

2024-25 and 2025-26 Take the Shot Grant Guide

Eligible applicants will receive access to the 3 available granting applications (Try It Event, Try It School, Club Support Grants) via our member platform Sideline Learning.

The goal of this program is to increase the awareness of boccia across Canada and introduce boccia to potential athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers, as well as supporting new and existing clubs as they deliver programming in their communities.

It is recommended to have this Grant Guide open as a reference as you work through the application(s) of your choice. Applications will be evaluated by a Grant Review Team against the criteria outlined for each pillar in this grant guide.

1. Eligibility

Try It Event Grant: Provincial boccia partners, community clubs, municipalities, non for profit organizations, and community disability organizations (i.e. Community Living Associations) are all eligible to apply for this program.

Try It School Grant: Community organizations that will partner with schools are eligible to apply for this program.

Club Support Grant: New and existing boccia clubs or community organizations in our network.

2. Grant Objectives

The Take the Shot Grant Program supports the development of Boccia across Canada, following the principles of the [Boccia Long-Term Development Model](#).

This program activates in the Active Awareness stage. This stage is crucial to athlete identification and introduction to physical activity.

CCPSA's intention is not to be the sole source of funding that sustains programming. This program is intended to create new try-it opportunities within the communities and to support clubs in establishing their own boccia programming. The try it events will include opportunities for new participants to try boccia and the club events will support both new and existing programs for underserved populations.

1. Try It Events
2. Try It Schools
3. Club Support

3. Application Process

Eligible applicants must complete and submit an application form. Applications will be evaluated by a Grant Review Team against the criteria outlined for each grant in this grant guide.

If there are more eligible applications than funds available, CCPSA reserves the right to prioritize events in currently underserved provinces and territories, in the manner deemed to best support the growth and development of boccia across the country. However, every effort will be made to support events across Canada.

4. Maximum Funding

The maximum total funding available for the Try It Event Grants is \$15,000, with \$8,000 in travel boost funding. We have thirty (30) grants of \$500 available, with the additional funds available in travel boost funding as mentioned.

The maximum total funding available for the Try It School Grants is \$17,000.

The maximum total funding available for Club Support Grant is \$10,000 for five (5) new clubs and \$50,000 for existing clubs.

5. Grant Payment Schedule

No cheques will be issued to personal accounts. Only actual expenses will be paid (e.g., facilitator transportation, facility rental). All expenses must be supported by detailed receipts/financial reporting.

The funds will be sent upon receipt of the signed Letter of Agreement, before March 31, 2025.

6. Important Dates

Applications Due: **Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST**

Notification of funding and Letters of Agreement issued to successful applicants: **April 1, 2025**

Deadline for all activity completion: **August 31, 2025**

7. Grant Criteria

a. Try It Events

Try It Events refers to the activities and events that local clubs and communities undertake to introduce new participants to the sport at a reduced cost or free.

Approved Activities could include:

- Hosting a fun boccia introduction event at your local community centre, gym, children's treatment/rehabilitation centre, retirement home, etc.
- Hosting a "Come Try It" night at your boccia club
- Attending a festival or community showcase to give opportunities for participation in boccia

A Try It Event should include:

- An instructor or athlete ambassador to greet participants and introduce boccia
- Opportunity to watch the Boccia 101 video and/or boccia skill videos
- Boccia equipment that participants can try
- Activity incorporating boccia skills and basic elements of fun

We encourage you to think outside the box and get creative!

Eligible expenses include:

- Honorariums, meals, travel for qualified instructors or athlete ambassadors
- Equipment
- Marketing and promotion
- Venue rentals
- Other costs that make the event more impactful

b. Try It School

Try It School refers to the partnership between community organizations and schools to bring in a community leader to facilitate a series of in-person classroom sessions and host an inter- or intra-school boccia competition.

A Try It School event should include:

- A partnership with a local, community organization
- Series of in-person classroom sessions with curriculum-based resources
- Inter- or intra-school boccia competition
- Opportunity for students to be introduced to boccia in an age/development-appropriate way and build skills
- Connection with local boccia program for engagement afterwards

Eligible expenses include:

- Facilitator engagement and meals/travel
- Equipment rentals or purchases
- Event hosting expenses

c. Club Support

Club Support refers to the support of new community boccia clubs and programs in related expenses (equipment, gyms, coach education) and the support of existing clubs in hosting development events, coach/referee education, and other relevant development activities.

Eligible expenses for a new club can include:

- Purchasing equipment
- Renting gym space
- Educating coaches
- Anything else related to building a new club/program

Eligible expenses for an existing club can include:

- Hosting local or regional boccia skills development camps or competitions
 - Gym rental, referee honorariums, etc.
- Supporting coach and referee education

8. Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact zmeil@ccpsa.ca.

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