



Boccia New Zealand (Inc.)

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Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for volunteering and welcome to Boccia New Zealand!

As you may already know, Boccia New Zealand was established in 1999 to promote and support the sport of boccia amongst all people with a physical disability throughout New Zealand.

Volunteers, carers, family and friends form the backbone of boccia throughout New Zealand. They are the coaches, officials, sport-assistants, fundraisers, managers, 'ball-picker-uppers', and fans who cheer from the side. We greatly appreciate any time that you can give in helping us.

This welcome pack will answer some of the questions you may have and point you in the direction of those who can answer any other questions not dealt with here. The pack includes:

- A copy of your job description
- A copy of our commitment to volunteers statement
- About boccia
- History of boccia in New Zealand
- Information on the size and structure of Boccia New Zealand
- Details of additional boccia events and local clubs

Thank you again for giving up your time to volunteer and help make our sport more enjoyable and fair.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Morriss
Director of Boccia

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Job description

Job title:	Technical Officials (referees and timekeepers / scorers).
Purpose:	To ensure the rules are correctly enforced to create fair and enjoyable competition.
Responsibilities and duties:	<p>Referees Oversees the game Controls and manages the game Makes decisions according to the rules</p> <p>Timekeepers Maintain time record and score of game Operate the electronic timing system and scoreboard Start and stop the time as indicated by referees</p> <p>Matches generally last between 30 and 60 minutes. Can be up to 7 matches in one day.</p>
Responsible to:	Head Referee
Commitment:	Morning and / or afternoon sessions during competition
Training:	Free practical training will be given so you can assist with timekeeping, scoring and refereeing. Online resources also available.
Knowledge and skills required:	Passion for sport and understanding of officiating Understanding of physical disabilities Strong communication skills and ability to relate to others Excellent organisation and time management Knowledge of boccia (or willingness to learn)
Benefits:	Invaluable experiences (to boost your CV) Certificate and work references (where appropriate) Lunch and refreshments (when possible) Petrol vouchers (when possible)
Clothing:	Usual sports attire for an indoor venue

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Our commitment to volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of boccia. Without volunteers, the sport of boccia as we know it would not exist. Volunteering for Boccia New Zealand is inclusive and open to all who are willing to work in line with the values of our sport.

Boccia New Zealand is committed to ensuring that volunteers are provided with roles that are meaningful and relevant to their needs and interests; treated with respect and as equals; given appropriate induction, training and supervision; offered full involvement and participation and are recognised for their efforts.

As a volunteer for Boccia New Zealand you have the right:

- To perform a role that is meaningful and satisfying
- To be assigned to a role that fits your interests and needs
- To receive the induction, training and supervision necessary to fulfil your role
- To receive feedback on the tasks you perform
- To be treated with respect and as an equal partner in our organisation
- To be trusted with confidential information necessary to carry out your role
- To be kept informed on relevant matters with boccia
- To expect that your time will not be wasted by poor planning or coordination
- To work in a safe and healthy environment, and be given health and safety information relevant to your role
- To be given a copy of Boccia New Zealand's volunteering policy and other policies and procedures that affect your role

As a volunteer for Boccia New Zealand you have the responsibility:

- To be honest about your expectations and abilities
- To not take on more responsibility than you can handle
- To take part in induction, and orientation processes e.g. background checks, paperwork and training
- To be reliable and punctual or provide notice so that alternative arrangements can be made
- To be accountable, perform your role to the best of your ability and ask for help when you need it
- To follow organisational policies and procedures
- To respect those confidences entrusted to you
- To voice your opinion and have input on ways in which your role might be performed better
- To be open-minded and respectful of others opinions
- To represent boccia accurately and positively to others.

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About boccia

Boccia is a game of skill and strategy and is a truly inclusive sport for all. Similar to lawn bowls and petanque, Boccia is a non-contact target sport that is played indoors with soft leather balls on a smooth rectangular court and can be played as individuals, in pairs or teams of three.

The aim of boccia is to get your coloured balls as close as possible to the white ball (called the jack).

Before the match

A coin toss is done with the winning side choosing to be red or blue.

First end

- The red side starts the first end by playing the jack (white ball) into court.
 - The jack ball must cross the 'v-line' to be in play.
- The red side then plays their first coloured ball.
- The blue side then plays their first coloured ball.
- The colour not closest to the jack must play until they either manage to get closer to the jack, or run out of coloured balls.
- The side with remaining coloured balls then plays out.
- The end is completed when all coloured balls from both sides have been played.
- The score is determined by awarding one point for every ball of the same colour that is closer to the jack than the nearest opposing coloured ball.

