CANADIAN BOCCIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITION GUIDE



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1.ACCOMMODATIONS

Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport
7311 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3
(604) 207-7171

- Free overnight parking
- Free airport transfer (non-accessible) during 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

To book:
Call 604-278-5555 or 1-800-663-2878.
Please quote “2026 Boccia National” to receive the event room rate.

Room Amenities
All rooms have:

- Bathroom doors at least 34 inches wide
- Bedroom doors at least 31 inches wide

Accessible Amenities available upon request*:

**Available to all hotel guests; not exclusive for the Championships. Participants can request these directly from the hotel.*

- Portable shower chairs (15-20 available)

Accessible Rooms

The Executive Hotel has ten rooms they identify as accessible for guests with disabilities (5 with 1 queen, 5 with 2 doubles).

These rooms include:

- Lowered bed
- Lowered peep hole in door
- Raised toilet seat (17 inches high)
- Accessible to wheelchairs (no steps)
- Entry or passage doors with 31” of clear width
- Grab bar in bathtub and beside the toilet

These rooms are **not available for direct booking**.

To be considered for an accessible room, please email jlarson@bocciacanada.ca by **August 31st**. Please indicate whether the request is for a Queen or King accessible room. If submitting more than one request, please prioritize the requests based on need.

The HOC will review all requests and work with the hotel to allocate the accessible rooms.

Officials
Officials will also be staying at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport. The HOC will book all rooms for officials.

2. ACCREDITATION

All participants will receive an accreditation badge upon arrival at the hotel. Accreditation must be visible at all times. Athletes are permitted to remove their accreditation on the Field of Play (FOP) during play.

Any participant without a visible accreditation will be refused entry to the Call Room and FOP. NO EXCEPTIONS.

2.1 Lost Accreditation

A limited number of replacement accreditations will be available. Participants who lose their accreditations can contact the Venue Manager to request a replacement. The fee for replacement accreditations is $30.

3. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping control may be administered at this competition. If it is, testing will be conducted by Sport Integrity Canada (SIC). The SIC is the custodian of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP); the set of rules that govern anti-doping in Canada. The CADP includes several components such as in and out-of-competition testing, education, medical exemptions, and the consequences of doping violations. The CADP is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and all international standards.

ATHLETES: As a participant in Boccia, the CADP applies to you. It is important to know that by participating in the 2026 Canadian Boccia Championships, you are subject to the CADP, and accordingly, may be selected for doping control. BC3 Ramp Operators are considered athletes under the CADP and as such, may also be selected for doping control.

The World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) list of prohibited substances:
https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/en/

All doping processes will be in accordance with WADA procedures. SIC permits requests for adapted procedures for athletes with a disability. If athletes require additional equipment to collect a sample, SIC will have collection equipment on hand, such as catheters, nun's caps or urine bottles. Athletes are also permitted to use their own equipment. Athletes will be required to discard any urine that is in the collection vessel prior to providing their sample at doping control.

The SIC recommends that athletes take the following actions to ensure they don't commit an inadvertent anti-doping rule violation:

Doping Control

- Review the sample collection procedures: https://sportintegrity.ca/sample-collection-procedures
- Know your anti-doping rights and responsibilities: https://sportintegrity.ca/athletes-rights-and-responsibilities
- Always comply with a testing request if you are notified for doping control. A refusal or failure to comply with doping control procedures, without sufficient cause, may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

Prohibited Substances & Method

- Check all medications and products before taking them to ensure they do not contain ingredients that are banned in sport: https://sportintegrity.ca/check-your-medications
- Verify your medical exemption requirements: https://sportintegrity.ca/medical-exemptions
- Learn about the doping risks associated with supplement use and how to minimize them: https://sportintegrity.ca/supplements

4. AWARDS AND RANKING POINTS

4.1 Medals

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given to the top three finishers in each category when there are four or more competitors in the category. Medals will be awarded to BC1 and BC3 Performance Partners.

If there are only three competitors, certificates will be awarded to the third-place finisher.

If athletes from more than one classification are combined due to low registration numbers, one set of medals will be presented for the combined classification.

Wild Card athletes are eligible for medals and ranking points.

4.2 Gilles Henry Spirit of the Games Award

The Gilles Henry Spirit of the Games Award for sportsmanship will be awarded to an athlete at the end of competition.

4.3 Ranking Points

Ranking points will be allocated according to the National Boccia Ranking System.

5. CAMERAS

To foster a high-performance environment for athletes, any cameras other than those belonging to national team coaches, media liaison and the official event photographer (e.g. provincial team cameras) must be approved by the Technical Delegate. Once approved, coaches will be allowed to set up their cameras on court BEFORE the Athletes exit the Call Room as long as no other games are currently ongoing.

