Boccia Sport Information Sheet

These sport rules are modified from BIS Fed competition rules to suit the population and goals of the Texas Regional Games. Please note: The 2017 Texas Regional Games are not a qualifying event for USA Boccia Nationals or other Paralympic events.

Boccia Competition/Awards
Saturday, April 8th:
10:00AM – 5:00PM Boccia Competition
Awards will be given at the competition of each tournament.

Sunday, April 9th:
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Boccia Venue
James Madison High School Gym
Address: 5005 Stahl Rd, San Antonio, TX 78247

Disability/Classification Divisions
• OPEN division: Athletes with no mobility impairment, those with only lower limb impairment and those with minimal arm impairment (these athletes will still compete in a seated position)
• BC5-Throwers: Athletes who have physical arm impairments but can physically release the Boccia ball by throwing
• BC3-Ramp: Athletes with severe arm impairment that need to utilize a ramp to propel the ball

Equipment
• Boccia tournament balls will be available to check out if you do not own a personal set, as well as a limited number of ramps will be available.

GENERAL EVENT RULES
1. The Boccia sport rules are modified from the Boccia International Sports Federation rules and regulations.
2. This is an individual and pairs competition (if you do not have a pair you will be assigned one with the same classification for Sunday’s competition)
3. Before the match, flip a coin, the winner chooses either red or blue colored balls to play with and the loser gets the remaining choice.
4. Start of the game: The red team will throw the white target ball (jack) onto the court.
5. The red team will follow their throw with a red colored ball trying to get as close to the white target ball as possible.
6. Now the blue team will throw one or more balls to try and get closest to the white target ball. When a blue ball is closest to the jack it turns to reds throw. (Similar to golf, team furthest away from the target point throws.)
7. After all balls have been played in this rotation stated in rule 6, the score is determined based on the number of consecutive colored balls closest to the white target ball. Max of 6 points in one end.
8. End 2 starts with blue team throwing the target ball onto the court. Same rotation of turn is played stated in rule 6.
9. There are 4 ends to a match.
10. Total all points from all 4 ends and the highest scoring points WINS!
   • Male and Female are combined and will compete together
   • Logos on shirt can only be the Texas Regional Games, service branch or Team USA.
   • Athletes must wear tennis shoes, no dress shoes or flip-flops.
   • Appropriate language is expected at all times. Athletes must respect the judges and competition as well as your fellow competitors. Any athlete using profane language will be asked to leave the competition.

**Awards**

- Medals will be given to the top three athletes in each division, provided there are at least four athletes competing in that division.
- For divisions with three or less athletes, the minus one rule will be used.
  Divisions with 3 athletes will receive – Gold and Silver Medals
  Divisions with 2 athletes will receive – Gold Medal
  Divisions with 1 athlete will be combined with another division, to foster competition.
- Medal ceremonies will be conducted at the Boccia venue immediately after the completion of the competition

Additional information, registration & volunteer: [www.TexasRegionalParalympicSport.org](http://www.TexasRegionalParalympicSport.org)