

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

The sport of Boccia is not a measured or timed event. It is the belief of USA Boccia that the selection criteria set out in Section 1.2, will result in the selection of athletes to comprise the most competitive Team and/or Pair(s). Discretionary Selection is not a separate process but is a part of the primary Team selection process.

Discretion will also be used if additional slots become available due to the following circumstances:

- Additional slots are earned from the IF reallocation system;
- A replacement athlete is needed;
- An athlete declines the invitation.

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

The following factors (not in priority order) will be taken into consideration in order to fill any open slots:

- a. National Boccia Championship results and US Ranking Lists;
- b. BISFed International Individual Ranking Lists;
- c. Historical knowledge and past performances of the player;
- d. The particular event/class needed for the open slot;
- e. Experience and skill;
- f. An emerging athlete's potential for increasing the team's capacity for being medal capable in a relatively short period of time.
- g. Communication, leadership skills and maturity;
- h. Team cohesiveness both on and off the court;
- i. The athlete's capacity to sustain performance throughout competition;
- j. The athlete's willingness to put the success of the team first;
- k. The need to fulfill female quota requirements.
- l. All attempts will be made in BC1/BC2 Team Division to balance the team with minimally two BC1's to provide for athlete absence on court.

Sport Assistant Selection: The Discretionary Selection Committee will nominate sport assistants for BC1 and BC3 athletes to the team through discretionary selection. The sport assistants are not included in the maximum team size as determined by the qualification slots allocated by the IPC nor are the sport assistants accounted in the total of discretionary selection as outlined above. A sport assistant will typically work with one athlete during practice, competition and day-to-day activities; therefore accreditation allocation is typically provided for one sport assistant per qualified athlete as outlined in the Bisfed Rules.

The following factors will be considered in the selection of a sport assistant:

- Preference of the qualified athlete
- Demonstrated expertise of the sport assistant—must have expertise and experience in the sport of boccia
- Knowledge and understanding of the BISFed Rules pertaining to boccia.

Sport assistants will be held to the standards and code of conduct outlined in these Procedures. The sport assistant position is contingent on the nomination and participation of the designated athlete.

- 1.2.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.