

How to Host a Bocce Competition

Special Olympics
Newfoundland & Labrador



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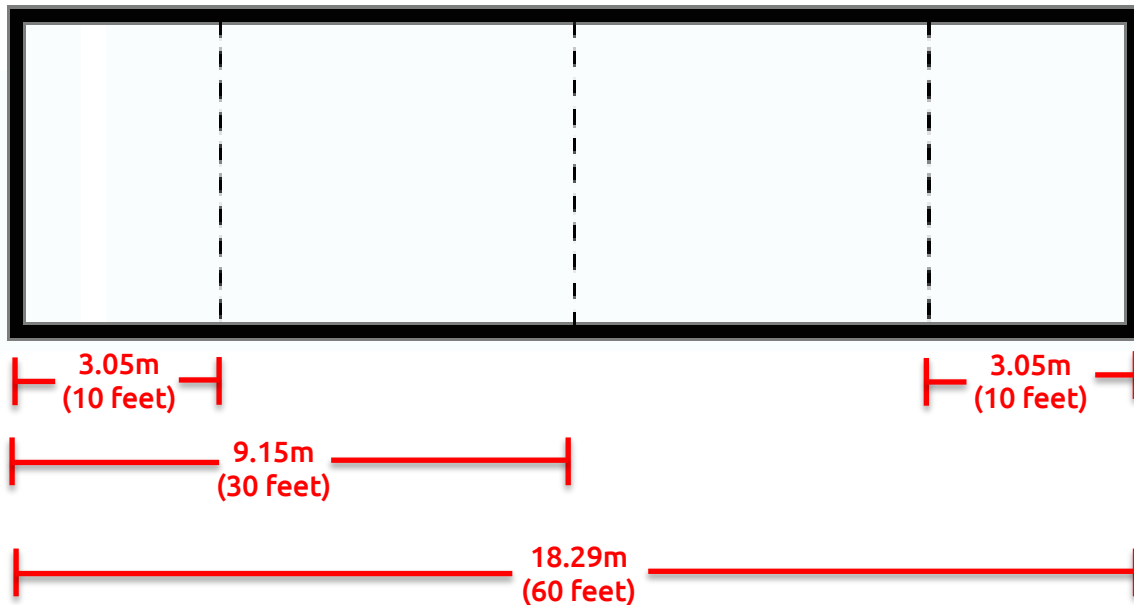
1 FACILITIES:

- Flat grass or equivalent Area
- Washrooms
- Accessibility
- Medical Area (with signage)
- Parking (Team Bussing and Volunteer Space)
- Area inside with electricity (Results Team)
- Team Only Area (space for team tents)
- Shelter Access for all participants in case of extreme weather. (i.e., thunder & lightning)

2 VENUE REQUIREMENTS

- Bocce Courts
 - Provincial Competitions: 12-14 Bocce Courts (3.66m X 18.29m).
 - Regional Competitions: # of Courts dependent on # of Participants.
 - Courts can be Backyard Court Sets or measured painted equivalent.
- Sound System (Microphone or Megaphone)
- Medical Area + Muster Station
- Spectator Area
- Results Posting Area (preferably coach access only)
- Volunteer/Officials Area
- Team Area

BOCCE COURT SPECIFICATIONS



3 EQUIPMENT

- Stopwatches (2-3)
- Recording Sheets (1 per court per game)
- Backup Stopwatches & Batteries
- Measuring Tapes (1 per court)
- Pylons / Flags
- Clipboards (1/court)
- Paddles (1/court) colors need to correspond with color of Bocce Balls for each court.
- Court Numbers / or painted equivalent
- Clipboards & Pencils (15-20)
- Large Ziplock Baggies
- Club Signs

4 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Seating for spectators and/or volunteers
- Megaphone or sound system
- Results Board/Area (Large – preferably for coach access only)
- Baskets (1/court) to place all needed court equipment in
- Medals/Ribbons
- Podiums (if available)
- Garbage and Recyclable Bins
- Signage – As needed.

5 VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS

- **Sport Manager (1)** – Organizes all sport aspects of the competition.
 - Provincial Competitions: SONL Program Director or Sport Coordinator
 - Regional Competitions: Club Member
- **Head Official (1)** – Oversees all officials during and prior to competition. Keeps time for start and end of games as per Sport Technical Package. Serves as a member of the Protest Committee.
- **Court Official (1 per court)** – makes all official calls and measurements with support where needed from the Line Judge. Controls Paddle used to indicate order of play.
- **Line Judge (1 per court)** - records and tracks official score, becomes line judge when athlete is releasing the Pallina or Bocce Ball.
- **Non-Sport Manager (1)** – Organizes all non-sport related aspects of the competition. (Food, Awards, etc.)
- **Floater (1-2)** – to run items as needed to officials/volunteers/teams throughout the competition.
- **Results Coordinator (1)** – Keeps track of all results and coordinates tournament bracket.

6 AWARDS

- **Presenters (2-3)** – Prepare and present awards. (Government officials, LETR, notable individuals)
- **Marshallers (1-2)** – assist with marshalling athletes as needed.
- **Announcer (1)** – announce all award recipients.
- **Podiums** (when available)

7 MEDICAL

- 1-2 people with a background in emergency first aid and CPR
- Chair / cot where possible
- First aid kit and medical supplies
- Medical area
- Muster Station

8 MEALS

- Venue large enough to hold all team members / volunteers etc. or teams can eat in their tent area.
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Washrooms
- PA System (in case announcement need to be made)
- Close to sport venue when possible
- Ensure meals are suitable for all in attendance (note dietary/allergy needs)
- Healthy Meals when possible
- # of volunteers needed will depend on # of individuals attending competition.

9 SOCIAL

- DJ or equivalent with appropriate clean lyric music provided.
- Space large enough for all attendees
- Washrooms
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Access to water (either fill station provided, or teams asked to bring their own)
- Note if appropriate indoor footwear is required
- Supper followed by dance and medals (Good transition from supper to dance)
- Communicate to visiting clubs including needs (i.e., indoor shoes for dance)

10 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

(Determined by Sport Manager and Host Club)

- Team/Singles/Doubles Play
- Round Robin Format or Format that fits allotted time.

11 VENUE SIGN OFF FORM

- Provincial Competitions Only - [Sign Off Form](#)

12 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [SOC Bocce Summer Sport Rules](#)
- [Bocce Officials Cheat Sheet](#)
- [Bocce Game Score Sheet](#)
- [Bocce Tournament Template](#)
- [Competition Budget Template](#)

13 FAQ

Q: Some volunteers may have to leave early is that okay?

A: We will reassign volunteer roles as needed.

Q: What is GMS?

A: Games Management System [It is the system used to enter times, compile results and division athletes]

Q: Will you bring tape and markers for the protest sheets?

A: Yes. [SONL will provide equipment and other supplies]

Q: When will the event end?

A: It depends. Please stay a half hour after results are determined (when they become official) in case of protests.
