

The DoE School Sport Unit, in partnership with Boccia NSW, and NSW Office of Sport is inviting schools to participate in the 2020 NSW Public Schools Boccia Knockout.



Boccia can be both a competitive sport and a recreational activity played from the school sports hall to a Paralympic level. While it is a Paralympics sport designed for people with physical disabilities, it can be easily adapted to create a level playing field for all students with, or without a disability.

After the success of the 2019 competition which saw over 70 schools participate, the 2020 competition will again include 16 Regional and Metropolitan Knockout Days, with the winning school from each knockout progressing to the Grand Final which will be held in September at the Quay Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

Entry details

Schools must complete and return the attached entry form prior to Friday 20 March 2019.

Cost per team is \$40 – this fee will be direct debited from the Schools account in the July Sundry Tax Upload.

Schools can only enter one team each. Each school that enters will receive a confirmation letter outlining their Regional Knockout Date and Location.

Each of the 16 regional and metro competition days is limited to a maximum of 8 teams. Each team must register between 3 to 9 players, and specify their disabilities. Boccia is a gender blind sport, so teams can be mixed (boys and girls). At least two of the players must have a

Please note: The Department acknowledges that not all documents meet accessibility standards. The Department is working towards meeting WCAG 2.00 AA standards. For assistance with accessibility please call 9508 5500 phone number for accessibility assistance 9 5 0 8 5 5 0 0 or email assistanceschoolsportunit@det.nsw.edu.au

disability (and would therefore be on court all the time), and it is encouraged to only select non-disabled players if required to make up a viable team. Boccia is a sport designed for athletes with disabilities, but comparatively equal playing conditions can be created.

Note – In exceptional circumstances where a school only has one student with a disability, the school is permitted to join with another locally based school. A request for approval from the school principal is required to be sent to Daniel Brown, Disability Inclusion Officer, School Sport Unit Daniel.brown35@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday 20 March, 2020.

Schedule

Applications open	Monday 24 February 2020
School entries close	Friday 20 March 2020
Regional / Metropolitan Knockout Rounds	Term 2 weeks 5-9
Grand final	Term 3 week 9

Conditions of play

At least two of the “on court” players at all times, must have disabilities. **Any non-disabled player or a student with only a behavioural disorder must use their feet to kick the ball.** Throwers, kickers and ramp players will play together in a team as decided by the coach.

Only 3 players from each team will be required on court at any time, one of which will be the nominated captain. The captain will be the key point of contact between the referee and the team, and will generally direct play with assistance from the teacher/coach from the sidelines. Players using a ramp can have an assistant (referred to as a ramp assistant) which can either be another pupil, or an adult volunteer. It is important that the ramp assistant only follows the directions of the athlete and does not influence play.

All competition games will consist of either 4 or 6 Ends depending on time available (an End being a full set of 6 red and 6 blue balls being played). This may be altered if time is running out. Substitutions can be made between any of the 4 / 6 Ends.

At the conclusion of each End one on-field player (cannot be substituted in just for this throw) of each team will be invited to play a ball into the new “Penalty Box” (This is a small box which surrounds the centre cross). If the ball played lands inside the box, and does not touch any of the lines, a “bonus point” will be added to the End Score. Red will always go first, and blue second. The red ball is removed before blue has their turn. Over a Four End game, a team must use four different players to play their “Bonus Point” shots, and the player must complete the throw from the box they played in during that End. Therefore, each team will have four chances to add points over a 4 End game.

Please note: The Department acknowledges that not all documents meet accessibility standards. The Department is working towards meeting WCAG 2.00 AA standards. For assistance with accessibility please call 9508 5500 phone number for accessibility assistance 9 5 0 8 5 5 0 0 or email [email address for accessibility assistanceschoolsportunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:assistanceschoolsportunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

Only one teacher/coach can assist the team with verbal instructions while play is in progress, and they must remain off the court during play. We encourage all coaching to support the decision making capacity of the athletes as much as possible.

All players must be sitting while playing, whether this is in a wheelchair or fixed seat.

Timing: There is a maximum time limit of 6 minutes per team, per End. If a side releases a ball after the time limit is reached then the referee will stop the ball and remove it from the court before it disturbs play. If a side has not released the ball when the time limit is reached, that ball and other remaining balls of that side will be removed by the referee. Ramp players will have a maximum of 1 minute to play each of their balls.

Umpiring

Boccia NSW staff will be responsible for the umpiring duties, but at times teachers may be requested to assist. Intensive knowledge of the game is not generally required, once basic concepts are understood. Being able to promote a fair and inclusive contest environment is more essential.

Equipment

All competition equipment will be supplied by Boccia NSW, but schools are encouraged to bring their own ramps and sets of Boccia balls if they have them. Some time for practice will be possible before play commences, but a brief introduction session will be given to everybody. Teams will also be able to practice between games. For more information consult the Introduction to Boccia manual, or for information regarding the purchase of equipment contact Daniel Brown or Peter Cardy (details shown over).

Competition structure

Regional and Metropolitan Central Venue Knockouts Days will be held at Schools (where possible) in indoor sports halls. Each Boccia court is 12m long by 6m wide. Play will commence from 10.00am and conclude by 2.00pm.

The Knockout Days will start with a skill development session, followed by competition. Boccia NSW staff will manage this process and inform participating schools.

The winning team from each of the 16 regional and metro Competition days will be invited to take part in the Grand Final to be played in Sydney in September 2020 at the Quay Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

Team responsibilities

To ensure an efficient and fair playing environment, all teams are required to meet the following responsibilities:

- Arrive at the venue on time
- Ensure the team is ready to play each round as requested by the event manager
- Have the starting 3 players ready to go on court
- Complete all substitutions quickly between ends
- All players participate in a fair manner
- Coaches to encourage sportsmanship at all times
- Follow the directions of the referee
- Ensure the consumption of refreshments occurs between games

Additional information

Schools can email Daniel.brown35@det.nsw.edu.au to receive a Boccia Manual.

Registration, Boccia Competition & Equipment enquiries

Daniel Brown/Peter Cardy

Disability Inclusion Officers

Daniel.brown35@det.nsw.edu.au

Peter.cardy@det.nsw.edu.au

School entry form

2020 NSW Public Schools Boccia Knockout

School name _____ School email _____
Principal name _____ Principal sign _____
Teacher in charge _____ Email _____
School region _____ Date _____

The cost per team is \$40.00. Entries close **Friday 20 March 2020**. Entry fee will be direct debited in the July Sundry Tax Invoice.

Team details –

Name	Disability	Thrower or ramper
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Please identify team captain with (c) following their name.

Return applications to

Daniel Brown/Peter Cardy
School Sport Unit
14-22 Loftus Street
Turrella 2205
Daniel.brown35@det.nsw.edu.au
Peter.cardy@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note: The Department acknowledges that not all documents meet accessibility standards. The Department is working towards meeting WCAG 2.00 AA standards. For assistance with accessibility please call 9508 5500 phone number for accessibility assistance 9 5 0 8 5 5 0 0 or email email address for accessibility assistanceschoolsportunit@det.nsw.edu.au