

# Bridge II Sports Boccia Buzz

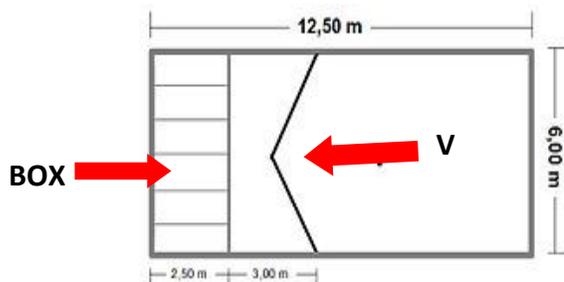
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Fall is just around the corner. Get ready to read the new Boccia Buzz and learn more about the rules and tools referees use. We hope that you enjoy reading about what is going on with Boccia.

## Rules Of The Game

Boccia has many particular rules to keep competition fair. Here are a few:

- ◆ All players must stay in their 'box'. A box is a rectangle on the floor. That is 3.3ft by 8.2ft. The wheels of the player's wheelchair cannot go outside the box.
- ◆ You can not talk when it is the other team's turn.
- ◆ The 'V' is on the floor for you to get your game ball over it for it to be in play.
- ◆ When throwing out the jack ball, the player must get it over the 'V' taped out on the court. If it does not go over the V it is a dead ball and the other team gets to throw the jack.
- ◆ The Red team always throws out first to start the game.
- ◆ Players must wait for the referee to hand them the jack ball to start play.
- ◆ When an end is over, the referee will tell players how many points were scored and will allow them out on the court to retrieve balls

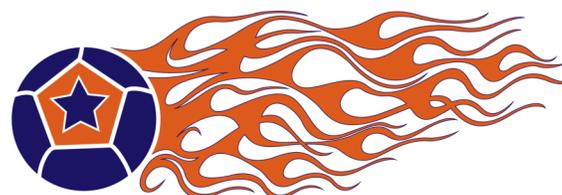


## About the Editor



Karen is a 64 year old athlete that love the game of Boccia! She started the BIIS Boccia Buzz in 2019 and has been the editor ever since. Karen is a true competitor and has been to a number of national competitions. She has served on a USA Boccia committee. Karen shares the game of Boccia with

residents of a rehab center weekly. When she is not playing Boccia she enjoys reading, writing, and photography. Her autobiography will be coming out soon!



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## Tools of the Trade

Boccia referees use several interesting tools during a match. You probably have these around your house and never knew they were Boccia officiating tools!

### ◆ PADDLE

The referee uses a paddle, similar to a table tennis paddle, with a red and blue side. They hold up the paddle with the color showing for the team whose turn it is. They also use their fingers on the paddle to show the number of points scored.



### ◆ TAPE MEASURE AND CALIPERS

A tape measure is used when the distance from the jack to the closest blue and red balls is too close to call by sight.



If the balls are very close to the jack and it is difficult to use a tape measure, the referee uses a set of calipers to measure the distance.



### ◆ FLASHLIGHT

When competing balls are touching, or almost touching the jack, the referee may shine a flashlight down to see which player is closer. Sometimes they even use a PIECE OF PAPER!

If the head referee can not determine a winner because it is too close, a 'tie breaker' is played.

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