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1. Competition Overview

The 2026 Canadian Boccia Championships is organised by Boccia Canada and SportAbility BC. The event brings together 5 provinces and 44 athletes competing across Individual, Pairs and Team divisions.

1.1 General Schedule

	Tues Sept 29	Wed Sept 30	Thurs Oct 1	Fri Oct 2	Sat Oct 3	Sun Oct 4	Mon Oct 5
Arrival + Accreditation							
Classification							
Training							
Equipment Check							
Opening Ceremony							
Individual Competition							
Individual Medal Ceremony							
Team / Pairs Competition							
Team / Pairs Medal Ceremony							
Departure							

SCHEDULE CONFIRMATION

Exact daily start times, court assignments and match order will only be confirmed after the Official Draw at the Technical Meeting on Wednesday, September 30. The final Competition Schedule will be distributed to Team Managers and published on the BCMS. Please treat the dates above as the framework for planning, and always check BCMS for the live daily schedule. When possible, updates will be communicated via the Team Leader/Wild Card Whatsapp group.

*For clarity, the 24-hour clock is used in this document (ex: 21h00 = 9:00 pm) and all times are in PST (Pacific Standard Time).

1.2 Venue Tours, Opening Ceremony, Athlete Meeting + Technical Meeting Schedule

Time	Activity	Location
9h00 – 12h00	Optional venue tours	Lobby
9h00 – 15h00	Classification	Room 2029 A
9h00 – 15h00	Practice	Competition Courts
10h30 – 15h15	Equipment Check	Call Room
12h00 – 13h00	Lunch (boxed)	Lunch Zone
15h00 – 16h00	Athlete Meeting	Competition Courts
16h30 – 17h30	Opening Ceremony	Practice Courts
17h30 – 18h30	Technical Meeting	Room 2029 B

2. Classification

Lead Classifier: Lorette Dupuis
Assistant Lead Classifier: Jane Blaine
Classification Coordinator: Zoe Meil (zmeil@bocciacanada.ca)

All athletes competing at the Canadian Boccia Championships must be classified. Classification will be conducted in accordance with the 4th Edition Boccia Canada Classification Manual.

Classification will take place in Room 2029A at the Competition Venue on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, following the schedule outlined below.

IMPORTANT: Athletes being classified must ensure the medical diagnostic form is completed and returned to zmeil@bocciacanada.ca three weeks before arriving on site for classification. Failure to do so may result in the athlete not being able to compete.

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

In the event a protest is brought forward, the classification panel's decision will stand for this competition, and the protest will be undertaken at the next Boccia Canada event

attended by the athlete as per the process in the 4th Edition Boccia Canada Classification Manual (link above).

If there are any changes in classification once games have started, **rule 2.1.5.1** of the Competition and Ranking Manual 2025-2028 v3.0 will be applied.

Individual and Team/Pairs are considered separate events, so a classification change made once individual games have started will take effect at the beginning of the Team/Pairs event.

Contact the Lead Classifier or Classification Coordinator with any questions.

2.1 Classification Schedule

Time	Athlete
9:00	Bhavyn Sandhu
10:00	Emily Hill
11:00	Russ Dolton
12:00	Break
13:00	Julian Caverley
14:00	Claudia Bertrand

3. Equipment Check

Equipment Check will take place on Wednesday, September 30th, according to the following schedule, at the Competition Venue.

3.1 Equipment Check Schedule

Time	Province	# Athletes
10:30	QC	14

11:05	BC	10
13:05	ON	11
15:00	NB/NL/WC	9

A classifier will be available after 15:00 for any athlete with a splint, glove or other equipment requiring classifier review.

4. Practice

Practice will take place at the Competition Venue on the competition courts on Wednesday, September 30th, according to the following schedule.

Training on the Competition Courts (FOP)

Teams should be at the entrance of the competition area at least 5 minutes before their scheduled time.

Five minutes before the finish time, teams must stop training and prepare all the equipment to depart at the scheduled time.

Only accredited staff or athletes who are scheduled for training are permitted to access the training area.

During training sessions please keep exclusively to the court(s) that are allocated to your province/territory and be sure not to disturb athletes training on other courts.

4.1 Practice Schedule

Competition Court Number								
Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00	BC	BC	BC					
11:00	QC	QC	QC	QC	ON	ON	ON	ON
13:00	NB	NB	NL	NL	WC	WC	BC	

5. Competition

5.1 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. Athletes must be 15 years of age before January 1st, 2026.

Provinces, territories and wild card athletes eligible to compete at the 2026 Canadian Boccia Championships must have paid all entry fees in full and submitted all required registration information.

5.2 Competition Numbers (bibs)

Bib numbers will be distributed at the first Technical Meeting, after completion of classification. If an athlete forgets, loses, or chooses not to wear their competitor number, he/she will not be permitted to enter the Warm-up area, the Call Room or the Field of Play (Rule 7.3).

NO replacement numbers will be available.

5.3 Divisions of Play

Individual: BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, BC5, Open

Team/Pairs: Team BC1/2, Pairs BC3, Pairs BC4/BC5/Open

The OPEN category is reserved for athletes with an impairment that do not meet criteria for categories BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4 or BC5.

