CBC approved standard. Players must make their equipment available for inspection if the organiser/head referee/technical delegate/referee requests it. Boccia England will provide a set of HandiLife Boccia balls for each court for those players who do not have their own set or their set does not meet with regulations.

### **Competition Format**

Depending on the number of entries per Division of Play, teams/pairs will compete in a round robin or preliminary round of pools leading to Final Knockout (KO) stages. The process for determining this will be as follows:

- 1-5 teams/pairs = round robin
- 6+ = Pools leading to final knockout stages

Team matches will consist of 6 ends, Pairs matches will consist of 4 ends. In the event of a tie, a tie break end will be played to determine the winner.

### **Positions**

Round Robin/Pool positions will be determined by:

- The Team/Pair with the most wins will be placed in the highest position.
- In the event of a tie, the team/player with the highest points difference will take the highest position – points scored in a tiebreak will not be included
- In the event of there still being a tie, the team/pair with the highest points for will be placed in the highest position – points scored in a tie break will not be included.

- In the unlikely event of there still being a tie then a sudden death playoff will be played.

### **Progression from Pool Rounds to Elimination Rounds**

Apart from the 1 or 2 direct advancers based on pool positions, it may be necessary to determine the highest scoring runners up to progress through to the finals stages. The following criteria are applied to determine the highest scoring runners up. If any players are in an equal position after one criterion has been applied then the next criteria should be used until the sides have been separated into positions.

- Average point difference (the total number of points scored, minus the total number of points conceded, divided by the number of matches played, in descending order; points obtained in tie-breaks will not be counted).
- Average point for (the total number of points scored, divided by the number of matches played, in descending order; points obtained in tie-breaks will not be counted).
- Tie-break end (the winner of the extra end).

### **Awards**

The top three teams/pairs players in each division will receive trophies for their achievements. Trophies will be awarded on a +1 basis in divisions with limited entries (i.e. if three team/pairs enter – the top two team/pairs will receive awards).

### **Protest/Appeals**

A team/pair who does not agree with the refereeing of a game should not sign the score sheet and has 30 minutes from the end of the game in which to submit a written appeal. Forms will be available from the registration desk and a charge of £50 per appeal will be payable. This money will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.