

Team USA Boccia



Boccia is an individual and team sport where strategy and skill are used to score points against an opponent.

Although it is similar in appearance to the common backyard game, Bocce (note the difference in spelling), there are distinct differences; most notably, the balls. Bocce balls are soft with a leather cover. In Bocce, the “jack” or white ball, is the same size as the rest of the balls.

Bocce sets are readily available for purchase online or in many stores for a reasonable price. Bocce balls can be used to practice, but realize that the ball will feel and behave much differently than real Bocce balls.

Boccia balls, however, are much more expensive (\$100 to \$500 a set) and can be found online.

You do not need to purchase any equipment to compete at the World Dwarf Games. Bocce ball sets will be provided by IDAF at the World Games.

To watch a short YouTube video on Bocce, click on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-aJOBd5oE8&app=desktop>. There are many other videos on YouTube that demonstrate how the game is played.

If you are an experienced Bocce player from past World or National Games, you might want to consider organizing a Bocce demonstration or tournament at your next Chapter or District event!

It is anticipated that Futures, Junior A, Junior B, Open and Masters age classifications will be available for competition. There will not be separate competitions based on sex. Males and Females will compete in the same events.

The IDAF upper-body classification system shall be used in the Open and Masters division. The IDAF Juniors division classification shall be used in Juniors division events.

Rules for competition, as well as court layout, can be found on pages 28-32 of the World Games 2017 Sports Rules which can be found at <http://worlddwarfgames2017.org/sports-rules/>

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