

# REFEREES COMMITTEE

## 2020 Report to the USA Boccia Annual Assembly

August 22, 2020

### Committee:

USA Boccia Referees Committee

### Objective of Committee:

The charge of our committee is to recruit, educate and certify US referees. Also, to conduct a fair and impartial National tournament. To act as a reference point to the Boccia community for rule interpretation of BISFed's Rules of Play. To identify and recommend national level referees (NTO) to participate in the process of becoming international level referees (ITO). To conduct local and regional competitions & training sessions so as to expose as many people as possible to the wonderful sport of Boccia.

### Committee Chair:

Louis Mitchell, ITO

### Committee Members:

Louis Mitchell, ITO-Chair; Harold Johnson, ITO- data base coordinator; Cathy Drobny, ITO-recording secretary nonvoting member; Jennifer Mugnaini, NTO-member; Troy Berry, athlete representative-member; Cornell Markham, ITO-member; Troy McPherson, coach-member at large; Roberta Flanders, NTO-member at large

### Accomplishments and Activities:

Established the "Referees Corner" on the website, to address general memberships concerns and comments on Rules of Play.

Developed a referee **Code of Conduct**, to be signed annually by US referees at USA Boccia sanctioned competitions.

We now have an electronic database to update all current USA Boccia referees' status. The database coordinator is Harold Johnson.

BISFed contacted member Nations in January of 2020. They asked for any recommendations for International Rule changes, additions, deletions and/or clarifications for the 2021-24 version of the International Rules of Play. All recommendations were to be submitted by April 30, 2020.

The Referees Committee acted as the clearinghouse for all US suggestions sent to BISFed from USA Boccia. The submissions were made on time.

### Recommendations:

Referee training & certification is one of the cornerstones of our committee's existence. An annual training, in conjunction with the National Tournament has worked in the past. When rules change, we need to be prepared to acknowledge and implement "Best Practices" in our sport. We need the Board's support to improve and expand USA Boccia's Referee Corps. We recommend the Board look into some kind of funding for Referee training. Also, Referees with current certifications have had their membership fees waived in exchange for officiating at the National Tournament. Is this still a possibility?

### Future Actions:

BISFed Rules of Play (2018-v.3) will stay in effect until the 2021 Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan.

We are working to create a condensed version (cheat sheet) of Red and Yellow card infractions.

We are working to create a series of "minute clinic" videos that could be placed on USA Boccia's website and available to the entire community.