



BOCCIA
NEW ZEALAND

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PURPOSE

The purpose of Boccia New Zealand is to promote and support the sport of boccia amongst all people with a physical disability throughout New Zealand.

VISION

The 2-tiered vision of Boccia New Zealand is:

- To develop boccia in New Zealand ensuring it is sustainable, inclusive and progressive.
- To be the world's leading boccia nation.

AIMS

Boccia New Zealand aims to:

- Be a professional organisation in the way it conducts its business and the way in which it deals with members.
- Establish and maintain regular communication between members and the public.
- Provide a vehicle through which people with a disability can obtain a better quality of life by participation in boccia with all its inherent benefits.
- Provide a high degree of financial independence by presenting an image that will be attractive to sponsors and funding providers.
- Present a positive high profile image attractive to all forms of the media including internet, television, radio and the print media.

VALUES

The values of Boccia New Zealand are to:

- Provide a healthy, safe and inclusive environment for the delivery of boccia and all associated programmes.
- Ensure transparency and integrity in our governance and decision making.
- Operate with teamwork, cooperation, trust, effective communication and mutual respect.
- Continue to develop a performance based culture ensuring a strong work ethic and accountability in all that we do.
- Continue to promote altruism and recognise our dedicated volunteer workforce.
- Uphold the right of all people with a disability to have access to sporting and active recreational pursuits of their own choice.
- Uphold the right, for equal opportunity for all people, regardless of type / level of disability, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religious belief.
- Uphold the ideals of fair-play and drug-free participation in achievement.

CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

Only current financial playing members will be entitled to play in any Boccia New Zealand sanctioned tournament and must have a national classification to be considered for any national or international team(s).

National classifications will be set in line with those applied by the international governing body for the sport of boccia and will be awarded by the Boccia New Zealand classification coordinator. Once a player has been classified, that classification will stand until they have been formally re-classified.

ANTI-DOPING CODE

The drug codes of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ), together with any changes that shall be made to them from time to time, are hereby adopted by Boccia New Zealand, and shall apply to all events and competitions organised, sanctioned or approved by Boccia New Zealand.

DISPUTES

The disputes process of Sports Tribunal New Zealand, with any changes to the Tribunal that shall be made from time to time, is hereby adopted by Boccia New Zealand, and shall apply to all matters relating to anti-doping violations; appeals against disciplinary reasons; and any other sports-related disputes that all of the parties to the dispute agree to refer to the Tribunal and that the Tribunal agrees to hear.

For all matters relating to appeals against not being selected for a New Zealand team or squad, the process is hereby adopted as set out in the most current version of the Boccia New Zealand Squad Selection policy.

OTHER

Boccia New Zealand shall not be liable to any person for any injuries or damage received by any person whilst that person is involved in activities conducted under the control of Boccia New Zealand or by neglect of Boccia New Zealand or any of its members.

Boccia New Zealand shall be affiliated to Paralympics New Zealand and may also seek affiliation with any other like-minded organisations as deemed necessary in furthering its objectives.