Coaches may also film the match from their designated area on court.

6. CLASSIFICATION

All athletes competing at the Canadian Boccia Championships must be classified. Classification will be conducted in accordance with the 4th edition of Boccia Canada Classification Rules and the World Boccia Classification Profiles (see section 12). Classification will take place at the Richmond Olympic Oval on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

IMPORTANT: Athletes being classified must ensure the medical diagnostic form is completed and returned to zmeil@ccpsa.ca **6 weeks before arriving on site for classification**. Failure to do so may result in the athlete not being able to compete. Failure to do so may result in the Athlete not being classified, which could have serious consequences on their participation in the event.

All athletes scheduled for classification will be notified directly with details about the classification process and the items/personnel they need to bring with them.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONSENT FORMS

7.1 Code of Conduct

The CCPSA Code of Conduct is the standard for all registered participants. All registered participants must review and acknowledge that they will abide by the Code of Conduct for this event.

7.2 Sport Integrity Canada (SIC)

As of April 1, 2025, Sport Integrity Canada (SIC) independently administers the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) for federally funded national sport organizations through the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP). SIC receives and responds to reports about individuals who may have engaged in prohibited behaviour under the UCCMS.

Boccia Canada has notified all National Program participants who are subject to the CSSP Rules and has provided access information for the mandatory e-learning course. The course includes the Participant Consent Form, which must be signed by all National Team Program participants.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

This competition will be using the rules as presented on Boccia Canada's website.

9. COMPETITION VENUE

Richmond Olympic Oval
6111 River Road, Richmond, BC V7Z 0A2
The Richmond Olympic Oval is 1.0 km from the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, approximately a 3-minute drive or 11-minute walk/roll.

9.1 Changerooms

There are 10 wheelchair accessible changerooms on the main floor of the Oval. These changerooms are open to all Oval users. We are currently working with the Oval to set aside a changeroom for the Championships that will include an adult-sized change table.

9.2 Courts

There will be 8 competition courts and 4 warmup courts in the Richmond Olympic Oval. See Technical Package for additional details.

9.3 Equipment Storage

Wednesday, September 30 – Equipment storage will be available in the Call Room area near the field of play

Thursday, October 1 to Sunday, October 4 – Equipment storage will be available in a room near the competition courts.

9.4 Elevator

All official Championships activities will take place on the second floor of the venue. The second level is accessible via two elevators.

The elevators to access the second floor of the venue that holds 1-2 wheelchairs. No Championships activities take place on the first, but it does have additional accessible washrooms that participants can access.

9.5 Temperature

The gym temperature ranges from 18 to 20 degrees Celsius.

9.6 Parking

Day parking at the Richmond Olympic Oval costs $30.00. There is one parking lot under the venue. There are 18 accessible parking spots and many general parking spots.

9.7 Washrooms

Second Floor (closest to Competition Courts and Room 2029B)

- 2 men's and 2 women's washrooms with 3 stalls each, including 1 wider accessible stall each
    - 1 set is located by room 2029B and the other is located close to the rink
- 2 universal accessible washrooms on the second floor

First Floor

- 3 men's and 3 women's washrooms with stalls; each with 1 wider accessible stall

9.8 Wi-Fi

There is free, public Wi-Fi at the Venue for general use.

Name of the network: #Telus

All hardwired Internet is for HOC use only.

10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All participants must be members in good standing of an organization that is a provincial partner of the Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (CCPSA). Athletes must be 15 years of age before January 1st, 2026.

11. GENERAL SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change		
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | Mardi 29 septembre 2026		
Throughout the day	Arrivals	Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 | Mercredi 30 septembre 2026		
9h00 – 13h00 (TBC)	Classification	Rooms 2029A + B
9h00 – 13h00	Practice	Competition Courts
10h00 – 13h30	Equipment Check	Call Room
12h00 – 14h00	Lunch (Boxed)	Lunch Area

