



## USA Boccia Assessment Overview:

In competitions, athletes are placed into sport divisions according to physical diagnoses, and physical abilities; creating a level playing field.

BC1-BC4 compete at WorldBoccia International Events and Paralympic Games.

BC1-BC6 compete at the USA Boccia Events, including Nationals.

USA Boccia can perform Pre-Assessment for assigning athletes in its Regional tournaments.

Official Classification and Assessment occur at Nationals by Boccia United States (BUS)

Classification personnel, using WorldBoccia rules, [WorldBoccia Classification Rules - 6th edition](#)

Classification rules apply mainly to BC1-BC4 divisions, but may also be used in whole or part for BC5 and BC6 divisions (Medium dense balls).

- If BUS Classifiers determine an athlete does not meet BC1-BC4 qualifications, the athlete will be seen in Assessment by USA Boccia personnel to determine BC5-BC6 Division status.

**\*\*All Boccia athletes (BC1-BC6) must compete from a seated position in games, and must bring their own equipment such as a wheelchair, scooter, etc. Athletes can lay on a cot to play, on their own cot.**

BC1: Throwers & Foot-players. Cerebral Origin Condition (CP, TBI, Stroke, etc). Most Impaired Cerebral Throwers. Overhand, Underhand, or Kick 5 Meters. Cannot reach 90 degrees of elbow extension upon throw, or can kick with impaired leg. Sport Assistant allowed.



BC2: Throwers. Cerebral Origin Condition (CP, TBI, Stroke, etc). Less Impaired Cerebral Throwers. Overhand & Underhand 5 Meters Can reach 90 degrees, but cannot reach 180 degrees of elbow extension upon throw. No Sport Assistant allowed.



BC3: Ramp Players. Cerebral & Non-Cerebral Origin Conditions (CP, TBI, Stroke, MD, SMA, Arthrogyriposis, Quad SCI or Amputee/Deformity etc). Severe Physical Impairment. No consistent Throw or Kick 5 Meters. No functional grasp and throw, or kick; uses ramp. Ramp Operator Allowed. **\*BE SURE TO RULE OUT BC1 AND BC4 FOOT-PLAYER FIRST.**



BC4: Throwers & Foot-players. Non-Cerebral Origin Condition (MD, SMA, Arthrogyriposis, Quad SCI or Amputee/Deformity etc). Most Impaired Non-Cerebral Throwers. Overhand, Underhand, Chest, or Kick 5 Meters. Have visible arm drop upon throw, do not have functional triceps; Might have functional, but limited quadriceps. \*Foot-players, Sport Assistant allowed.

BC5: Throwers. Cerebral & Non-Cerebral Origin Conditions (CP, TBI, Stroke, MD, SMA, Arthrogyriposis, Quad SCI or Amputee/Deformity etc). Least Impaired Cerebral & Non-Cerebral Throwers. Overhand, Underhand, & Chest at least 5 Meters. Cerebral can reach at least 180 degrees of elbow extension upon throw; Non-Cerebral do not have visible arm drop upon throw, have functional triceps. No Sport Assistant allowed. USA Boccia and local only.



BC6 (Open): Throwers. Very Mild Cerebral & Non-Cerebral Origin Conditions (more likely to have MS, low SCI, low Amputations, etc). Cerebral & Non-Cerebral Throwers. Typically, at least ONE fully functional limb. Overhand, Underhand, & Chest. Can easily reach 5 Meters. No Sport Assistant allowed. USA Boccia and local only.

**\*\*Cases involving multiple diagnoses are covered in the WorldBoccia Rules. The primary condition which affects movement, throwing, kicking, and release will be foremost when determining placement. Secondary conditions can be considered.**