

Winter 2020 – AROUND THE COURTS



From our Chair

Due to increasing concern for the health of our athletes and uncertainty from travel restrictions as a result of COVID19 pandemic, the difficult decision had to be made to cancel the 2020 National titles.

It was a difficult decision as ParaQuad Tasmania had done some great background work towards organizing a terrific competition. The Board had hoped to relocate to Sydney, however the health and safety of our boccia family had to come first.

We will now turn our energies to organizing another way of coming together nationally this year – perhaps virtually – stay tuned.

We hope 2021 sees the end of COVID19 and a great BANT in Tasmania.

May your balls run true.

Richard



Save the date in 2020

NSW State Titles

Unknown

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Queensland

Unknown

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New Zealand Nationals Christchurch

8-11 October 2020

Please send any items of news and photos to
secretary@boccia.com.au
for our next newsletter or for Facebook

What did we do in Shutdown?

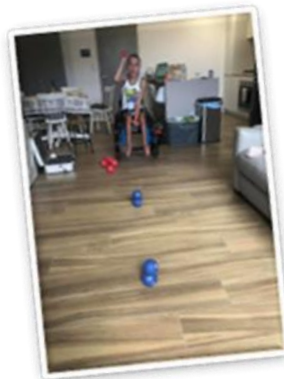
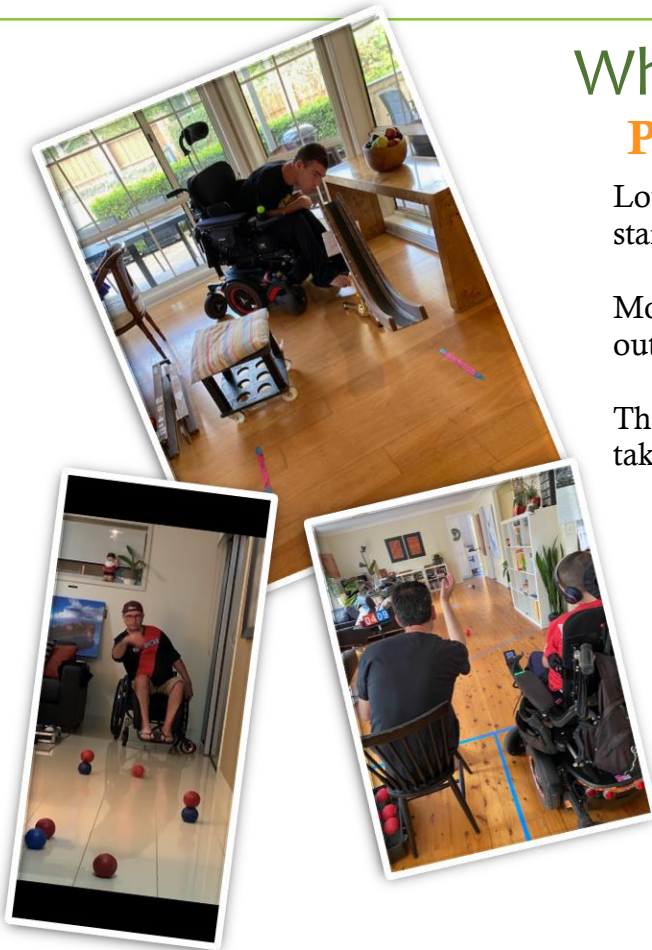
Practice!

Lots of people sent photos of practicing at home, then slowly starting to play with friends while keeping safe.

Moreton Bay Boccia Club had a fortnightly newsletter going out to players, with a drill to complete and a stretch to try.

They even had a trick shot competition with Bruce Walker taking it out with a knock down shot.

But it wasn't always easy to find somewhere to play!



Framework and Guidelines for return to boccia

BA released the Return to Boccia Framework and Guidelines for Clubs. They can be found on the website; however, the key issues are:

1. Don't play if you are unwell
2. Keep your distance
3. Wash your hands and equipment
4. Follow your state health rules

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/news/vfyaypzlul9jb8sx.pdf>





Brisbane City Boccia Back in action – From JP

It has been more than three months since Brisbane City Boccia has had a ball thrown or rolled, so it was great hear from Sporting Wheelies Queensland with the news that club Boccia was to return. Brisbane City Boccia certainly returned with a difference, with COVID preventative measures in place, the hand sanitizer, medical clearances, social distancing and for the now, no match play.

