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# Provincial Development Grant Guide

*Eligible applicants will receive access to the 3 available granting applications (Coaching Education, Official Development and/or Recruitment and Development) via our member platform Sideline Learning.*

*As a provincial partner, you will be sent an email from Sideline Learning with an invitation to create an account. All of the PD grant applications will be linked to your profile within Sideline Learning so you can choose the application(s) most suitable to your organization.*

*It is recommended to have this Grant Guide open as a reference as you work through the application 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

Recognized Provincial Boccia Partners are eligible for this grant program.

## 2. Grant Objectives

The Provincial Development Grant Program supports the development of Boccia across Canada, following the principles of the Boccia Long-Term Development Model.

In this model, provinces are responsible for the Learn to Train, Train to Train and Train to Compete stages. These stages are crucial to athlete development. Progression levels within each stage are intended to provide athletes with a solid foundational base of technical and tactical skills from which they can become proficient Boccia players.

CCPSA's intention is not to be the sole source of funding that sustains programming. This program is intended to enhance existing programs or increase provincial boccia partner capacity to deliver new programming in their respective regions across the specific pillars, all strategically chosen to help maintain the growth of Boccia in Canada.

1) **Recruitment and Development**
2) **Coach and Volunteer Education**
3) **Official Development**

## 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 pillar in this grant guide.

If there are more eligible applications than funds available, the CCPSA reserves the right to allocate available funds in the manner deemed to best support the growth and development of boccia across the country.

## 4. Maximum Annual Funding

The maximum total funding available to provincial boccia partners through this program in 2026-27 is **$3000**.

## 5. Grant Payment Schedule

No cheques will be issued to personal accounts. Only actual expenses will be paid (i.e. presenter transportation, accommodation, registration fee; facility rental). All expenses must be supported by detailed receipts/financial reporting.

A first installment of 75% will be sent upon receipt of the signed Letter of Agreement. The remaining 25% will be issued after receipt of the final report.

## 6. Important Dates

Applications Due: Friday May 15, 2026

Notification of funding and LOA issued to successful applicants: Friday June 12th, 2026

Final Report Due: Wednesday, March 31, 2027

## 7. Grant Criteria

### 7.1 Recruitment & Development

**Recruitment** refers to the activities that provincial partners undertake to recruit new Boccia athletes and volunteers.

Approved Activities could include:

- A social media campaign
- Virtual skills competition
- Presenting on boccia at a conference geared to key influencers or potential athletes (online or in person)
- Attending a festival or community showcase to demonstrate Boccia
- Conducting school visits (priority to schools with potential Boccia players)
- Demonstrations at a local children's treatment centre or rehabilitation centre
- Purchasing boccia equipment

**Development** related activities refer to efforts to move someone from a First-Contact experience of trying Boccia for the first time, towards more sustained involvement and developing their skills.

Examples include:

- Conducting a multi-week fundamental boccia skills program in person or online (i.e. a 6-week try-it program in which participants have fun, and develop fundamental Boccia skills)
- Purchasing boccia equipment
- Hosting a fun festival that includes a beginner boccia competition

The CCPSA reserves the right to approve the whereabouts of conferences and events.

**Levels of Support and Criteria**

| Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---|---|---|
| $2000 | $1500 | $1000 |
| Complete any **three** approved activities | Complete any **two** approved activities | Complete **one** approved activity |

A different combination of the above criteria may be considered if a valid explanation is provided. Please provide a description of the recruitment program and location/dates of implementation as well as the contact details of someone who can verify the program.

**Reporting Expectations**

- Type and amount of equipment being purchased
- Dates and locations of activities undertaken
- Description of activities undertaken
- Number of participants who took part; noting how many participants were classifiable for Boccia
- Description of the activities undertaken
- Variances between desired and actual outcomes
- Description of planned next steps

## 7.2 Coaching and Volunteer Education

The **Coaching and Volunteer Education** funding pillar assists provincial boccia partners in educating Boccia coaches through the Coaching Association of Canada's National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

CCPSA has developed two Boccia specific NCCP coaching courses which form part of the Community and Competition coaching streams for boccia; **Learn to Coach Boccia** and **Introduction to Boccia Competition**.

