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BOCCE GUIDE

STATE COMPETITION AND TRAINING INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES, COACHES, AND VOLUNTEERS

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Our Vision

Special Olympics Maryland will be the leader in life-long and unified sports programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities, empowering athletes to be valued members of their community and respected members of society.

Our Mission

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our Values

- Community connections and bridges
- Friendships for life
- Integrity by “doing the right thing”
- Opportunity to excel
- Quality in all we do
- Sportsmanship and fairness for all

Dear Bocce Athletes, Coaches, and Volunteers,

We are proud to once again welcome you to the 2011 Special Olympics Maryland Bocce training and competition season.

We hope that you will find this guide useful and provide you with the information you need throughout the training season. It is our goal that this guide will give you all the information necessary for participation in the 2011 Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games at Towson University in Towson, Maryland.

We wish all Athletes and Coaches the best of luck. If we can be of any assistance during the competition, please let us know. Have a great season!

Good Luck,

Special Olympics Maryland

Special Olympics Maryland Bocce 2011 Summer Games

Bocce Competition Dates: Saturday June 11, 2011 – Sunday June 12, 2011

Location: Varsity Soccer Stadium – Towson University

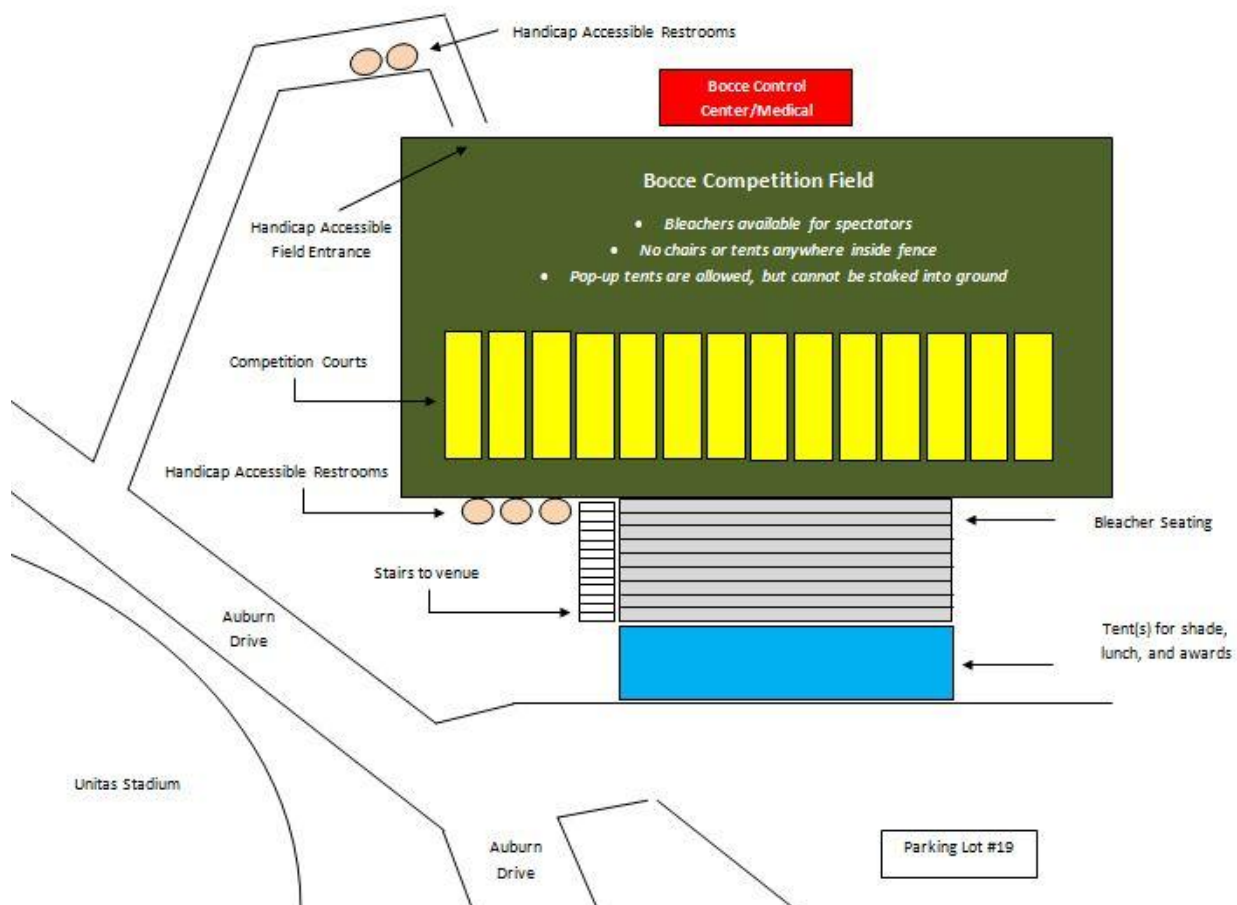
Competition Director: Lucio Corsini

Time of Competition: 8AM-5PM Saturday, 8AM-2PM Sunday

Events:

- Singles
- Doubles
- Unified Doubles
- 4-Person Team – Traditional
- 4-Person Team – Unified

Special Olympics Maryland Bocce 2011 Summer Games – Venue Map



Special Olympics Maryland Bocce Rules of Competition

The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall govern all Special Olympics Bocce Competitions at the Summer Games. As an international sports organization, Special Olympics has developed these rules based upon the International Bocce Association. However, SOI is the official National Governing Body.

