VALOR GAMES

## Boccia Rules

These sport rules are modified from BIS Fed competition rules to suit the population and goals of the Valor Games.
Please note: The 2019 Valor Games are not a qualifying event for USA Boccia Nationals or other Paralympic event.

## Boccia Competition/Awards

Thursday, September 26th
9:00am - 9:45am Boccia - Open Play
10:00am - 5:00pm Boccia Competition

## Boccia Venue

Missions Concepcion Sports Complex
714 E Theo Ave
San Antonio, TX 78210
Event Check-in and Packet Pick-up - MANDATORY for ALL Athletes!!
Monday, Sept. 23 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ (5:00-9:00 PM)
Marriott Plaza Hotel - 555 South Alamo Street, San Antonio

## Disability/Competition Divisions

- OPEN division: Athletes with no permanent physical disability \& those with lower limb impairment and minimal arm impairment (these athletes will still compete in a seated position)
- BC5-Throwers: Athletes who have physical arm impairments but can physically release the Boccia ball by throwing
- BC3-Ramp: Athletes with severe arm impairment that need to utilize a ramp to propel the ball


## Equipment

- Boccia tournament balls will be available to check out if you do not own a personal set, as well as a limited number of ramps will be available.



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## GENERAL EVENT RULES

1. The Boccia sport rules are modified from the Boccia International Sports Federation rules and regulations.
2. This is an individual competition ONLY (no pairs)
3. Before the match, flip a coin, the winner chooses either red or blue coloured balls to play with and the loser gets the remaining choice.
4. Start of the game: The red player will throw the white target ball (jack) onto the court.
5. The red player will follow their throw with a red coloured ball trying to get as close to the white target ball as possible.
6. Now the blue player will throw one or more balls to try and get closest to the white target ball. When a blue ball is closest to the jack it turns to red's throw. (Similar to golf, team furthest away from the target point throws.)
7. After all balls have been played in this rotation stated in rule 6 , the score is determined based on the number of consecutive coloured balls closest to the white target ball. Max of 6 points in one end.
8. End 2 starts with blue player throwing the target ball onto the court. Same rotation of turn is played stated in rule 6.
9. There are 4 ends to a match.
10. Total all points from all 4 ends and the highest scoring points WINS!

- Male and Female are combined and will compete together
- Logos on shirt can only be the Valor Games, service branch or Team USA.
- Athletes must wear tennis shoes, no dress shoes or flip-flops.
- Appropriate language is expected at all times. Athletes must respect the judges and competition as well as your fellow competitors. Any athlete using profane language will be asked to leave the competition.


## Awards

- Medals will be given to the top three athletes in each division.
- Medal ceremonies will be conducted at the Boccia venue the following day.

Please contact the Boccia Sport Coordinator, for questions directly related to Boccia.
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