

Blaze Sports America
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2012 London Paralympic Games
Boccia
July 13, 2011

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

Passports must not expire before March 31, 2013.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must be listed on the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association ("CPISRA") Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing December 31, 2011.

Athlete must be 15 years of age or older by January 1, 2012.

3. Other requirements (if any):

At the time of nomination, an athlete must have an IPC/CPISRA International Classification with an international sport class status of R-Review or C-Confirmed, or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to be internationally classified, the athlete must be evaluated by USOC medical and/or Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes with an international sport class status of N-New are allowable for entry on the official team nomination into the 2012 Paralympic Games. A description of sport-specific classification requirements and current international athlete sport class status can be found at the CPISRA website at <http://cpisra.org/index.php?id=82>. In addition, a brief description of the pertinent classification information can be found in the Boccia Classification Summary (Attachment 1).

Must be a member in good standing with BlazeSports America (BSA).

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

In accordance with the London 2012 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide (see Attachment 2), all qualification slots are earned based on the CPISRA Boccia World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011. The different sport classes and events that a country may qualify are listed below. A minimum quota of female athletes is defined in Attachment 2. Any Team or Pair that qualifies earns the country a qualification slot and the athletes to make up the team will be determined as outlined in Section I.C.

- a. One BC1/BC2 Team (made up of 4 athletes, 1 of which must be in the BC1 class) may qualify if ranked in the top 11.
- b. One BC3 Pair (made up of 3 athletes) may qualify if ranked in the top 7.
- c. One BC4 Pair (made up of 2 athletes) may qualify if ranked in the top 7.
- d. If a country qualifies a Team and/or Pair, CPISRA may allocate a maximum of three (3) entry positions to the country in a given individual event dependent on the CPISRA Individual World Ranking List as of 31 December 2011.
- e. If a country does not qualify for a Team or Pair event, CPISRA Boccia may allocate slots for the individual events based on the CPISRA Individual World Ranking List as of 31 December 2011. In this case, the individual athlete is allocated the qualification slot, rather than the country.

If a Team and/or Pair qualifies a slot as outlined in a-c above, Selection Trials for Boccia will be held between January 1 and May 20, 2012. The Selection Trials will run approximately two (2) – three (3) days. The site and date will be announced through a mailing to all eligible athletes and a posting on the BSA website (www.blazesports.org) no later than January 5, 2012.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

Invitation to Selection Trials – The Boccia Athlete Selection Committee (section II.C.) will issue invitations to the Boccia Selection Trials to include all athletes who are listed on the CPISRA Individual World Ranking List as of December 31, 2011.

To meet the minimum eligibility requirement of being on the CPISRA Individual World Ranking List, an athlete must have competed in at least one of these competitions:

- 2008 Paralympic Games; Beijing
- 2009 Boccia America’s Cup; Vancouver, Canada
- 2010 Boccia World Championships; Lisbon, Portugal
- 2011 Boccia World Cup, Belfast, Ireland
- 2011 ParaPan American Games – Guadalajara, Mexico

- C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (including maximum Team size).

Athlete Selection at the Boccia Selection Trials – At the Boccia Selection Trials, athletes will participate in individual and team drills and competitive matches that will give them the opportunity to demonstrate their individual skills and ability to play with a variety of teams. The outcome of any single match shall not determine the selection of the team. The Boccia Athlete Selection Committee (section II.C.) will evaluate all athletes during all sessions at the Boccia Selection Trials following the outline in the Player Assessment Form (Attachment 3).

Individual skills, abilities and other attributes will play an important part in team selection; however, the primary consideration is to build the team that can best perform together throughout the Paralympic Games. In an effort to build the most internationally competitive Team and/or Pair(s), the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee (section II.C.) will evaluate different pairings of athletes, looking at factors that contribute to team success such as experience, skill, communication with a team, maturity, team cohesiveness both on and off the court, the athlete’s capacity to sustain performance throughout competition, his/her willingness to put the success of the team first, and leadership.

A player who is on the CPISRA Individual World Ranking List as of December 31, 2011 and is issued an invitation to the Boccia Selection Trials who is injured, ill, or otherwise prevented from participation in the Trials may file a petition to be nominated to the Team. The criteria for these

players will be the same as for the primary Team selection with the exception that the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee (section II.C.) will consider any petitions received and use historical knowledge and past performance of the player rather than his/her performance at the Boccia Selection Trials.

