



Boccia Australia

Referees Code of Conduct

As an Australian Boccia Referee

I will:

- Comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions I am involved in.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in boccia regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, cultural, social or economic background.
- Remember that the game is for the athletes. Always be fair and impartial and control the game in a manner that will provide a positive experience for all athletes.
- Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power, or influence held by me.
- Always conduct myself in an appropriate manner and be a positive role model for boccia.
- Ensure I am mentally and physically ready for the game, limit my consumption of alcohol and get a good night's sleep.
- Arrive at the competition on time and well prepared, with a clear head. Always check the game schedule and be ready for the next game.
- Study and learn the rules of the game and help my fellow officials to do the same.
- Respect other referees and their decisions and not publicly criticize another official.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from athletes, assistants, coaches, parents or spectators.
- Always speak to the athlete in an appropriate manner and ensure the athlete understands the request.
- Make decisions with confidence.
- Wear the proper referees uniform, or the uniform provided by the competition organisers.
- Treat all athletes, assistants, coaches and officials with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage.
- Always pick up the balls and not throw, kick or roll the balls to move them while on court.
- Abide by the safeguarding guidelines for children and young people and adults at risk.
- Promote the code of conduct to other Officials, especially those new to the sport of boccia.

I will not:

- Officiate under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.
- Wager on any match or at any event where I am officiating.
- Offer or attempt to offer, or accept whether directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match.
- Use any form of communication to bring the game into disrepute, or make an inappropriate comment about fellow official, athlete, coach, volunteer or Boccia Australia. Including, but not exclusive of social media, email, direct verbal or physical.