15h00 – 16h00	Athlete Meeting	Competition Courts
TBC	Coach Meeting	TBC
16h30 – 17h30	Opening Ceremony	Warm-Up Courts
18h00 – 19h00	Technical Meeting	2029 A
Thursday, October 1, 2026 | Jeudi 1er octobre 2026		
9h00 - 17h00	Individual Competition	Competition Courts
11h30 – 14h00	LUNCH (Games will continue during this time)	Lunch Area
Friday, October 2, 2026 | Vendredi 2 octobre 2026		
9h00 - 17h00	Individual Competition	Competition Courts
11h30 – 14h00	LUNCH (Games will continue during this time)	Lunch Area
17h00 – 18h00	Team/Pairs Technical Meeting	Room 2029A
Saturday, October 3, 2026| Samedi 3 octobre 2026		
9h00 - 12h00	Individual Competition	Competition Courts
11h30 – 14h00	LUNCH (Games will continue during this time)	Lunch Area
After conclusion of individual competition	Individual Medal Ceremony	Warm-up Courts
14h00 – 16h00	Team/Pairs Competition	Competition Courts
Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Dimanche 4 octobre 2026		
9h00 - 15h30	Team / Pairs Competition	Competition Courts
11:30 – 14:00	LUNCH (Games will continue during this time)	Lunch Area
After conclusion of teams/pairs competition	Medal ceremonies (pairs, teams, open)	Warm-up Courts
After event ends	Departures	Executive Hotel
Monday, October 5, 2026 | Lundi 5 octobre 2026		
Throughout the day	Departures	Executive Hotel

12. INFORMATION DESK

The information desk will be located at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport on Tuesday, September 29th from 15h00-22h00 and in the competition venue from September 30 to October 4 from 9h00 to the beginning of the final match of the day.

13. KEY PERSONNEL

Technical Delegate	Adam Dukovich
Assistant Technical Delegate	Gabriel Couturier
Head Referee	Robert Bartlett
Assistant Head Referee	Isabelle Longtin
Lead Classifier	Lorette Dupuis
Assistant Lead Classifier	Jane Blaine
HOC Co-Chairs	Donna Cumming & Martin Richard
NSO Lead Staff	Jennifer Larson
Venue Manager	Zoe Meil-Charbonneau

14. MEALS

Lunch will be provided for all registered participants from Wednesday, September 30 to Sunday, October 4. Breakfast and dinner are the responsibility of each participant.

Lunch – Lunch Area – next to warm-up courts

- No scheduled lunch break
- Lunch will be available from 11h30 – 14h00 unless otherwise noted in the schedule

15. MEDICAL CARE

First Aid at the venue will be provided by St. John's Ambulance.

Closest hospital to the venue and the hotel: Richmond Hospital 7000 Westminister Highway Richmond, BC V6X 1A2
Closest pharmacy to the venue and the hotel: **Shoppers Drug Mart** 5555 Gilbert Road, Unit 155 Richmond, BC V7C 0B8
Hours: Everyday – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

16. PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

To protect the athletes, officials, and volunteers during the competition, please follow these guidelines to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses (COVID-19, influenza, RSV, etc.) that may be circulating:

- Wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces.

If you have any of these common symptoms of respiratory illnesses:

- Fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, muscle aches, fatigue, vomiting/diarrhea, abdominal pain

Please

- Stay home until you are fever-free (without using fever-reducing medication) AND your symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (48 hours for vomiting/diarrhea)
- If you can’t stay home, wear a well-fitting mask and avoid non-essential mask-less activities for 10 days from when symptoms started.
- Don’t visit those at high-risk of severe illness including those in long-term care, retirement homes or in hospital.

Richmond Public Health Resources

17. REGISTERED ATHLETES

The list of registered athletes will be released after registration closes.

17.1 Wild Card Athletes

Athletes registered as individual Wild Cards are not members of the provincial team for their province.

Therefore, Wild Card athletes must wear either their club shirt or a neutral shirt on the field of play. Wild Card athletes **cannot** wear provincial or national team shirts on the field of play.

18. TRANSPORTATION

We are still in the process of securing a Championships-specific wheelchair accessible bus service for airport transfers.

For now, participants who require accessible transportation between the airport and the hotel are advised to use the municipal HandyDart service.

To access this service, participants must complete the HandyDart Visitor Application Form. Allow up to 10 business days processing time for HandyDart applications.

https://www.translink.ca/-/media/translink/documents/rider-guide/transit-accessibility/handydart/handydart-card-visitor-application-form.pdf

Trips can be booked seven days in advance and up until 4 p.m. the day before. To book or cancel a trip on HandyDart, call 604-575-6600 (local) or 1-844-476-6600 (toll-free).

HandyDart Fares + Payment

- A 1-Zone fare of $3.50 is applied to each one-way trip.
- An additional fare of $6.50 is applied to trips that start at the YVR airport.
- Compass Card is the preferred method of payment, although cash is accepted. Tap to pay with contactless credit cards will also be available. Each HandyDart customer is allowed one attendant. Attendants ride for free.

Taxi Contacts – Accessible Transportation Vancouver
Kimber Cabs (all vehicles can accommodate a powerchair): (604) 238-8888
Yellow Cab: (604) 681-1111
Vancouver Taxi: (604) 871-1111 (phone) or (604) 699-1111 (text)

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19. WHEELCHAIR REPAIR

To be confirmed.