- (a) Petitions for selection to the Team may only be granted in the case of:
 - i. injury or illness which prevents or limits a player's participation but would not normally be expected to in any way impair the player's ability to perform in the 2012 Paralympic Games; or
 - ii. other extraordinary circumstances (e.g., death of a family member) or force majeure that has the effect of preventing a player from participating in all or part of the Selection Trials.
- (b) Petitions must be submitted in writing to the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the Selection Trials.
- (c) In the case of an injury or illness, the athlete(s) must:
 - i. Attach to the petition the medical information necessary to support the petition; and
 - ii. Make him or herself available at the athlete's sole expense for examination by a physician approved by BlazeSports America and must also authorize his or her personal physician to discuss the circumstances of the athlete's injury or illness with a physician approved by BlazeSports America.
- (d) Petitions will be considered and acted on by the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee. Decisions on petitions will be based on the various factors set forth in these Procedures.
- (e) The Boccia Athlete Selection Committee will identify in writing the basis of their decisions on any petition.

- D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

Jeff Jones - BSA Director of Sports & Community Programs
Cathy Drobny - Member of BSA Boccia Sports Advisory Committee
Kathy Brinker - Former Boccia National Team Coach
Marybeth Jones - BSA National Boccia High Performance Manager
JJ Lewis - Member of BSA Boccia Sports Advisory Committee
James Thompson - Athlete Representative, former Paralympian

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The sport of Boccia is not a measured or timed event. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a team, it is impossible to make selection decisions based solely on objective criteria. It is the belief of BlazeSports America that the selection criteria set out in I.C. and Attachment 3, which includes subjective components in the evaluation of performance and ability, will result in the selection of the athletes to comprise the best Team. Discretionary Selection is not a separate process but is a part of the primary Team selection process.

- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

See I.C. and Attachment 3.

- C. Discretionary Selection Committee

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

The Boccia Athlete Selection Committee shall be comprised of the following individuals:

Cathy Drobny – Member of BSA Boccia Sports Advisory Committee
Kathy Brinker – Former Boccia National Team Coach
Marybeth Jones – BSA National Boccia High Performance Manager
JJ Lewis – Member of BSA Boccia Sports Advisory Committee
James Thompson – Athlete Representative, former Paralympian

Conflicts of interest may arise for selection committee members during the team selection process. Conflicts of interest exist when a selection committee member stands to benefit privately from a decision made by the selection committee. A conflict may arise, but is not limited to, when a selection committee member is in a position to participate in discussion or a vote concerning an athlete whom he or she coaches or trains privately who is being considered for a position on the Boccia Paralympic Team. In the interest of assuring a fair selection process, the following rules will be followed by the selection committee when a conflict of interest arises:

1. The material facts as to the committee member's relationship or interest as to a particular athlete shall be disclosed to the entire committee. If necessary and practical, the conflict shall be referred to the BlazeSports America Ethics Committee prior to a meeting of the selection committee.
2. A selection committee member shall not engage in any conduct meant

to unduly influence the committee regarding the athlete whom gives rise to the committee member's conflict.

3. In the case of any vote or final selection regarding athletes, a conflicted committee member shall not tabulate results independently. Any votes shall be tabulated in plain view of the entire committee.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the NGB/PSO/HPMO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB/PSO/HPMO may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB/PSO/HPMO:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the CEO of BlazeSports America.
- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) as approved by BlazeSports America. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the BlazeSports America National/Paralympic Team Code of Conduct (Attachment 4).
- Re-classification of the athlete by the IPC, such that the athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the Team.
- Removal by the IPC of the event in which the athlete qualified for the Team, from the program of the 2012 Paralympic Games.
- Not attending required training camps without an approved waiver (see Section IX).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the BlazeSports America Complaint Procedures for National or U.S. Paralympic Teams (Attachment 5) or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- B. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, CPISRA, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The replacement pool of up to three (3) athletes will be named by the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee at the same time the Pair and/or the Team is nominated, following the same selection procedures.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

- i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Based on the specific needs of the team the Boccia Athlete Selection Committee will nominate a replacement athlete from the named replacement pool of athletes.

- ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

The Boccia Athlete Selection Committee will nominate a replacement athlete from the named replacement pool of athletes based on the specific needs of the team. Replacement after August 6, 2012 (final entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee) requires approval of the CPISRA and/or IPC.

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

- i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

Refer to Section II.C.

- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the Team:

- a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Refer to Section II.C.

- b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Refer to Section IV.B.ii.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

BlazeSports America will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Paralympic Games and are included as attachments:

BlazeSports America National/Paralympic Team Code of Conduct
(Attachment 4)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by BlazeSports America in the following locations:

- A. NGB/PSO/HPMO Web site: www.blazesports.org and www.usparalympic.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- B. NGB/PSO/HPMO Official Publication (if any): BSA electronic newsletter
- C. Other: N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: June 1, 2012

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

After nomination to the Team, athletes will be required to attend two (2) separate training sessions prior to departure for the London Paralympic Games that will be designated by the Head Coach. The dates and locations of these training sessions will be confirmed no later than 30 days prior to the training. Dates and locations will be posted on www.blazesports.org.

While waivers for this mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, waivers will primarily be granted only for illness, injury or other incapacity, or for personal/family emergency. All candidates for the team should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations well in advance of team activities. Requests for a waiver may be submitted in writing to the Head Coach and the BSA National Boccia High Performance Manager for review. A response to each waiver request will be issued to the athlete within 72 hours of the request.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, CPISRA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, CPISRA, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Jeffery Jones- BSA Director of Sports and Community Programs
Cathy Drobny - Member of BSA Boccia Sports Advisory Committee
Kathy Brinker - Former Boccia National Team Coach
Marybeth Jones - BSA National Boccia High Performance Manager
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XII. NGB/PSO/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The BlazeSports America Complaint Procedures for National or U.S. Paralympic Teams are included with this document as Attachment 5.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC and/or CPISRA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IPC and/or CPISRA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to BlazeSports America. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

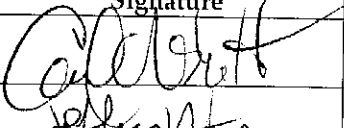
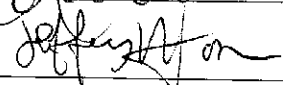
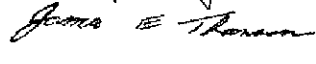
XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by BlazeSports America may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB/PSO/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by BlazeSports America.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
CEO BlazeSports America	Carol Mushett Johnson		7/18/11
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Jeff Jones		7/18/11
Athlete Representative	James Thomson		7/18/11

Signature by the BSA Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO/HPMO. If the BSA Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance representative.

Boccia Classification Summary

Eligibility for play

Eligibility to compete is described in detail in the Classification Section of the CPISRA Rules Manual. The Manual contains details of the classification profiles as well as the process for athlete classification, reclassification and protests.

Divisions of Play

General

There are seven divisions of play. Each division is played by competitors of either sex. The divisions are:

- Individual BC 1
- Individual BC 2
- Individual BC 3
- Individual BC 4
- Pairs - for Players classified as BC 3
- Pairs - for Players classified as BC 4
- Team - for Players classified as BC 1 and BC 2

Individual BC1

is played by Players classified within the CPISRA Classification system as CP1 or CP2 (foot Player). Players may be assisted by one Sport Assistant, who should be positioned behind the playing box in a designated area. These Sport Assistants perform tasks such as:

- adjust or stabilize the playing chair
- passing a ball to the Player
- to roll the ball

Individual BC2

is played by Players classified within the CPISRA Classification system as CP2 (U). Players are not eligible for assistance by a Sport Assistant. They can only ask assistance from the Referee, in their time, to pick up a dropped ball from the court or to go into the court.

Individual BC3 (Players using an assistive device)

is played by Players with a very severe locomotor dysfunction in all four extremities of a cerebral or non-cerebral origin. Players will not functionally propel the wheelchair

and will be dependent on assistance or an electric wheelchair. Players will have no sustained grasp or release action. They may have arm movement, but have insufficient functional range of movement to consistently propel a Boccia ball into court. Each Player is allowed to be assisted by a Sport Assistant, who will remain in the player's box, but who must keep his/her back to court, and eyes averted from play. (ref. 11.1.3/13.1).