General Competition Rules and Information

- Athletes are required to wear appropriate competition attire as described in each rule book.
- Athletes will be divisioned according to the Official Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules. Athletes will be divisioned based upon age, gender, and primarily ability. Some age groups and genders may be combined to offer the best competition opportunities for the athletes.
- In accordance with Special Olympics rules, Unified relay teams will be divisioned with other Unified teams. Each Unified team shall consist of two athletes and two partners.
- Only certified Head Coaches may file protests. All protests must be filed within 30 minutes of the completion of the protested game. Protests must be submitted to the Competition Director. Protests may be appealed to the Games Rules Committee.
- Athletes may enter two events; Singles plus either Doubles or 4-Person Team.
- Once the Athlete begins competition, no coaching by coaches, family members, spectators, etc. is allowed. Only competing athletes and designated volunteers are allowed on the courts. The Athlete, doubles team, or 4-player team is playing independently. Discussion with any athlete is prohibited once the athlete steps onto the court. However, encouragement and cheering are permissible.
- A player can grip the ball by placing the hand over or under the ball as long as the ball delivery is of an underhand style. An underhand delivery is defined as releasing the ball below the waist.
- All balls thrown that finish inside the court are in play. This includes the ones hitting the backboard and missing any balls, including the pallina.

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- If the first player throws the pallina so that it stops before the 30-foot line or stops beyond the 50-foot line or stops next to the backboard, the player has two additional attempts to legally establish the target.
- If the player still does not legally establish the target, the opponent has one attempt to do so.
- If that player fails to establish the target, the official places the pallina at the center of the 50-foot line. The original thrower then establishes the first point.
- If the pallina goes out of bounds, the following occurs:
 - the frame is over;
 - the balls are returned to the same side, and
 - a new frame is started.
- All measurements are taken from the side of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina.
- Doubles and 4-player teams:
- Athletes and Unified Partners will roll from the same end. Any teammate can roll the ball at any interval (two in a row or alternating throws). There will be walking back and forth after each frame. (Note: In Singles competition, athletes will walk from end to end after both finish their throws.)
- Foul lines will be enforced.
- Coaches will not be permitted on the court.
- Competition Schedule Adjustments:
 - Due to the number of athletes for singles, game time limits will be enforced at 30 minutes.
 - If the score is not achieved before the time limit, the individual or the team ahead at the end of 30 minutes will be declared the winner.

Special Olympics Maryland Bocce Rules of Competition

Bocce National Governing Body

Special Olympics, Inc. (SOI)

Website: www.specialolympics.org

Bocce Rules of Competition:

Complete, detailed rules of competition can be obtained by contacting the Special Olympics Maryland Sports Department, or visiting the link below:

http://media.specialolympics.org/soi/files/sports/sports_rules_2011/Bocce_11.pdf

Uniform Requirements

Long pants or shorts (golf or tennis shorts) are appropriate. Jeans, running shorts, or “short” shorts are not permitted.

Substitutions

Except due to a medical emergency, as provided in the SOI Bocce Rules under Section C.4.c, substitution during a game will not be allowed. Approval, under this rule, will be given by the Competition Directors only and prior to the substitution.



Special Olympics Maryland Bocce Qualifier Information

Special Olympics Maryland requires that in order to advance to the Bocce Competition at the 2011 Summer Games, Athletes must participate in at least two qualifiers sanctioned by the Special Olympics Maryland Sports Department and the Summer Games Organizing Committee.

- *Sanction forms for qualifiers must be received by the SOMD Sports Department at least thirty (30) days before the intended date of competition.*

2011 Bocce Qualifier Schedule (as of Sunday April 17, 2011)

4/27/2011	9AM	Leonardtown High School Leonardtown, MD	St. Mary's
5/1/2011	9AM	Good Counsel High School Olney, MD	Montgomery
5/2/2011	9:30AM	Elkton High School Elkton, MD	Cecil
5/7/2011	8AM	Allegany College of Maryland Cumberland, MD	Allegany
5/7/2011	9AM	McDonogh School Owings Mills, MD	Baltimore County
5/7/2011	9AM	Lackey High School Indian Head, MD	Charles
5/21/2011	9:30AM	McDonogh School Owings Mills, MD	Baltimore County
6/4/2011	9AM	TBD	Baltimore County

Special Olympics Maryland Bocce Coaches Meeting Schedule

Pre-Season Coaches Meeting:

Monday April 11, 2011 – 9PM

To register, please visit the link below:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/534692713>

Competition Coaches Meeting:

Monday June 6, 2011 – 9PM

To register, please visit the link below:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/502991233>

GMS Registration Timeline

Please use the timeline below to help manage your Athletes and Coaches throughout the training season. SOMD Coaches and volunteers will work with the Area/County Management team in securing the registration information of all Athletes training in one particular sport/competition.

The “Training Registration Deadline” will be when the roster of Athletes and Unified Partners is sent to SOMD for review. By the “Competition Registration Deadline”, SOMD Coaches will work with the Area Management team to decide which Athletes and Unified Partners will be participating in the State-level competition. Once SOMD has received the “Competition Registration” information from each Delegation, a report will be generated and sent back to each Delegation. It is the responsibility of each Delegation to ensure the accuracy of all Athletes and Unified Partners on the Competition Roster for the State-level competition. Only Athletes and Unified Partners who are on the Competition Roster for each Delegation will be able to participate in the State-level competition.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these dates or timeline please contact your Area/County Director, or SOMD District Director.

Training Registration Deadline: 11:59PM – TBD

Competition Registration Deadline: 11:59PM – TBD

Final Decisions on Rosters: 11:59PM – TBD

Intent to Qualify Deadline: 11:59PM – TBD

State Competition Date: Saturday June 11, 2011 and Sunday June 12, 2011

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