

This Code of Conduct is an extension to the USA Boccia Code of Ethics (May 2021)

USA Boccia Referee Code of Conduct

Accepting a position as a USA National Boccia Referee is an important responsibility.

As a referee you should strive to conduct yourself according to the following Code of Conduct:

- Always remember the game is for the players. Fair play always comes first. Always be fair and impartial.
- To ensure that you are mentally and physically ready for the game, limit your consumption of alcohol and get a good night's sleep
- Arrive at the competition on time and well prepared, with a clear head.
- Study and learn the rules of the game and help your fellow colleagues do the same. In addition, be familiar with the 2020 BISFed International Referee Procedures Manual.
- Respect other referees and their decisions and do not publically criticize another official.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches, parents and spectators.
- Always speak to the athlete in an appropriate manner and ensure the athlete understands the request.
- Make your decisions with confidence.
- Control the game in a manner that will provide a positive experience for all players.
- Wear the proper referee's uniform, or the uniform provided by the Host Organizing Committee
- Always check the game schedule and be ready for the next game.
- Don't use foul language or rude gestures.
- While on the Boccia court, always pick up the balls to move them. Do not roll, kick or throw them.
- Respect the rules and regulations set forth by the Host Organizing Committee.
- Referees are privileged to have regular contact with players and team members from across our nation, but are reminded to remain impartial.
- Declare any potential conflicts of interest to the Head Referee.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. Everyone has the right to be protected from abuse.
- USA Boccia has zero tolerance for retaliatory conduct by any USA Boccia member who comes forward with a good faith complaint or issue. Retaliation for reporting an alleged violation shall constitute a violation of USA Boccia Athlete Code of Conduct and the USA Boccia Code of Ethics and will be grounds for disciplinary actions.
- A referee may contact the chair of the USA Boccia Referee Committee usabocciareferees@gmail.com or a representative of the USOPC for further information regarding his/her rights under this Code

Be sure a copy of your logbook of games refereed is sent to the national database.

Referees are required to have a USA Boccia Membership and SafeSport Training annually. Background checks will be required every two years through USA Boccia.