

BOCCE BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Summer & Fall Season 2020

Special Olympics
Colorado



Bocce

- Find a facility that will accommodate your group while ensuring physical distancing guidelines are met and ensure there is a designated space to isolate ill participants including tape, cones or chairs indicating where to sit
- Maintain a roster with contact information for all athletes and coaches, and be prepared to support local public health contact tracing efforts if exposures occur
- Print & have your team sign the “COVID-19 Waiver and Code of Conduct” and “Sign-In Sheets”
 - Send waivers to your Regional Manager, send sign-in sheets to Regional Manager **every** week
- Print & display physical distancing signage
- Players and volunteers must always be 6 feet apart, including while performing cleaning and setup, waiting for playing time, during play, and celebrations (e.g., no high fives or hand-shakes)
- Establish a plan for safe practices, which includes access to personal protective equipment and physically distanced drills and activities
- Coaches should wear a mask at all times, athletes should arrive and depart wearing a mask and are encouraged to wear during practice
- Teams need to provide touchless thermometers (can be purchased using local program funds or SOCO will loan one for the season at no cost), hand Sanitizer, sanitizing wipes or spray during practices
- A maximum of four people per court will be allowed
 - Players on the same team must reside in the same household
- Provide a buffer between scheduled playing times to prevent congregating and allow for cleaning of common touched surfaces (ball, palina, etc.)
- Players and volunteers must leave the premises immediately following play or volunteer shift
- Cancel events such as tournaments or lessons if unable to ensure appropriate physical distancing and equipment handling
- No indoor meetings are to be held and any outdoor meetings must employ physical distancing and be limited to provincial social gathering limits (15 people or fewer)
- Remove all tables, chairs, drinking & snack stations from common areas to discourage congregating and sharing (participants may bring their own chairs, water bottles, and snacks each time they visit).
- Athletes should bring their own bocce balls whenever possible, athletes should use the same color ball throughout the entire practice
- All balls should be cleaned at the beginning, during, and end of practice (wipe down the palina and bocce balls in between each set)
- Athletes should gather/touch their own ball in between sets, gloves with a gripping material (such as latex) can be worn in addition
- If multiple courts are present, set-up courts 10 feet apart
- Always ensure that all facility, SOCO, and CDC guidelines are followed
- Communicate these guidelines to participants and families in advance
- Spectators are discouraged but if present should be at least 6 feet from others

Bocce Play Modifications:

- MODIFIED SINGLES RECOMMENDED with these considerations:
 - Do not switch ends (stay on same side for entire practice)
 - Each player should use same color bocce balls throughout entire practice
- MODIFIED DOUBLES/TEAMS considerations:
 - Do not switch ends (stay on same side for entire practice)
 - Utilize something (chair, cone, etc.) to mark where players should return to after their turn

Events Offered: Please click [HERE](#) to see how to enter your bocce athlete(s) into the 2020 Virtual State Fall Classic! Please be sure to utilize the instruction page for submission.