

**U.S. Paralympics Boccia  
Team USA Roster Selection Procedures  
World Cup Competition**

As of February 23, 2022 there is no World Cup competition scheduled to attend, but in the case something is scheduled, these procedures would be used to select athletes to attend. Event information will be posted on the [U.S. Paralympics Boccia Events](#) page as soon as it's known.

**Eligibility for Support:**

Any athlete nominated to the Boccia World Cup roster will receive full support for the event (i.e. flight, lodging, meals, registration fees)

- Athletes holding a valid U.S. passport, not expiring before June 30, 2023.
- Athletes and BC3 Sport Assistants [Ramp Operators] ("BC3 RO") must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.
- Athletes holding a valid BISFed athlete license for the 2022 season
- Athletes internationally classified with an international sport class of R-Review, FRD-Fixed Review Date or C-Confirmed
  - if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to undergo international classification evaluation, the athlete must be evaluated by USOPC medical and/or Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes without an international sport class status are allowable for submission on the official team entry into this competition. A description of sport-specific classification requirements and current athlete sport class status can be found at the World Boccia website at [www.worldboccia.com](http://www.worldboccia.com).
- Athletes must be 15 years of age before January 1, 2022 to be eligible for competition in 2022
- Athletes on the current roster of the U.S. International/National pool of athletes that were named following the conclusion of the Selection Evaluation Camp and the 2021 USA Boccia National Championships on October 13, 2021.

**Team Size:**

U.S. Paralympics Boccia will provide support for up to six (6) athletes, including Ramp Operators (ROs).

**General Criteria Guidelines:**

The U.S. Paralympics Boccia Consultant is responsible for applying the process set forth herein.

**Team/Pair and Individual Selection Process**

- Athletes at the Selection Evaluation Camp at the Lakeshore Foundation – February 24-27, will be measured in both tactical, technical skills and head-to-head competition. After

the Selection Camp (within 10 days) the athletes will be listed in rank order based on their performance, per division.

- Should the U.S. receive slots for events in 2022, both the rank order (as of February 26, 2022) and athlete/pair/team World Ranking (current at the time of selection) will be considered in the selection decision.
- If World Boccia awards a Bipartite slot to an athlete by name, U.S. Paralympics Boccia will accept this athlete to the Team provided he or she meets all the eligibility provisions and other requirements set forth in these Procedures. U.S. Paralympics Boccia will disclose the name of any athlete named to the Team via Bipartite invitation. If World Boccia awards a Bipartite slot to U.S. team, then the same procedures as outline for all open slots will be used to fill the eligible position to the team.

#### **Team & Pair make-up:**

- Per World Boccia's Competition Guidelines for World Opens, Regional Championships and Paralympic Games, each Team and Pair must include at least one female athlete to comply with the World Boccia female quota.
- Ramp Operators (RO): The athlete ramp operator who participated in the selection process or was named by the BC3 athlete prior to the start of the selection process shall be named to the team with the BC3 athlete. If for reasons of ineligibility, illness, or no longer interested in being the RO the BC3 athlete may name another qualified ramp operator for competition if it is feasible upon request to the LOC.

#### **Discretionary Selection Policy:**

U.S. Paralympics Boccia may select athletes via discretion, using criteria set outlined below, which includes subjective components in the evaluation of performance and ability, will result in the selection of athletes to comprise the most competitive Team.

##### A. Boccia athletes:

The sport of boccia is not a measured or timed event. Boccia is a closed skill event in which the environment is constant with the only change factor being the most recent ball thrown. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a Team/Pair, U.S. Paralympics Boccia Discretionary Selection Committee will consider the following performance-related factors (which are not in priority order):

##### Tactical

Athletes will be evaluated on tactical awareness in game situations including (shot selection, order of play, when to come onto court, awareness and implementation of playing to teammate(s) strengths to advantage team/pair, clock management, advantaging team/pair by implementing game plan after knowing opponents' strengths/weakness).

### Psychological/Social

Attitude: This applies both on and off the court, respecting those athletes he/she plays with and against, staff, coaches and officials. To act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct.

Leadership: Leading by example with a positive influence on all those around him/her.

Teamwork: Cooperative effort to be the best he/she can be, working with their teammates to fulfill one common goal, success.

Coachable: Always open to constructive feedback, embracing new ideas and putting the Team's needs before his/her own.

Ambassador: Acting in a manner that would be pleasing to the program, sport, country, and else affiliated. Doing what is right, even when no one is watching. Refraining from conduct that would detract from their ability or that of their teammates to attain peak performance.

### B. Sport Assistant/Ramp Operator:

Sport Assistants assist BC1 sport class athletes. The sport assistant stays outside of the competitor's playing box but can stabilize or adjust an athlete's playing chair and give the ball to the player when requested.

The Ramp Operator is defined as a competition partner by World Boccia and IPC, and therefore is selected based upon the preference of the respective athlete who is competing in the BC3 division.

Sport Assistants and ramp operators are not included in the maximum team size as defined in section 1.3 above.

The U.S. Paralympics Boccia Discretionary Selection Committee will consider the following factors in the selection of sport assistant(s) and ramp operator(s): (which are not in priority order):

- i. Preference of the qualified athlete;
- ii. Demonstrated expertise of the sport assistance required – must have expertise and experience in the sport of boccia;
- iii. Knowledge and understanding of the World Boccia rules and regulations for competition.

Sport assistants and ramp operators will be held to the same standards and code of conduct as outlined in these Procedures.

The sport assistant and ramp operator position(s) are contingent on the selection of the respective BC1 and/or BC3 athlete to be supported. If the selected athlete declines

his/her selection or is subsequently removed from the team after selection, the respective sport assistant/ramp operator also loses his/her place on the team.

Discretionary Selection Committee:  
U.S. Paralympics Boccia Consultant  
National Team Division Coach  
Athlete Representative

### **Replacement of Athletes:**

Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee replacement athletes will be selected pursuant to the discretionary selection outlined above.

After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee replacement athletes will be selected pursuant to the discretionary selection outlined above.

### **U.S. Paralympics Boccia Event Goals**

U.S. Paralympics Boccia aims to field a Team that will be internationally competitive.

### **Entries:**

U.S. Paralympics Boccia will manage the entry and confirmation process for all U.S. athletes competing at the event.

### **Participation Requirements**

All athletes competing in the competition must adhere to the following requirements:

- Adult athletes must complete, or have completed within the last calendar year, the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Core training, or applicable Refresher training course if they have previously taken the Core training. The training must be completed prior to the event and must be valid through the conclusion of the event.
  - SafeSport Training Link:  
<https://safesport.org/useractivities/index>
  - If you have not previously taken the SafeSport training, please email Reagan Folaron at [reagan.folaron@usopc.org](mailto:reagan.folaron@usopc.org) for the access code
- Athletes are required to complete and sign the COVID-19 Participation Agreement
- Athletes are required to abide by all event and USOPC COVID-19 protocols, including testing and quarantines (if applicable).
- Athletes are required to abide by the USOPC Athlete Code of Conduct.
- Athletes must have completed a background check.