

Classification Information Sheet

BOCCIA

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Boccia. The classification of athletes in this sport is performed by authorised classifiers according to the classification rules of the sport, which are determined by the International Federation ([BISFed](#)).

Which Paralympic impairment groups compete in Boccia?

Impairment		Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Amputation from trauma, cancer, Limb deficiency from birth
	Loss of muscle strength	Muscular dystrophy, Spinal cord injuries, Spinal Tumours,
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, stroke, brain tumor, Multiple sclerosis, cerebellar ataxia, or other conditions where hypertonia (spasticity, rigidity or dystonia), ataxia or athetosis are present.
	Joint movement restrictions	Arthrogyrosis and joint fusions

What is the Minimal Disability Criteria?

Specific criteria applied to each sport to determine if a person's disability results in sufficient limitation in their sport. This is called the minimal disability criteria. For more information page numbers of the [BISFed Classification rules](#) are indicated in brackets.

Impairment		Minimal Disability – GUIDE ONLY
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Significant limb loss in all four limbs. (Page 24)
	Loss of muscle strength	Weakness in all four limbs, where athlete is unable to lift elbow above shoulder height. (Flexion/abduction) (Page 24)
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Hypertonia (Spasticity, Rigidity or Dystonia), ataxia or athetosis in all four limbs, that affects throwing when elbow is above shoulder height. (Page 23)
	Joint movement restrictions	Joint movement restrictions in all four limbs, where athlete is unable to lift elbow above shoulder height. (Flexion/abduction) (Page 24)

How do I get classified?

1. Apply to be classified online via the [Get Classified form](#).
- OR
2. Contact your [State Boccia Organisation](#)

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What are the Paralympic classes for this sport?

The list below is intended as a guide only. Only authorised classifiers are able to provide a formal classification in a particular sport.

Class	Examples (Guide Only)
BC 1	Players with cerebral palsy, brain injury or similar who have some difficulties with trunk and hand control. Players can compete with the help of an assistant, who remains outside of the athlete's playing box and can only assist at the player's request. Players may use their hands or feet to propel the ball into the playing area
BC 2	Players with cerebral palsy, brain injury or similar who are able to pick up, throw the ball and manoeuvre their chairs independently during play. Players are not eligible for assistance during a game
BC 3	Players who are unable to throw or kick the ball, so use a ramp and other devices to help them to play. Players use a ramp assistant, who sits in front of the player with their back to the play and positions the ramp and balls according to the players' instructions.
BC 4	Players with weakness in their arms and legs, for reasons other than cerebral palsy or brain injury, who are able to pick up, throw the ball and manoeuvre their chairs independently during play. Players are not eligible for assistance during a game.

Further Information

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