Individual BC4

is played by Players with a severe locomotor dysfunction of all four extremities combined with poor dynamic trunk control, with non-cerebral origin or degenerative cerebral origin. The Player will be able to demonstrate sufficient dexterity to manipulate and throw a Boccia ball consistently into court. Poor grasp and release will be evident, combined with poor timing of release and follow through. Lack of control over smoothness and speed of movement and synchronization may also be observable. Players are not eligible for assistance by a Sport Assistant. They can only ask assistance from the Referee, in their time, to pick up a dropped ball from the court or go into the court.

Pairs BC3

Competitors must be classified as eligible to play in the individual BC3 division. A Pair BC3 must include a substitute. Exceptions will be at discretion of the CBC whose decision will be final. A Pair BC3 must include at least one CP Player on court. Each Player may be assisted by a Sport Assistant as determined in rules relating to individual play. The rules for play in this section are the same as for team competition except that boxes 2-5 are used in appropriate sequence.

Pairs BC4

Competitors must be classified as eligible to play in the individual BC4 division. A Pair BC4 must include a substitute. Exceptions will be at discretion of the CBC whose decision will be final. The rules for play in this section are the same as for team competition except that boxes 2-5 are used in appropriate sequence.

Team

Competitors must be classified as eligible to play in the individual BC1 or BC2 division. A team must include at least one BC1 Player on court. Each team is allowed one (1) Sport Assistant who must abide by the rules laid down under individual BC1. Each Team must start the match with three Players on court and is allowed to have one or two substitutes. Where there are two substitutes, the Team must include two BC1 Players.

BOCCIA



LONDON 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES

MEDAL EVENTS (7)	MIXED (7)
	Individual - BC1 Individual - BC2 Individual - BC3 Individual - BC4 Team - BC1/BC2 Pairs - BC3 Pairs - BC4

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	Up to 80
	Female	Up to 24
	Total	Up to 104

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	<p>The team or pairs qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete or team.</p> <p>In the case of individual qualification the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.</p>
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	<p>An NPC qualifying a team and/or pairs may be allocated no more than three (3) qualification slots (ie, a BC1/BC2 Team, a BC3 Pair and a BC4 Pair).</p> <p>NPCs qualifying a BC1/BC2 Team must officially declare in writing to CPISRA the team composition (ie, number of BC1 versus BC2 athletes) no later than 16 March 2012. The declaration will be used to establish the final tournament formats for the Mixed Individual - BC1 and BC2 events.</p> <p>NPCs qualifying an individual athlete solely for the individual tournament may be allocated a maximum of two (2) individual qualification slots per sport class.</p>



ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	<p>To be eligible for selection by an NPC, an athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be on the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011 • Be classifiable in accordance with the CPISRA International Classification System; and • Be internationally classified with either a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status. 																
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	<p>An NPC can enter one (1) BC1/BC2 Team consisting of four (4) athletes of which a minimum of one (1) must be in the BC1 sport class.</p> <p>An NPC can enter one (1) BC3 Pair consisting of three (3) athletes.</p> <p>An NPC can enter one (1) BC4 Pair consisting of two (2) athletes.</p> <p>NPCs entering athletes in the following events or groups of events must enter the following minimum quota of female athletes:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="721 1184 1300 1682"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="721 1184 1003 1247">Event Entry</th> <th data-bbox="1003 1184 1300 1247">Minimum Female Athlete Entry Quota</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1247 1003 1331">BC1/BC2 Team, BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1247 1300 1331">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1331 1003 1394">BC1/BC2 Team and BC3 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1331 1300 1394">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1394 1003 1457">BC1/BC2 Team and BC 4 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1394 1300 1457">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1457 1003 1520">BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1457 1300 1520">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1520 1003 1583">BC1/BC2 Team</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1520 1300 1583">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1583 1003 1646">BC3 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1583 1300 1646">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="721 1646 1003 1682">BC4 Pair</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1646 1300 1682">No quota</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NPCs may be allocated by CPISRA a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given individual event.</p>	Event Entry	Minimum Female Athlete Entry Quota	BC1/BC2 Team, BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair	2	BC1/BC2 Team and BC3 Pair	2	BC1/BC2 Team and BC 4 Pair	2	BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair	1	BC1/BC2 Team	1	BC3 Pair	1	BC4 Pair	No quota
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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL												
CPISRA BOCCIA TEAM AND PAIRS PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION	The CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011 will be used to allocate the Team and Pairs qualification slots as follows:													
	BC1/BC2 Team The top eleven (11) ranked teams qualify	44 athletes												
	BC3 Pairs The top seven (7) ranked BC3 pairs qualify.	21 athletes												
	BC4 Pairs The top seven (7) ranked BC4 pairs qualify	14 athletes												
	For those athletes qualified for a Team or Pair event CPISRA Boccia will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum event entry quota in each individual event as outlined in the table below:													
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	to the highest ranked athletes on the CPISRA Individual Event World Ranking List as of 31 December 2011 with a ranking number equal to or higher than the number of entries in each individual event. Athletes with a lower individual ranking than the number of entries in their respective event are not guaranteed a place in the individual event, subject to CPISRA Individual World Ranking Lists Allocation.													



