

The following Amendments have been presented to the Board and to the Nominating and Governance Committee.

The membership will be asked to vote at the time of the Annual Assembly.

Voting will open online on October 21st, 2026. Ballots will be sent to all who have Individual USA Boccia memberships for the New Membership year September 1 , 2026-August 31st 2027.

Please review the proposed Amendments to the USA Boccia Bylaws.

"Blue highlights signify the current wording to be up for change. Yellow highlights signify the proposed changes that will be adopted/implemented with a 'Yes' vote."

Section 3.2: Purposes.

The purposes of USA Boccia are:

1. To act as a national organization for USA Boccia including:
 - a. holding local, regional and national tournaments for USA Boccia athletes to learn, improve, and excel in the sport of Boccia; and
Current language
 - b. support, in all appropriate ways and in cooperation with the **United States Olympic and Paralympic organization for Boccia.**
Proposed language
National Governing Body for Boccia

Section 6.20: Minutes of Meetings.

Current language

The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be published on USA Boccia's member website as quickly as possible by a member of the Board or an individual empowered by the Board to post such minutes. Every reasonable effort will be made to publish the minutes in a timely manner after completion of the meeting.

Proposed language

The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be recorded and approved by the Board of Directors. The minutes will be recorded by the Secretary of the Board and kept on file as quickly as possible.

Section 7.2: Election.

The Board of Directors of USA Boccia shall elect the Officers of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the first Board Meeting subsequent to the Annual Assembly

Proposed language addition (Normally the December Board meeting).

Section 8.2: Location of USA Boccia Annual Assembly.

Current language

The USA Boccia Annual Assembly shall be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting and, when possible, will be held at the USA Boccia National Championships.

Proposed language The USA Boccia Annual Assembly shall be scheduled by the Board of Directors once a year and may be held separately from the Board of Directors meeting.

Section 9.1: Designation.

Current language

There shall be no Executive Committee or other committee(s) with management authority unless delegated by the Board.

Proposed language There shall be no committee(s) with management authority unless delegated by the Board.

Section 9.15: Nominating and Governance Committee.

Current language with 1 word addition

The Nominating and Governance Committee shall be selected by the Board of Directors and have the responsibilities as follows:

1. The members of the Nominating and Governance Committee shall serve for terms of four (4) years or less. An individual shall not serve on the Nominating and Governance Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
2. The Nominating and Governance Committee shall:
 - a. identify and evaluate prospective candidates for the Board;
 - b. recommend individuals to serve on the Board of Directors as provided in these bylaws;
 - c. recommend as requested by the Board individuals to serve on various committees and task forces;
 - d. consult with the Ethics and **Judicial** Committee with respect to vetting all nominations for potential conflict of interest or other problematic background issues;
 - e. present the voting membership with a slate of potential Board of Director nominees at the USA Boccia Annual Assembly each year;
 - f. develop and recommend to the Board for its consideration an annual self-evaluation process of the Board; and
 - g. perform other duties as assigned by the Board.

Section 9.16: Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall have the responsibilities as follows:

Current language with Proposed language additions

1. review **quarterly** periodic financial reports;
2. **recommend audits to the Board of Directors for approval;**
3. recommend the auditors;
4. review the report of the independent auditors and management letter, and recommend action as needed;
5. investigate matters of fiscal controls and disclosure and such other matters as directed by the Board of Directors; and
6. perform such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 10.1: Designation.

USA Boccia shall have an Executive Director, who shall be the leader of management and vested with the authority to make decisions on behalf of management. The Executive Director shall not be a director of the Board but shall be permitted and expected to attend Board meetings as the staff representative.

Current language with additions

The Board shall hire and oversee the Executive Director **(Or its equivalent) and any other employees they deem necessary,** who shall have responsibilities outlined below in Section 10.4. **The Executive Director (Or its equivalent) shall report directly to the President of the Board.**

Remove this section 10.3 and renumber the Bylaw sections as needed

Section 10.3: ~~Not Used~~ Secretary General.

The Executive Director or Board President shall serve as Secretary General of USA Boccia and in that capacity shall represent USA Boccia in relations with the international sports federation for Boccia recognized by the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee at international Boccia functions and events.

This section 10.5 is a new addition

Proposed language

Section 10.5: Other Positions and Staff

The Board may create new positions and hire them for any role or positions that they deem necessary to effectuate the goals and purposes of the organization. The Board will ensure that the following key positions are filled by hired employees or volunteers.

- Director of Finance

Section 13.5: Website.

USA Boccia shall maintain a membership website for the dissemination of information to its members. USA Boccia shall publish on its membership website:

1. its bylaws;
2. USA Boccia's rules and regulations;
3. a procedure for communicating with the Board of Directors' Chair of the Finance Committee regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or audit-related matters,
4. **Current language to be removed and then section renumbered**
its three (3) most recent annual financial statements
5. its three (3) most recent 990 form filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 15.7: Audit.

Each year USA Boccia may have an annual audit of its books and accounts prepared by an independent certified public accountant as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall provide the auditor's report to the Board of Directors upon completion.

Proposed language addition

The Board of Directors reviews the recommendation from the Finance Committee to conduct an audit.

This section is to be deleted completely.

Section 16.3 Conflicting Provisions. Any USA Boccia directive outlined herein that is found to be in direct conflict with a similar directive from any other governing body responsible for regulating sport of Boccia shall be superseded in weight and authority by the outside, external directive or law. Additionally, any state or federal regulation change that is found to be in direct conflict with any of these bylaws shall also supersede these bylaws in both weight and authority.