Second end

- The blue side starts the second by playing the jack (white ball) into court.
 - The jack ball must cross the 'v-line' to be in play.
- The blue side then plays their first coloured ball.
- The red side then plays their first coloured ball.
- The remainder of the end is repeated in similar fashion to the first end.

Subsequent ends are repeated following the first and second ends.

After all ends have been completed, the winning side will be the one with the higher accumulative score. If the scores are equal, a tie-break will be played.

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History

In 1993, a party of 9 New Zealanders travelled to Nottinghamshire, England where they competed in the boccia section of the 'Robin Hood Games', purchased a set of boccia balls and attended workshops on the rules.

On returning home, small pockets of boccia groups began to form across the country as it soon became evident that boccia was a sport that people with cerebral palsy could participate and excel in.

Soon after, this potential was realised when a BC3 pair of ramp players and their support staff attended the 1995 Sydney World Cup and qualified for, and attended the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games and eventually finished 6th.

The first local competition was officially held in 1998 and a year later, the incorporated society 'Boccia Association of New Zealand' was established.

After attending each of the annual international competitions in the preceding years, New Zealand again qualified for the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games, this time sending a BC1/2 team who finished in 4th place.

In 2003, New Zealand hosted its' first ever international boccia event - the World Cup - in Christchurch. It was here - at this last qualifying tournament - that New Zealand managed to qualify both their BC1/2 team and BC3 pairs together for the first time.

The following year (and third time lucky) proved to be the best yet as New Zealand stunned the competition to win its' first international medal when the BC1/2 team claimed silver, whilst the BC3 pairs narrowly missed out to finish 4th after several standout individual performances.

In October 2004, the Association was renamed to "Boccia New Zealand" to keep in line with other national sports bodies.

New Zealand began the 2005-2008 Paralympic cycle with high hopes to go one step further. Luckily the wait was short, as at the 2005 Asia South Pacific Championships the BC3 pair claimed bronze, whilst the next year at the 2006 World Championships, the BC1/2 team stunned the world to claim the gold medal.

New Zealand managed to qualify both the BC1/2 team and BC3 pairs for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games after successful performances from each of the preceding annual international tournaments. However, New Zealand failed to perform as well as expected at this event and subsequently funding and support for the high performance programme was cut.

It was then decided that focus instead would be directed to developing the domestic scene further for more talent and in 2010, Boccia New Zealand entered into an agreement with the Cerebral Palsy Society of New Zealand to employ someone in a sports development role in order to develop the sport.

In 2013, Boccia New Zealand became a registered charity (CC48725) and subsequently took over full responsibility of developing the sport. This is now an exciting time for the sport of boccia in New Zealand as participation numbers continue to blossom and a new generation of emerging talent is starting to come through with intentions of competing once again on the international stage.

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Size and structure

Boccia New Zealand is governed by an Executive Board consisting of 3-5 selected members made up of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and up to two additional board members. The only full-time position of Director of Boccia is an ex-officio member of the board but with no voting rights.

Only current financial members of Boccia NZ may be committee members. Those elected shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Managed entirely by a voluntary board and registered as a charitable non-profit organisation (CC48725), Boccia New Zealand is the governing body for the sport of boccia in New Zealand. Not only do we oversee the development and implementation of the national strategic direction for the sport, we also cover fundamental areas such as community engagement, grassroots participation, athlete development and high performance.

Membership

Boccia New Zealand provides a membership scheme with exclusive benefits and services, available to (1) players; (2) coaches and officials, volunteers and supporters; and (3) clubs, organisations and schools.

Membership subscriptions are valid from 1st July to 30th June each year.

Note: joining from 1st April will see memberships extended to the end of the following membership year.

Benefits

- Have you say in the management of the sport – entitlement to vote at Boccia New Zealand's Annual General Meetings
- 'Members only' updates straight to your inbox
- Updates on Boccia New Zealand events and opportunities in your area
- Access to information, advice and resources
- Entry into any of Boccia New Zealand's sanctioned tournaments

Cost

\$10 associates, \$20 players, \$30 clubs.

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Events

Boccia can be played recreationally in someone's garage or competitively at the local hall or school gymnasium. Different levels of events take place all year round to cater for a range of goals – whether you want to socialise with friends, develop new skills or compete to the highest level of competition.

