

BOCCIA NSW ANNUAL STATE REPORT

July 2015 – June 2016

Boccia NSW (BNSW) has continued to develop and promote the sport over the last 12 months and has continued to meet the constitutional expectations of the Office of Fair Trading. Throughout 2015 BNSW has continued to provide the support and development of coaches, referees and officials and more opportunity for players to compete in accordance with our 2 year Business Plan

Competitions

- 2016 NSW State Titles (4th – 6th March) 40 athletes competed, including interstate competitions. It was a very successful event with a few surprise winners.
- NRL singles completion conducted by Hunter Boccia and Northern Beaches Waves, & mixed teams event run by Hunter.
- Boccia League continued throughout 2015, with 5 clubs competing on 5 days throughout the year. The new format of 5 games (3 singles games, 1 pairs and one mixed team) was found to be successful in allowing more play.
- Junior State Titles held in September 2015. For several athletes this was their first competition. This event is organised by CPA but supported by BNSW. The 2015 titles have been renamed the National Junior Titles and it is expected more interstate juniors will attend
- 14 senior NSW athletes performed strongly at the 2016 Nationals, held in Narrabeen in May 2016, The National Junior Titles means there was not a specific junior section at the Australian Nationals held in May
- NSW athletes won 4 of the 5 NRS classifications over the 2015 – 16 Season
- To encourage NSW athletes to travel to other states for boccia competitions, we reimbursed the registration fees to athletes attending one interstate title in the 2015-16 year. This offer was taken up by 6 athletes compared to only 2 travelling in the previous year. We are continuing the offer this season.
- To encourage experience BNSW also offered a grant of \$300 to 2 people attending the NSW state titles and one person attending the National titles for the first time
- Boccia School Knockout competition held again for the 5th year, with over 60 schools competing across NSW

Development

- Requests for assistance from clubs have been met where they meet the objectives of the business plan in supporting and developing clubs. Clubs have been given sets of boccia balls, paddles, scoreboards, ramps if required. Other clubs have requested cash to pay for coaching or deposit on a venue
- Guidelines has been written on running NRS Local competitions to assist clubs develop their skills.
- Maintained and strengthened links with Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Boccia Australia, Australian Paralympic Committee, NSW Sport & Recreation, School Sport Unit, DEC and other local boccia clubs.
- Two training days for coaches were conducted in conjunction with Boccia Australia
- New Memorandum of Understanding signed between BNSW & CPA

Work on all of the projects outlined has been greatly supported by key people with CPA, and the clubs and the dedication and commitment of the athletes must also be recognised. Special thank you to all our volunteers.

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