

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



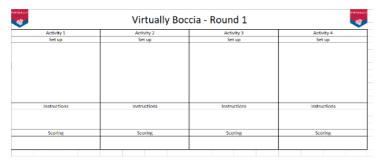


CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

- This is a school/ college based boccia challenge.
- It is free of charge to enter.
- Each player must be under 19 years of age as at midnight 31st August at the start of the season.
- Traditionally the boccia competitions are split into Pan Disability and Physical Disability competition but the Virtually Boccia competition is open to all schools and all students.

CHALLENGE FORMAT AND RESULTS

This year's virtual challenge is a skill-based programme. There are three rounds, with each round consisting of four activities which will require the students to control either/both pace and line to hit, land on or roll over a target. Once entered, each school/ college will receive a supporting document with set up and scoring instructions. This same document will include your score card, below is an example of what you will receive through in the document.



Virtually Boccia - Round 1 - Results								
School Name								
Number student	1		Total score		0		Average score	0.00
Student Name (First name or number to identify)	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 4	Total			

Students complete each skill individually and their score is recorded, contributing to their School/college score. To ensure that nobody is not disadvantaged by having less students taking part, the scores will be averaged.

Your results are to be submitted by 4pm on the date indicated for each round. You will receive a reminder one week prior to this to submit your results.

- o 1st Round 11th January 26th February
- o 2nd Round 8th March 30th April (longer due to Easter holiday)
- o 3rd Round 10th May 25th June

UPDATES AND PROMOTION

We would like to hear from you and how you are getting on, and to see the different, creative and innovative objects you have used to play with or spaces you have used to complete the





challenges. Please share on social media using #VirtuallyBoccia, @bocciaengland. Or via email to dheadley@bocciaengland.org.uk which will require written confirmation that you agree to the photos and/or case studies being used for marketing purposes to promote the work of Boccia England and the sport of boccia. This includes but is not limited to social media, Boccia England website, Flickr, promotional leaflets/ newsletters

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.

