

Bridge II Sports Boccia Buzz

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The Boccia Buzz is ready for 2021. Since Bridge II Sports just got new boccia ramps, I thought we'd start off the year with an issue dedicated to ...

RAMP PLAY!

Many people who play boccia use a ramp. They are classified in the game as BC3 players. The ramp is a tool for individuals who may have difficulty holding or throwing a boccia ball. BC3 players play with a sports assistant. The assistant places the ball on the ramp and can adjust the ramp side-to-side and up-and-down based on directions from the player.

During competition the sport assistant must have their back to the court and cannot look at the court. They cannot give any input to the player. The player must communicate all direction to the sport assistant.

Players are also required to start the motion of the ball on the ramp themselves. Some players bump or push it with their hand. Others use a head pointer, a tool that allows them to use their head motion to push the ball.

Ramp play is an important part of boccia allowing everybody to play. The rules ensure that the game is just as competitive and strategic as it is for those that are throwing the ball.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Flamethrowers Boccia in person practice:

will be February 20 & March 27, 2021

Registration REQUIRED

& Participants must follow Bridge II Sports

COVID-19 'Playing It Safe' Protocols

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Q &A: New BIIS Boccia Ramps

The Flamethrowers boccia team has new ramps to replace the old ones that they had been using. Here is what Program Cultivator Daisy Hayward had to say about the new boccia ramps.



BB: Why did Bridge II Sports get new ramps?

DH: Because of a grant we were awarded, Bridge II Sports was able to order new ramps. Our old ramps were beginning to break and we have some dedicated players who can use the new ramps in the future for competition.

BB: What kind of ramps are they?

DH: The new ramps are Prolimpic Mustang LX2 Ramps

BB: What are the benefits of the new ramps?

DH: The new ramps are much easier for the athletes to maneuver and aim with. They can be positioned in a variety of angles and they are much more stable/sturdy than our old ramps.

BB: What feedback have you gotten from the athletes that use the ramps?

DH: The athletes who use the ramps like the smooth release and the wide range of angles that they can position the ramp in. They have more control of the speed, direction, and angle that the balls are released in.