

**BOCCIA SPORTS FEDERATION OF INDIA (BSFI)**  
Athlete Selection Policy for International Competitions

*(Applicable to Boccia World Cups, World Championships, Regional Championships sanctioned by World Boccia, and other international competitions where teams are nominated by BSFI)*

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## 1. Objective

The objective of this policy is to establish a **transparent, fair, and performance-based framework** for the selection of Indian Boccia athletes to represent the nation at international competitions, including **Boccia World Cups, World Championships, Regional Championships**, and other events sanctioned by **World Boccia**.

This policy is aligned with the **World Boccia Qualification and Competition Pathway 2025–2028** and aims to:

- Ensure fair and merit-based athlete selection;
  - Promote India's sporting excellence on the global stage;
  - Maximize opportunities for qualification to the **Asian Para Games, Boccia World Championships, and LA 2028 Paralympic Games**.
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## 2. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for selection to represent India in international Boccia competitions, an athlete must meet **all** of the following criteria:

### a) BSFI Membership

- The athlete must be a registered and eligible member of the **Boccia Sports Federation of India (BSFI)**.

### b) World Boccia Compliance

- Must hold a valid **World Boccia Athlete License and RO License**;
- Must possess a valid **International Classification Status**, or be available for classification prior to the competition, in accordance with **World Boccia policies**.

### c) International Ranking

- The athlete must be ranked in their respective classification category as per the official **World Boccia Asian and/or World Rankings**, based on performances recorded in the **previous calendar year**.

### d) Domestic Participation (Mandatory)

The athlete must have participated in at least **one** of the following recognized national-level competitions:

- Boccia National Championship;
- Any other national Boccia event sanctioned by **BSFI (Boccia India)**.

#### **e) Merit-Based Selection**

- As World Boccia permits a limited number of athletes per event (up to **two athletes for Pairs** and **three athletes for Teams, including female representation**, or individuals as per allocated slots), selection shall be **strictly merit-based**;
- Performance in the above-mentioned domestic championships shall be the **primary basis for selection**.

#### **f) Selection Trials (If Required)**

- Where multiple athletes demonstrate comparable performance levels or marginal differences, **BSFI reserves the right to conduct selection trials** to identify the most competitive athlete(s).

#### **g) Fitness and Readiness Assessment**

- BSFI may conduct a **fitness, medical, and readiness assessment** prior to final selection to ensure athletes are in optimal condition to represent India internationally.

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### **3. Selection Parameters**

3.1 The **BSFI Selection Committee** shall evaluate athletes based on the following :

- Match performance outcomes (total matches, win–loss ratio, consistency) at recognized events;
- Asian and World Rankings as per **World Boccia records** of the previous calendar year;
- Potential to meet the minimum eligibility and performance criteria for the specific international event, as per **World Boccia Technical Regulations**;
- Compliance with **World Boccia mandatory participation requirements**;
- Compliance with **BSFI guidelines and codes of conduct** issued from time to time.
- Player can go on Own cost with the permission of selection committee for part or New Classification.

3.2 The **BSFI Selection Committee** shall evaluate Officials (Coach, RO, Escort etc.) based on the following parameters for the players :

- Valid certification and accreditation on National level it's from BSFI or World Boccia.
- Relevant national/international experience - 5 years
- Technical knowledge of rules and procedures (As per BSFI and World Boccia rules)

- Professional conduct and compliance
  - Availability, fitness, and commitment
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#### 4. Mandatory Participation Requirements

In accordance with the **World Boccia Qualification Pathway 2025–2028**, athletes must participate in **World Boccia–sanctioned international competitions** as prescribed in order to:

- Maintain or improve international rankings;
- Remain eligible for **Paralympic qualification consideration**.

**Note:** Failure to participate in mandatory competitions without a valid and approved exemption (due to injury, illness, pregnancy, or force majeure) will:

- Disqualify the athlete from Paralympic qualification rankings; and
  - May adversely affect eligibility for other international events.
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#### 5. Appeals and Extenuating Circumstances

The **BSFI Selection Committee** may consider appeals supported by:

- Verified medical certificates (injury, illness, pregnancy);
- Natural disasters or force majeure circumstances.

Such appeals must:

- Be submitted **before competition entry deadlines**;
- Be reviewed internally and, where required, escalated to **World Boccia** for special permission.

**Note:** The decision of **BSFI shall be final and binding**.

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#### 6. Administrative Compliance


To remain in good standing for international selection, athletes must:

- Maintain clean disciplinary and anti-doping records;
  - Ensure timely submission of all mandatory documentation, including:
    - Valid passport;
    - World Boccia Athlete License;
    - Medical clearance and fitness certification.
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## 7. Final Authority

- The **BSFI Selection Committee** holds full and final authority in all selection matters;
  - Any deviation from this policy must be properly justified, documented, and approved at the highest level of **BSFI**;
  - This policy is subject to **annual review** and may be amended in accordance with revisions issued by **World Boccia, PCI, SAI, MYAS**, or the **Government of India**.
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**Issued on behalf of the Boccia Sports Federation of India**

  
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