5.4 Rules

This tournament will be conducted following the 2025-2028 World Boccia International Boccia Rules v.1.2.1 The Technical Delegate shall resolve any technical issues not included in this document.

It is the responsibility of each province competing in the Canadian Boccia Championships to ensure that all competitors and technical personnel are familiar with the 4th Edition Boccia Canada Classification Rules, the World Boccia Competition & Ranking Manual 2025-2028 and the 2025-2028 World Boccia International Boccia Rules v.1.1 (link above).

5.5 Competition Structure

The final competition schedule will be made available after the Official Draw, at the Technical Meeting, on Wednesday September 30 and will be sent to Wild Card athletes, Team Managers or designated people.

The competition structure conforms to principles defined by World Boccia. For more information, please consult the World Boccia Competition Manual. The competition structure will be explained in more detail during the technical meeting.

Pools will be constructed in accordance with the most recent Boccia Canada rankings,

which are available here: https://bocciacanada.ca/en/boccia/national-results-and-rankings/

5.6 Maximum Number of Athletes

Wild Card athletes were accepted at the decision of the Technical Delegate. Individual categories continue to be mixed gender for this event.

Individual	
BC1	12
BC2	12
BC3	12
BC4	8
BC5	6
Open	4

Team and Pairs		
BC1/2 Team	BC3 Pair	BC4/BC5/Open Pair
6	4	4

6. Communication of Schedule + Results

The **Team Leader/Wild Card WhatsApp group** will be used for communication with the team representatives of each province. Team representatives are responsible for relaying this information to the members of their delegation. Wild Card athletes and athletes without a Team Manager or Coach will be included directly in the WhatsApp group.

The Technical Delegate will create the WhatsApp group using the cell phone numbers provided through the registration process. It is the individual's responsibility to have WhatsApp installed on their phone.

The Competition Schedule and Results will be available throughout the competition via

the Boccia Competition Management System (BCMS). The BCMS link will be shared via the event website and the WhatsApp group after classification assessments have been completed and the schedule is confirmed.

The competition schedule will also be reviewed with provinces in the Technical meeting.

A QR code for the schedule will be posted at the venue during the competition and will also be available online at www.bocciacanada.ca.

7. Team / Pair Competition

Allocation of the Teams or Pairs was the decision of the Technical Delegate and followed the published Slot Allocation Process.

The Technical Meeting for Team / Pairs will be held in the evening of **Friday, October 2nd**, after the conclusion of the individual competition.

7.1 Team / Pair Roster Changes

Team / Pair rosters must be submitted by Friday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m. PT.

No changes to the Team / Pair Rosters will be accepted, except in case of injury, illness or a change in classification.

In the case of injury, illness or a change in classification, a Wild Card athlete can replace an athlete on a provincial Team or Pair prior to the start of the Team & Pairs event.

Replacements are **only** permitted if an athlete cannot compete due to injury, illness or a change in classification.

All Team / Pair rosters (including any replacements due to injury, illness or a change in classification), must be confirmed in writing to the Technical Delegate by 12h00 (noon) on Friday, October 2nd.

8. Code of Conduct

The Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association Code of Conduct will be the standard for all participants.

9. Participating Athletes, Teams and Pairs

BC1	
Chris Halpen	BC

BC2	
Danik Allard	QC

Claudia Bertrand	WC	David Simoneau	WC
Dorya Belal	QC	Dominic Gomez	ON
Emily Hill	BC	Jim Davis	ON
Hanif Mawji	BC	Julian Caverley	ON
Joe Philpott	NL	Kristyn Collins	NL
Justine Bureau	QC	Lisa Ferenc	BC
Kyle Scott	ON	Liza Puri	ON
Lance Cryderman	ON	Mégane Ravary	WC
Luke Cambridge	BC	Nathan Bragg	BC
Stephen Westcott	NL	Olivier Dussault	QC
		Olivier Roy	QC

BC3

Alexandre Lemaire	QC	Fatima Abderrahmane	QC
Alexandre Raymond	QC	Joshua Gautier	ON
Alexandre Ziegler	QC	Samuel Lafleur	QC
Bryce Desrochers	ON	Theresa MacLeod	NB
Carter Plumb	ON		

BC4

Alison Levine	QC
Andrew Woodrow	NL
Giovanni de Sero	ON
Iulian Ciobanu	QC
Marco Dispaltro	QC
Martha Gustafson	ON

BC5

Marc-Antoine Goupil	QC
Russ Dolton	BC

Open

Bhavyn Sandhu	BC
Daniel Hutchinson	WC
Kylie Waters	BC
Mildred Thomas	BC

Category	Provincial Team
BC1/2 Team	BC 1
	ONTARIO 1
	NL
	BC 2
	ONTARIO 2
	QUEBEC
BC3 Pair	ONTARIO
	QUEBEC 1
	QUEBEC 2
	NB
BC4/5/Open Pair	QUEBEC

	ONTARIO
	BC1
	BC 2