Coaches who have completed Introduction to Boccia Competition certification can move on to complete **Competition Development** certification. Competition Development

NCCP modules are not boccia-specific and are available through the Coaching Association of Canada's Provincial Territorial Coaching Representatives. These courses are offered periodically by the Provincial/Territorial Coaching Representatives (contacts available at www.coach.ca). CCPSA encourages provinces to investigate PTCR funding options that may exist in their province before seeking national funding for these courses.

**Approved Activities could include:**

- Registration fees, travel, meals and accommodations for participants attending **Learn to Coach** or **Introduction to Competition** courses
- Registration fees, travel, meals and accommodations for Introduction to Competition certified coaches attending **Competition Development NCCP modules**
- Registration fees, travel, meals and accommodations for Introduction to Competition certified coaches attending relevant professional development webinars or workshops
- Evaluation fees, travel, meals and accommodations for Coach Evaluators to evaluate coaches for Introduction to Competition certification
- Evaluation fees, travel, meals and accommodations for Master Coach Developers to evaluate coaches for Competition Development certification
- Professional development opportunities for coaches to gain skills (i.e. attendance and participation at a National Team Training Camp)
- Hosting an NCCP course (see list of possible courses below) including participant fees; Learning Facilitator fee, travel, meals and accommodations)
- Other coaching courses or volunteer development workshops

**NCCP Courses Eligible for Support:**

- Learn to Coach Boccia
- Boccia Introduction to Competition
- Competition Development Modules
    - Coaching and Leading Effectively
    - Managing Conflict
    - Manage a Sport Program
    - Leading Drug-Free Sport
    - Psychology of Performance
    - Developing Athletic Abilities
    - Prevention and Recovery
    - Performance Planning
    - Advanced Practice Planning
    - Analyze Technical/Tactical

The CCPSA reserves the right to approve the dates and locations of NCCP courses offered using this grant.

Other coaching courses or volunteer development workshops may be considered if a valid explanation is provided. Please provide a description of the proposed expense in the application.

**Levels of Support and Criteria**

| Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---|---|---|
| $1500 | $1000 | $500 |
| Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the approved activity(ies) | Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the approved activity(ies) | Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the approved activity(ies) |

**Reporting Expectations**

- List of individuals that participated in the activities
- Description of the activities undertaken
- NCCP numbers for coaches who completed training
- Description of activities undertaken
- Variances between desired and actual outcomes
- Description of planned next steps

## 7.3 Official Development

**Officials Development** refers to what a provincial partner does to improve and develop boccia officials, including Technical Delegates, Referees and Classifiers.

CCPSA has developed Boccia specific Officials courses which form part of the Officials pathways. CCPSA also utilizes officials training opportunities available through World Boccia.

Activities funded under this pillar could include:

- Registration fees, travel, meals and accommodations for participants attending Referee Certification Courses
- Registration fees, travel, meals and accommodations for certified officials attending relevant professional development webinars or workshops
- Hosting an approved Referee certification course (including participant fees, Learning Facilitator fee, travel, meals and accommodations)

The CCPSA reserves the right to approve the dates and locations of the Officials certification courses offered using this grant.

**Courses Eligible for Support:**

- Boccia Canada Referee Course
- WORLD BOCCIA  Basic Classification Course
- WORLD BOCCIA  Accredited Refresher Course (Classifier)
- Other courses may be considered if a valid explanation is provided

| Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---|---|---|
| $1500 | $1000 | $500 |
| Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the activity(ies) | Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the activity(ies) | Apply for the funding level closest to projected cost of the activity(ies) |

**Reporting Expectations**

- List of individuals that participated in the activity
- Variances between desired and actual outcomes
- Description of planned next steps