



POLICY

NSW BOCCIA

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Purpose:

To ensure that everybody behaves appropriately at BNSW activities, and gives respect to each other, and presents themselves in a professional way at all times. All people involved in bocchia have a responsibility to consistently demonstrate the spirit of sportsmanship, sports leadership and ethical conduct and practices. They will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.

Policy Procedures:

All officials, organizers, managers, volunteers, carers, classifiers, and other members of BNSW have a responsibility to:

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes/participants above all else.
- Provide opportunities for athletes to be involved in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to bocchia.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Be impartial in all dealings.
- Avoid any situation which may lead to conflict of interest.
- Value the individual in the sport.
- Know and abide by current rules, regulations and standards. Enforce both the letter and spirit of the rules.
- Adhere to BNSW's policies while participating in BNSW events.
- Always use the appropriate complaint and grievance procedures relevant to the issue.

Athletes have a responsibility to:

- Abide by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If an athlete disagrees with a decision they will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- Control their temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for themselves and/or their team.
- Display good sportsmanship, respect their opponent and applaud all good play regardless of team.

- Treat all players in sport as they like to be treated, not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- To cooperate with their coach, team mates and opponents.
- Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please family, carers or coaches.
- Always use the appropriate complaint and grievance procedures relevant to the issue.

Coaches have a responsibility to:

- Remember that players may participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- Treat all athletes respectfully and with dignity.
- Ensure that the time players spend playing boccia is a positive experience.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the average players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, carers and spectators and encourage the athletes to do the same.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.

This policy will be reviewed by the Committee on a biannual basis.
A copy will be posted on the Boccia NSW website.

Any complaints about this policy should be made in writing to the Committee, and will be considered at the next possible Committee meeting.

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