

BISFed Boccia Rules – I Edition – 8 February 2013

Main changes

The changes are in blue and the two most important rules are in red.

4. Divisions of play: BC4 foot players are now eligible to play and the wording is now more clear and boccia specific (Elsa was consulted on this matter).

Sport Assistants are not allowed to prepare the throw by orientating the wheelchair or the ramp, or rolling balls without being instructed by the athlete to do so; or to have direct contact with the athlete during the release of the ball.

6.9.2 An athlete may now decide not to throw the remaining balls.

6.10 The Referee will now announce the completion of the end (BC3 sport assistants may turn to face the court at this time) and then score the end.

6.13.1 If the ball (Jack or coloured) is touching the line and supporting another ball, the ball on the line will gently be removed. If the ball that was supported falls and touches the line, that ball will also be out of court.

8.7 Before, during or after the coin toss, the BC3 sport assistant cannot look into the court while orienting the ramp. If this does occur, the referee will let the athlete throw, and then gives the proper violation.

9.1 Once the referee has indicated which side is to play, athletes from that side are free to enter the court.

9.4. In pairs or team competition if an athlete throws a ball and their team mate is still returning to their box the referee will ask that athlete to throw the ball only after their teammate is in their own box (the thrown ball is considered played). If that side repeats that situation, the referee will give a warning.

10.2.1 / 14.7 The time limit for penalty balls is two minutes for each violation (2 balls) for all divisions of play.

10.4.8 If a side forfeits a match, then the opposing side is awarded the match by a score corresponding to the score of the match with the highest point difference of that pool or knock out series. The disqualified side will score zero.

11.5 YELLOW CARD

11.5.4 Bringing to the Call Room more than the allowed number of balls (Ref. 5.1./5.2./5.3./20.6). This warning does not count as an 'on court' warning.

11.5.5 In Team and Pairs division, the warning is given to the athlete who brings more than the allowed number of balls. If they cannot determine who that athlete is, the warning is given to the captain. This warning does not count as an 'on court' warning.

11.5.6 A competitor, who accumulates 3 yellow cards during the same tournament or 5 in the same year, will get a match suspension. The penalty only takes effect in the same year.

11. 6 RED CARD

11.6.2 when an athlete/sport assistant leaves the court area during the match without referee's permission, even if it is between ends or during the time-out (eg. leaving the field of play or going to the toilet).

11.6.3 If the equipment fails to meet the criteria on a second call room check or random check (ref. 2./20.12.4.).

11.6.4 A red card always means at least one match suspension. If it occurs in a final, or it is the last match of a side in a tournament,

the penalty will take place at the next tournament, since it takes place in the same year.

14.2 Propelling the Jack is counted as part of a side's time allocation.

From 1 January 2014 on, rule 14.2 will be replaced by the following:
“Up to one minute will be given to propel the Jack. The clock is then reset to the allotted time for that Division.”

14.11 There is no change on the time limits now, but Beginning 1 January 2014, the time limit for each Division of Play will decrease by one minute.

17.1 If for medical reasons, the seat of the wheelchair is tilted, the measurement is made from the floor to the point of weight bearing. It is the lowest point of the buttock.

18.1 The Captain must be identified to the Referee and is required to wear a “C” on their shirtfront, clearly visible to the referee.

19.2 Individuals BC2 and BC4, and Pairs BC4 are now allowed to have an assistant in the warm up.

20.3 registration for Teams and Pairs 45 – 20 minutes ahead of start time.

20.12, 20.15, 20.16 and 20.17 have some changes regarding call room procedures.

21. Medical time outs: There are many clarifications

21.3 Any athlete who asks for a medical time out must be seen on court as soon as possible by the medical doctor assigned to the venue.