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CPIIRA BOCCIA INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION	<p>Following the CPIIRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists Allocation, CPIIRA may allocate qualification slots to the top ranked individual athletes on the CPIIRA Boccia World Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011 from NPCs not qualified for a team or pair tournament, solely for the purpose of competing in an individual event. The maximum quotas by individual event that CPIIRA may allocate is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 1077 976 1199"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Individual - BC1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual - BC2</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual - BC3</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual - BC4</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In the case that all individual event quotas are filled through the CPIIRA Boccia Team and Pairs World Ranking Lists Allocation method, no further allocation will be made.</p>	Individual - BC1	4	Individual - BC2	4	Individual - BC3	6	Individual - BC4	2	Up to 16 athletes
Individual - BC1	4									
Individual - BC2	4									
Individual - BC3	6									
Individual - BC4	2									
HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	<p>The Host Country will directly qualify one (1) BC1/BC2 Team, one (1) BC3 Pair and one (1) BC4 Pair subject to being ranked on the CPIIRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011.</p>	9 athletes								



METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	In the case that the Host Country has qualified a Team or Pair through the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking List allocation method closing 31 December 2011, the qualification slot(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, in the respective sport class.	
TOTAL		104 Athletes

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 January 2009	Start of the period for athletes to achieve performances for ranking on the CPISRA Team and Pairs World Ranking Lists
May 2009	CPISRA Boccia European Championship Portugal - Individual, Teams and Pairs
August 2009	CPISRA Boccia Asian&South Pacific Championship, Hong Kong - Individual, Teams and Pairs
October 2009	CPISRA Boccia America's Cup, Canada - Individual, Teams and Pairs
30 May - 10 June 2010	CPISRA Boccia World Championship, Portugal - Individual, Team and Pairs
12-19 December 2010	Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games Guangzhou, China - Individual
18-26 August 2011	2011 CPISRA Boccia World Cup, Belfast Individual, Teams and Pairs
27 Oct. - 1 Nov. 2011	CPISRA Europa Cup 2011, Hamar, Norway - Individual
12-20 November 2011	2011Parapan American Games Guadalajara, Mexico - Individual



31 December 2011	End of the period for athletes to achieve performances for ranking on the CPISRA Individual, Team and Pairs World Ranking Lists
2 March 2012	CPISRA notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of Team and Pairs qualification slots and distributes BC1/BC2 Team Composition Declaration forms to NPCs
16 March 2012	NPCs confirm in writing to CPISRA the use of allocated qualification slots, submit the completed BC1/BC2 Team Composition Declaration forms and name the athletes who will compete in Team and Pairs competition
17 March 2012	CPISRA notifies in writing the NPCs of the players invited to compete in the Individual competition
26 March 2012	NPCs confirm in writing to CPISRA the use of allocated Individual competition slots
9 April 2012	CPISRA confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots CPISRA confirms in writing to the NPCs the final competition formats (ie, tournament size) for the Mixed Individual - BC1 and Mixed Individual - BC2 events.
20 April 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs
6 August 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organizing Committee to receive sports entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

26 March 2012, each NPC must confirm in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to CPISRA the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and CPISRA may reallocate these slots.

9 April 2012, CPISRA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

9 April 2012, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Any NPC



that does not use some or all qualification slot allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and CPISRA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists Allocation

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked unqualified NPC on the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking List closing 31 December 2011.

CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking Lists Allocation

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked unqualified athlete on the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011.

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BlazeSports America Player Assessment Form Boccia

Players will be assessed in the following areas.

The scale for numerical assessment is:

- 1 – Deficient
- 2 – Needs improvement
- 3 – Nationally capable
- 4 – Internationally capable
- 5- Internationally exceptional

Athlete Name: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Offense:	
Aim and Precision with ball	
Ability to adjust during a game	
Balls out of bounds	
Point scoring	
Strategy and Game sense	
All-court play	
Ability to play in any section of the court	
Defense:	
Blocking	
Scoring against	
Strategy and Game sense	
Other:	
Team Work	
Communication	
Leadership	
Following commands from captain	
Analytical skills (who should take the shot)	
Sportsmanship	
Responsiveness to coaching (on court)	
Responsiveness to coaching (off court)	
Stamina and endurance	
Knowledge of rules	
Preparedness for Competition	

Reviewer: _____

Print

Signature



BLAZESPORTS AMERICA NATIONAL/PARALMPIC TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of a BlazeSports America National Team or a U.S. Paralympics Team to international competition (the “Team”). This Code applies to those Paralympic sports in which the USOC has not recognized a National Governing Body or a Paralympic Sport Organization to govern the sport. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code. I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my membership on the Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by the BlazeSports America;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination approved by BlazeSports America medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury, illness or incapacity and I understand that such physical injury, illness or incapacity may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) or BlazeSports America rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of the IPC and its pertinent committees, and its pertinent member organizations and under the rules of BlazeSports America;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior nor in any form of verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;

- will follow the Team rules, whether set by Team leadership or adopted by consensus, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at Team meetings;
- agree to wear the uniforms approved by BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division at official activities sponsored by BlazeSports America or the USOC as directed by USOC Paralympics Division staff, and I agree to compete in the BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division approved Team uniform, where such a uniform is provided, in competitions at which I am supported by the USOC through its Paralympics Division. I agree to wear the names and logos of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division sponsors, suppliers and licensees on Team competition wear, other uniforms and casual wear as provided by BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division. I agree to not alter any Team uniform, either by removing or obstructing the names or logos of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division Team sponsors, suppliers and licensees or by adding patches, stickers, or other means of displaying unauthorized names, logos or messages;
- agree to not demean or defame BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division or its sponsors, their names, logos, marks, products or services. I acknowledge that endorsing and supporting BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division sponsors through my actions and words reflects well on the team and on those supporting the team.
- agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my image and voice otherwise recorded, in any media, during any event I am attending under the auspices of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division, by BlazeSports America's and/or the USOC Paralympics Division's official photographer(s), film crew(s) and video crew(s), and by any other entity authorized by BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division, under the conditions specified by BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division. I hereby grant BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division the irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, worldwide right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media, my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the Paralympic movement and the specific competition(s) in which I compete, (3) promotion of the Team, and (4) promotion of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division; in no event may BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division apparel or equipment or the use of any BlazeSports America logo (including, without limitation, any Paralympic logo) for the purpose of trade, promotion, fund raising or on merchandise, without the prior written consent of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, the Team, BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division, and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and BlazeSports America and/or the USOC Paralympics Division.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383), John.Ruger@usoc.org or www.888athlete.org for further information regarding my rights under this Code that are not answered by BlazeSports America or US Paralympics.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being a member of the Team.

Signature	Date
BlazeSports America	BOCCIA Sport

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)

Signature	Date
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Relationship (Parent or Guardian): _____

**BLAZESPORTS AMERICA
COMPLAINT PROCEDURES
FOR
NATIONAL OR U.S. PARALYMPIC TEAMS**

Section 1. Jurisdiction.

These Complaint Procedures are applicable to those Paralympic sports in which the USOC has not recognized a National Governing Body or a Paralympic Sport Organization to govern the sport. Only matters concerning those Paralympic sports fall within the jurisdiction of these Complaint Procedures.

Section 2. Designation of Complaints.

The following kinds of complaints may be filed with BlazeSports America and/or the USOC:

- a. Administrative Grievance. Any aggrieved individual may file a complaint pertaining to any matter relating to the cognizance of BlazeSports America and/or the USOC, including but not limited to any alleged violation of or grievance concerning any BlazeSports America rule, regulation or code of conduct.
- b. Right to Compete. Any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official may file a complaint pertaining to any alleged denial, or alleged threat to deny, of that individual's opportunity to compete in a BlazeSports America or USOC sponsored competition.

