

BOCCIA AUSTRALIA RULE VARIATIONS

Boccia Australia (BA) follows the BISFed International Boccia Rules – 2021 - 2024 (v1.1) and BISFed Competition & Ranking Manual 2021 (V2.4.2) at all its events, with the following variations

1. Definitions

- Competition Balls. BA will not ask athletes to use balls from a licensed ball manufacturer. If a ball passes ball check, then it can be used.
- Wheelchair. BA does not require all athletes to use a wheelchair, however they must be seated when they release the ball. The same rules apply to the seat as apply to the wheelchair. ie one buttock on chair, height 66cm or less for throwers

2. Eligibility for Play

3. Classifications include Parasports as well as BA recognised classifications

3.1 – 3.3 Competitions will be gender neutral. Separate competitions for male and female will not be held in Australia at this point.

3.5.1 Ramp Operator (RO) does not need to be an Australian citizen. An RO can be substituted between games with permission of Technical Delegate (TD). They are not required to complete anti-doping training.

2. There is no age minimum

3. Equipment

4.3 If possible, timing should be electronic

4.7.2 Ball testing will be carried out before the competition commences. The only other check may be a random ball check in the call room.

8.11 Balls that fail equipment check will be replaced by court balls

5.2 Ramp raised Top – BA will allow the end piece to exceed height of the side rails

4. Warm Up

7.1 The availability of the warm-up area may vary from competition to competition

7.2 Unless stated otherwise, anyone may accompany an athlete into the warm-up area.

5. Call room

8.3 Accreditation will not be asked for from coaches or assistant coaches

8.11 Random ball checks only in call room

8.13 Athlete needing to use the toilet, will be accompanied by a member their own team

6. On court

3.3 Substitutes will be allowed in Teams and Pairs games

10.16 here will be no ball checks on the completion of the match

7. **Classification**

2.1.5.1. Changes to classification

Classification will be confirmed post the event so it will not affect the draw.

If a player is classified into a different classification than they were originally entered in, then they will continue in that class. However, they will not be able to progress into the semi-finals or finals. The exception to this is the athlete who enters the Open division and is reclassified. They will be permitted to play through to the finals