



# Sanctioned Tournaments Guide

2015

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## Overview

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Welcome to the 2015 New Zealand Boccia season. We are once again very excited about the upcoming year and are looking forward to seeing some great matches being played across the country at our four sanctioned tournaments.

Tournament	Dates	Location
Lower North Island Champs	18-19 April	Wellington
Upper North Island Champs	20-21 June	Auckland
South Island Champs	8-9 August	Dunedin
New Zealand National Champs	20-23 November	Christchurch

The information contained in this guide is designed to support athletes and volunteers in their planning and preparation for the 2015 Boccia New Zealand sanctioned tournaments. It contains vital information such as tournament rules, accommodation, travel and dining options for each of the hosting regions and the Boccia New Zealand code of conduct.

Please take the time to go through this information.

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## Communication

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The preferred contact method for Boccia New Zealand is email.

It is the responsibility of each individual to check their emails and the [Boccia New Zealand](#) website on a regular basis to ensure that all information and updates are received.

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## Tournament structures

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Based on [national rankings](#), players will be seeded and put into pools accordingly. Where players do not have a ranking they will be randomly seeded.

To determine the final position of sides in a pool once all round-robin matches have been played, the following criteria will be applied:

1. Matches won
2. Points difference
3. Points for
4. Points against

If any sides are in equal position after one criterion has been applied, the following criteria will be used until teams have been separated.

In individuals, the top players (and qualifiers) within each pool may qualify for the elimination rounds, whilst those who do not qualify will proceed to playoffs for final placings.

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## Results

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During each tournament, results will be available at the sports information desk and will be published under [Events](#) pages on the Boccia New Zealand website at the conclusion of each event.

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## Awards

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Medals will be awarded to the top 3 players within the 3 grades.

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## Rules of play

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Each of the 2015 Boccia New Zealand sanctioned tournaments shall be performed in accordance with the latest [BISFed Boccia Rules](#) (June Edition). **Note:** some modifications may be made to these rules which will be advised in the respective tournament information booklets.

Certain situations may arise that have not been covered within the rules. These situations will be dealt with at the time they arise in consultation with the Head Referee of the particular tournament.

It is the responsibility of each athlete to ensure that all competitors and staff are familiarised with these regulations.

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## Classification

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To compete in any of the four sanctioned tournaments, athletes will require at least a [provisional classification](#). If required, please contact [Boccia New Zealand](#) as soon as possible to arrange this.

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## Equipment checks

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This will only be done at the New Zealand National Championships. Only Boccia balls will be subject to random checking in the Call Room.

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## Warm-up courts

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Dependant on space available: Boccia New Zealand will endeavour to offer at least one warm-up court. Priority use of this court will be for athletes who are competing in the next timeslot.

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## Competitor numbers

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When provided: prior to entering the Call Room, each athlete must ensure that their competitor number is clearly visible. Competitor numbers must be placed on the chest or legs. Failure to do so will result in refused entry to the Call Room.

Each athlete will be provided with one competitor number at the beginning of competition.

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## Noise

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As experienced in International Competitions, spectators are encouraged to make noise. Please loudly support your team-mates and friends.

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## Accommodation and transport

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It is the responsibility of the individual to organise and pay for their own accommodation, transport and food for the duration of each tournament.

An accessible guide with a range of accommodation and transport options will be provided for each hosting region in advance of that particular tournament as soon as possible.

Lunches and refreshments may be provided with an additional cost. Where lunches and refreshments are provided this will be advised in the respective tournament information booklets and entry forms.

Please endeavour to keep eating areas clean and be considerate of others.

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## Funding opportunities

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If you are looking for ways to help fund your attendance at this years' sanctioned tournaments, here are some ideas to help you fundraise:

- Contact your local [Lions](#), [Rotary](#) or [Kiwanis](#) club for support.
- Sausage sizzles outside a supermarket, Bunnings or Warehouse.
- Sell chocolates / sweets (e.g. [Cadbury](#)).
- Raffles / gift baskets.
- Request donations / sponsorships from your local community (collection buckets).
  - Note: Boccia New Zealand can help supply a basic letter to support this.
- Check for grants / scholarships from your [Regional Sports Trust](#).
- Have your club apply for a Community Trust grant ([database](#) on website).
  - Note: Boccia New Zealand can act as an umbrella organisation to support this.

For help setting up any of these please contact Boccia New Zealand.

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## **Code of conduct**

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Boccia New Zealand expects that all athletes, coaches and officials are aware of and will agree to the following code of conduct.

### **General**

- Abide by both the rules and spirit of the game.
- Conduct myself in a manner that will not discredit myself, others nor Boccia New Zealand.
- Refrain from using offensive language or gestures.
- Refrain from using banned or illegal substances.

### **Athletes**

- Obey and respect any direction given by an official.
- Adhere to practices of fair play.
- Behave and dress in a dignified manner both on and off the court.
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace.

### **Coaches and Officials**

- Remember that the game is for the players. Fair play always comes first so always be fair and impartial.
- Teach players to follow the rules and set a good example.
- Condemn any unsporting behaviour.