

Boccia England's - Virtually School Challenge 2020-2021

DELIVERY PACK

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Welcome and thank you

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Virtually Boccia Challenge. Although a different format due to the coronavirus situation, we hope that you really enjoy being part of the programme this year. In preparation for our return to boccia, we have published guidance on playing boccia with others, within a group, education or club environment at

<https://www.bocciaengland.org.uk/Pages/Category/backtoboccia>.

This pack will provide you with everything you need to know about the programme, but we are here if you have any questions or require any support.

INTRODUCTION TO BOCCIA

The Basics

Boccia: A game of precision, skill, and tactics. The aim of the game is to get your ball as close to a white target ball as possible. It is played by people of all ages and disabilities although at the international level is played by athletes with severe physical disabilities.

- Two sides compete as individuals or between pairs or teams of three. The aim is to get your coloured balls closer to the jack (white ball) than your opponent.
- A game is divided into 'ends', with the overall winner of the match the first player to win a predetermined number of ends. Individuals and Pairs play four ends and Teams play six. Each player or team gets six attempts/balls to get closest to the jack, once all the balls have been played a side will receive a point for each ball that is closer to the jack than their opponents' closest ball. There are usually more ends for games involving more players.
- Players are allowed to use any part of their body to propel their ball onto court, whilst they are also permitted to use a ramp or head pointer should their disability stop them being able to do this. Players must remain seated when they are taking part in Boccia.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All those involved with boccia have a responsibility to uphold the highest standards of integrity and to ensure that the reputation of the sport is preserved. The Codes of Conduct for our sport can be found here:

<https://www.bocciaengland.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=5547773b-7ffd-463b-ad5c-69e67588bca3>



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EQUIPMENT

If you don't have boccia equipment, then don't panic. The activities can be completed using other PE or home equipment (i.e. tennis balls, bean bags, socks).

We also stock a range of different balls at the Boccia England Shop – if you need some advice, or are interested in purchasing balls, please contact shop@bocciaengland.org.uk.

AWARDS

Following the completion of all three rounds, each school contact will receive a school and individual student e-certificate.

SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE

As part of Boccia England's on-going commitment to safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk we have been working closely with the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) to develop our Safeguarding Children and Young People and adults at risk policies. Boccia England has created a policy that promotes welfare, equal opportunities and safeguarding regardless of whether you are a participant, coach, volunteer or spectator.

If you need any support or advice about this please visit <https://www.bocciaengland.org.uk/safeguarding> or contact 0115 967 8455.

