FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ANSWERS ON BOCCIA

Can a sport assistant (SA) take pictures of his/her athlete after the athlete is done throwing but before the end of the game?

**SA has designated areas to be in during the game. If the devise used to take pictures was approved by the HR/AHR, TD or Classifier and declared in the call room? Then, the SA could take pictures between ends. (Regional tournaments can use their own discretion in this situation.)**

Can a SA remove the muffin tin after handing out the last ball and not keep it within the throwing box?

**All player equipment that is inside the player’s throwing box at the start of an end MUST remain in the throwing box during the playing of an end.**

In team/pairs competition: If red side is throwing and the non-throwing athlete is on the line, is this a penalty/retraction?

**No penalty to the non-throwing athlete. Moment of release violations are only charged against the athlete propelling the ball.**

Can someone other than the captain initiate a discussion during their throwing time?

**Yes, any athlete can start a discussion with their side.**

Can the captain/player, who is throwing, be told by someone on their side that they are on the line?

**The short answer is YES. Communication is allowed between athletes on the same side.**

When a penalty ball is about to be thrown, does the referee have to show the paddle to both the athlete as well as the timer to start the clock?

**No. The referee says “One minute” to the athlete, then shows the paddle to the timer.**

In team competition, they are only allowed one SA, correct?

**YES, the BC 1 athlete is allowed a SA.**

What happens if during warm-up someone goes and gets additional balls? We had a parent continue to get balls as her daughter was done throwing her balls before the rest of the team.

**Throwing “extra” balls is NOT allowed. Each side has a set number of balls to throw. Warm-up ends when (1) all balls have been thrown or (2) time runs out (which ever happens first).**

Can SA talk to their athletes during the one minute between ends?

**Yes, all members of one side are allowed to communicate between ends.**

 **Note: If using covid protocols , then a covid assistant is not considered part of the side.**