

Boccia Ireland

**National Training Squad Criteria – V1**

2018-2021

Boccia Ireland is committed to ensuring that opportunities are presented to players who wish to pursue boccia at a competitive level; aiming towards developing the player to compete at an international level.

**National Training Squad Criteria**

**Criteria A –**

- Be a current member of Boccia Ireland
- Be in “good standing” with both Boccia Ireland and Paralympics Ireland
- Accept and sign the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules or any other required agreement
- Be classifiable in accordance with the BISFed International Classification System
- Be nationally classified (BC1-BC4)
- Be eligible for an Irish passport
- Pay any additional fees associated with national squad training

**Criteria B –**

- Have reached Semi-Finals at the most recent National Championships or received a written invitation from the Boccia Ireland Committee
- Complete the minimum number of (classification specific) matches required to achieve a national ranking
  - BC1 – 5 matches minimum
  - BC2 – 10 matches minimum vs 4 different opponents (minimum)
  - BC3 – 10 matches minimum vs 4 different opponents (minimum)
  - BC4 – 5 matches minimum
- Have the desire to compete internationally

**Squad Grading will be determined by:**

**(Grading of Squad players will be phased in between 2018-2019)**

- Attendance at squad training
- Scores on a variety of skills tests
- Intra-Squad results ranking (points based)
- Progression in the standardised testing drill (9-point test)
- Commitment to the squad and cooperation with other squad players
- Diligence shown to coaching plans provided, as well as any additional training prescribed

\*BI reserves the right to invite other players onto the National Squad who have shown they may be strong enough but who due to illness, injury or other exceptional circumstances have not been able to fulfil all the stated requirements. This will be decided on a case to case basis.