However, it was great to return and see some Boccia mates stretch the arm and body out.

Now is a great time to learn new skills, try new actions, train on the foundational basics of the sport to support strong game play and develop new ways to compete whilst being inventive and inclusive.

It's great to be back training in the sport we love and hope all the Boccia clubs around Australia are back soon too.

Boccia & your NDIS Plan

Boccia NSW have written a helpful little Question and Answer document which they hope you'll find useful. Click on the link to the document:

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/.../fil.../zcsicfni2g8kmowt.pdf>

If you have any questions, contact them on

NDIShelp@Boccia.com.au

Note: They are not specialists, just offering some advice



New Zealand National Championships

To be held at Pioneer Recreation and Sports Centre Christchurch Thursday 8th – Sunday 11th October.
For information contact Scott at scott@boccia.org.nz

What has BA been doing in Lockdown?

The BA Board has continued to meet via Google Hangouts. The Board minutes are on the BA website, with email addresses for connecting with Board members.

Annual Report 2019

In April 2019, the new BA Board made 11 commitments in its Strategic Plan and we have delivered on 10, with good progress of the last one – that is to develop the Strategic Plan for 2020-2024. Highlight of the year was the National Titles in Brisbane, but significant work has been achieved across all areas.

Go to our website or click on the link to see how we went!

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Strategic Plan 2020-2024

The Draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2024, has been released for your feedback. It includes our long- and short-term goals to support our vision to make Boccia Australia's number one sport for those with a physical disability of all ages and ability, both recreational and competitively.

We asked athletes and their supporters across Australia their thoughts and ideas about where we should go and how we might get there. The draft plan is available on

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/news/e4zga7tygcvoapc.pdf>
Comments to secretary@boccia.com.au by 1st August 2020



Codes of Conduct

BA has reviewed its Codes of Conduct to provide clear behavior guidelines and promote a quality environment in which both sport and participants can thrive. It covers everyone involved in our sport including athletes, sports assistants, volunteers, referees and coaches

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ml8pf6lrikdtjtjc.pdf>

Referees Code of Conduct

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ebiykgrw63nmzwdw.pdf>



National Sporting Status

Boccia Australia is now recognized by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), as the National Sport Organisation (NSO) for boccia. We had interim recognition up until that point and now we are fully recognized until mid 2021. There are lots of benefits to this including eligibility for ASC grants and sport assistance. A huge amount of work went into achieving NSO status including the Member Protection Policy – now on website

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Coaches Update

The coaching framework is finished and will be available soon. It has been reviewed by boccia coaches, athletes, and BA board, as well as the Australian Institute of Sport and Paralympics Australia, who endorsed the framework calling it a "Boccia 2020 snapshot".



The content for the coaching framework has also been developed over the last few months. BA would like to thank all the contributors, sharing their experiences to the future coaching community: Sue, Ash, Ken, Peter, Jean-Paul & Dan.

The online course will be available for level 1 and level 2 for new coaches. Face to face courses will be delivered in each state as soon as the current situation allows safe interstate travel.

If you have any questions about the document itself or the coaching framework, email glen on glen@boccia.com.au

Referees Course

The Level 1 Referees Course is now on-line! This will make access much easier for all. New Refs will still need to do the AIS Introductory Level Officiating General Principles on-line course. They will then contact the Head Ref who will tell them how to access the course through the BA website.

We are always keen to hear from people who want to be a Referee. Contact Pam at Referee referee@boccia.com.au



Classification

Not sure of your classification? check on the website:

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/zlxe3thz6canjdzt.pdf>



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who submitted items for this Newsletter from BA. We will keep any unused stories and photos for our next Newsletter. Please feel free to submit more – we want our members to know what happening in boccia across Australia. Photos are particularly welcome!

Send your stories and photos to admin@boccia.com.au