

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. 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 current **BISFed International Rules** and help your fellow colleagues do the same.
- Be familiar with the **BISFed International Referee Procedures Manual** and updates.
- 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, do not roll, kick or throw the balls. Pick up the balls to move 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 Code of Ethics and will be grounds for disciplinary actions.
- A referee may contact the chair of the USA Boccia Referee Committee or a representative of USA Boccia 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 at the end of each year.

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Referees are required to have a current USA Boccia Membership. Background checks may be required through USA Boccia.

International Referees and candidates will need to keep their SafeSport Training and background check current through the Boccia National Governing Body.

I have read and understand the Code:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please go to www.usaboccia.org , Click on the Members Tab and scroll down to Referee's Corner for BISFed Rules 2025-2028 v.1.1 and for the Referee's Procedures Manual and update (January 2025)