Section 3. Manner of Filing.

The complainant shall file the complaint with the BlazeSports America Chief Executive Officer. The complaint shall set forth in clear and concise language, preferably in numbered paragraphs: (i) the alleged violation, grievance, denial or threat to deny and (ii) the remedy requested. The complainant shall sign the complaint.

Section 4. Statute of Limitations.

A complaint filed under these Complaint Procedures shall be filed within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the occurrence of the alleged violation, grievance, denial or threat to deny.

Section 5. Field of Play Decisions.

The final decision of a referee during a competition regarding a field of play decision (a matter set forth in the rules of the competition to be within the discretion of the referee) shall not be reviewable through the procedures for, or the subject of, Administrative Grievances or Right to Compete Complaints unless the decision is: (i) outside the authority of the referee to make or (ii) the product of fraud, corruption, partiality or other misconduct of the referee. For purposes of this Section, the term "referee" shall include any individual with discretion to make field of play decisions.

Section 6. Hearing Panel.

Upon the filing of a complaint, the BlazeSports America Chief Executive Officer shall appoint a hearing panel consisting of three (3) individuals to hear the complaint. The Chief Executive Officer shall also appoint a chair of the hearing panel from among the three individuals appointed. At least one member of the hearing panel shall be an athlete.

The Hearing Panel shall be responsible to ensure that all complaints are heard in a timely, fair and impartial manner.

Section 7. Administration.

The General Counsel of BlazeSports America shall generally administer and oversee all administrative grievances and right to compete matters filed with BlazeSports America.

Section 8. Conduct of the Proceeding.

The hearing panel shall rule on all motions and other matters raised in the proceeding. If the complaint is not dismissed, the hearing panel shall hold a hearing on the complaint. The hearing panel shall set such timelines and other rules regarding the proceeding and the conduct of the hearing as it deems necessary. The hearing shall be informal, except that testimony shall be taken under oath.

The hearing may be conducted by teleconference, if necessary or convenient to the parties. Each party shall have the right to appear personally or through a legal representative. All parties shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present and examine evidence, cross-examine witnesses and to present argument. Members of the hearing panel shall have the right to question witnesses or the parties to the proceeding at any time.

Any party may have a record made of the hearing. A court reporter may be present at the hearing at the request of a party. The court reporter shall be paid for by the party requesting the court reporter, or if mutually agreed, the cost may be equally divided. Any transcript shall be paid for by the party requesting the transcript.

Section 9. Expedited Procedures.

Upon the request of a party, and provided that it is necessary to expedite the proceeding in order to resolve a matter relating to a competition that is so scheduled that compliance with regular procedures would not be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision to do justice to the affected parties, the BlazeSports America Chief Executive Officer is authorized to order that the complaint be heard and decided within forty-eight (48) hours of the filing of the complaint. In such a case, the hearing panel is authorized to hear and decide the complaint pursuant to such procedures as are necessary, but fair to the parties involved.

Section 10. Complaints Involving Selection to Participate in a Competition.

Where a complaint is filed involving selection of an individual to participate in a competition, the complainant shall include with the complaint a list of all other individuals, together with their contact information, that may be adversely affected by a decision rendered on the complaint. The hearing panel shall determine which additional individuals must receive notice of the complaint. The complainant shall then be responsible for providing appropriate notice to these individuals. Any individual so notified then shall have the option to participate in the proceeding as a party. If an individual is notified of the complaint, then that individual shall be bound by the decision of the hearing panel even though the individual chose not to participate as a party.

Section 11. Decision.

A decision shall be determined by a majority of the hearing panel. The hearing panel's decision shall be in writing, shall state the reasons for the decision and shall be distributed to the parties.

Section 12. Arbitration.

Any party may appeal a decision of the hearing panel to the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator appointed by the American Arbitration Association shall have the authority to hear the matter anew or if requested by a party to render a decision on a more limited review. Either party may submit the decision of the hearing panel to the arbitrator for the arbitrator's consideration. The arbitrator may give whatever weight or authority to the hearing panel's decision as the arbitrator deems appropriate.