Every year Boccia New Zealand run 4 sanctioned tournaments with the support of its' local clubs:

- Lower North Island Championships
 - Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa and Wellington
- Upper North Island Championships
 - Northland, Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty
- South Island Championships
 - Tasman, Canterbury, Otago and Southland
- New Zealand National Championships

The Upper North, Lower North and South Island Championships are entry-level boccia tournaments open to anyone with a physical disability.

The New Zealand National Championships is seen as the most important boccia tournament open to anyone with a physical disability across New Zealand.

Players can compete in any of these 4 tournaments to earn national ranking points. Players from outside of the mentioned regions are also welcome to enter if they wish.

Boccia New Zealand also supports the delivery of other boccia-related events.

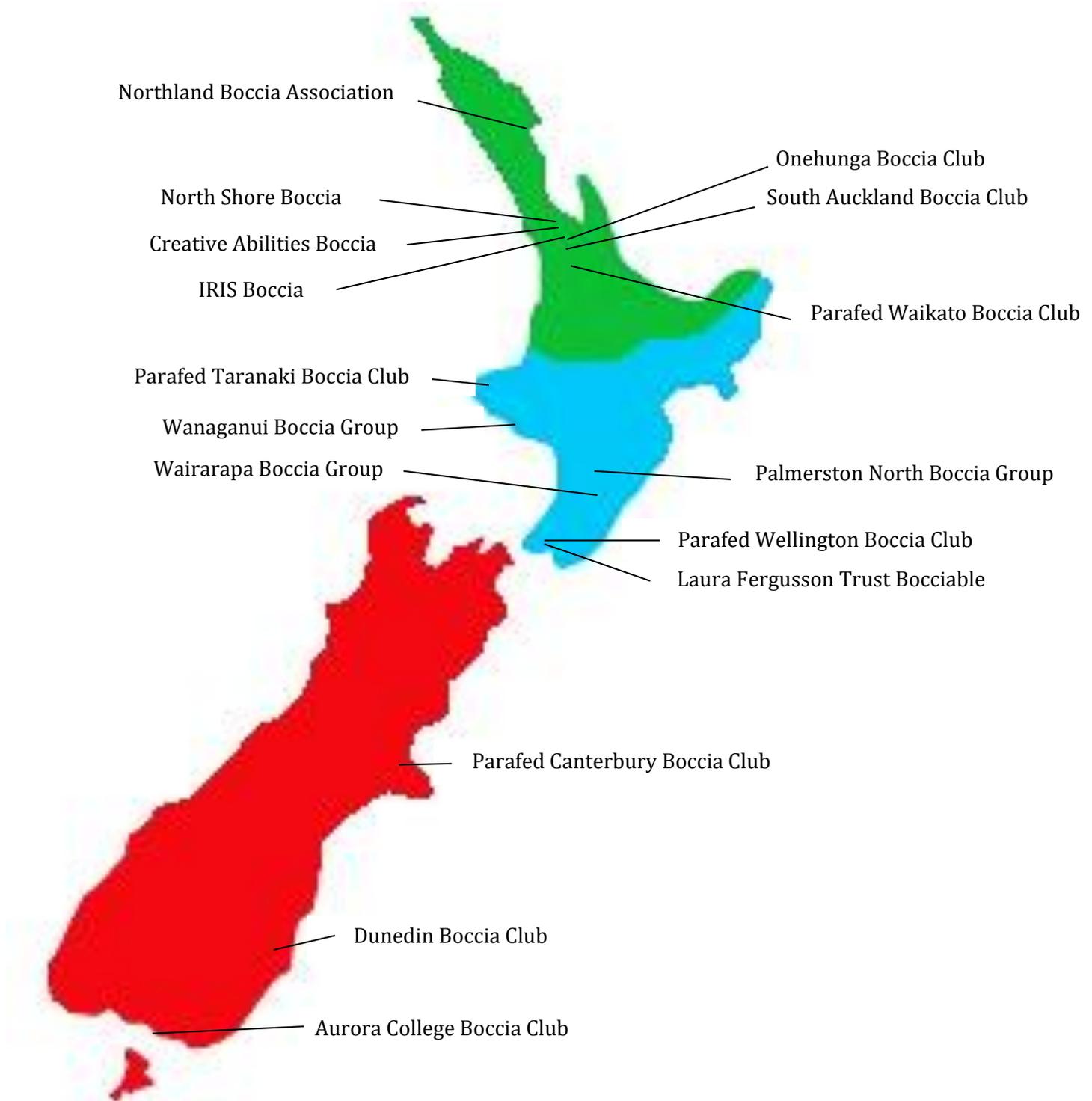
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