



## **Selection Criteria for the 2012-2013 National Boccia Program**

*Important notice: To select the National Team for 2012, CCPSA must adhere to the criteria established by the International Paralympic Committee for the 2012 Paralympic Games. Only athletes who have made the National team either in 2009, 2010 or 2011 are eligible for 2012 (18 athletes). Please find the IPC criteria in Annex C of this document and the list of eligible athletes in Annex D.*

The number of athletes that will be selected to the 2012 Paralympic Boccia Team is:

Class Bc1: 1 or 2 athletes\*

Class Bc2: 2 or 3 athletes\*

Class Bc3: 3 athletes

Class Bc4: 2 athletes

*\* As establish by the IPC, the total number of athlete selected in the Bc1/Bc2 division will be 4 athletes. Because of this restriction in terms of numbers of athletes we can bring to the Paralympics in the Bc1/Bc2 class, CCPSA will choose the best 4 athletes available respecting our classification needs and the dynamics needed to put the best complete Canadian Boccia Team to represent Canada at Paralympics in 2012."*

The number of athletes that will be selected to the 2012 Espoir Boccia Team is:

Class Bc1: 1 athlete

Class Bc2: 1 athlete

Class Bc3: 1 athlete

Class Bc4: 1 athlete

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In order to select athletes who will represent Canada at the 2012 Paralympic Games, CCPSA will organize selection activities and a selection camp. Athletes who meet the IPC qualification for 2012 will be considered for the selection activities and will be invited to the selection camp. The selection activities will be held throughout CCPSA National training centers (Montreal, London, Vancouver) and will consist of a series of evaluations. Those activities will be run from October 2011 to March 2012. Athletes who are outside the zone of the training centers will be contacted on an individual basis.

The final selection camp will be held in March 2012 after the Canadian Boccia Championship. There will be an Assessment Fee of 200\$ for this selection camp. Traveling costs and transportation arrangements for this camp is the responsibility of the athletes. CCPSA will be responsible for hotel and meals at the selection camp which will occur after the Canadian Championships are finished.

Athletes will be considered for the 2012-2013 National Boccia Program based on the following criteria:

1. Athletes must be at least 15 years old as of January 1st 2012.
2. Athletes must compete in the 2012 Canadian Boccia Championships.
3. Athletes must be invited by CCPSA for involvement in the selection process and they must be present at all required activities.
4. Athletes must participate in evaluation activities at CCPSA approved training centres, at competitions or during training camps where they will be seen by a National Coach.



**Following are some of the London 2012 Paralympic Games qualification criteria to which CCPSA must adhere if we qualify for the Paralympics (complete criteria can be found in Annex C):**

1. Athletes must be on the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011;
2. Athletes must be classifiable in accordance with the CPISRA International Classification system and be internationally classified with either a "review" or "confirmed" sport class status;
3. While considering the composition of the National Team, CCPSA must respect the International Paralympic Committee standards for the inclusion of a minimum of at least 2 women on the National Team as established in the Qualification Guide.

**Substitution of an Athlete on the Paralympic Team**

If an athlete selected to the National team becomes injured or is otherwise not able to compete at the Paralympic Games, a substitution may be made. In this case, CCPSA will select the next best athlete who engaged in the selection process.

In the selection of a substitute, CCPSA must still respect the gender quota, classification quota and qualification criteria outlined by the IPC. There may be cases therefore, when substitution may involve a decision which will include the gender of the athlete. The following are scenarios for substitutions involving female athletes, given the size of the team that qualifies for Paralympic competition. The deadline for making substitutions will be July 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.

<b>If CCPSA qualifies the following</b>	<b>CCPSA must substitute with the following</b>
BC1/BC2 Team, BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair	If the CCPSA team is already composed of only <b>2 women</b> and one of them is not able to make it to the games, CCPSA will have to select the next best woman based on the results of the selection process.
BC1/BC2 Team, BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair	If the CCPSA team has <b>3 women</b> on the team and any athletes need to be substituted, CCPSA will select the next best athlete, male or female, based on the results of the selection process.



## ANNEX A

### 2012/2013 CCPSA National Boccia Program Selection Guidelines

#### Selection Camps and evaluation activities

- a) Eligible athletes are those who are currently members of the 2011-2012 National Boccia program as well as some athletes across Canada who have been on national teams since 2009.
- b) Throughout the selection process, evaluation activities will be conducted with athletes in training centres, designated competitions or provincial training camps (with the approval of the provincial organization);
- c) The Selection camp will consist mainly of games. There will also be evaluations based on offensive / defensive skills testing.

#### Final selection process

The following criteria will be taken into consideration for final selection. Some of these criteria are outcome oriented in nature while other criteria will be based on critical observation in which athletes are compared and ranked.

- Individual and team/pair game results from the 2012 Canadian Boccia Championships in British-Columbia.  
**30% of the selection score**
- Results of evaluation activities done at selection camps, at CCPSA approved training centres, and provincial training camps;  
**20% of the selection score**
- Observations with regards to qualities that Coaches are looking for in a prospective National Team athlete for the 2012 Paralympics game. Observations could occur at various places from October 2011 to March 2012. Athletes past performances at international events will also be considered.  
**50% of the selection score**



## **Qualities that Coaches are looking for in a National program Athlete going to Paralympics in 2012.**

Athletes selected to the National team in 2012 must have the:

1. Ability to perform with consistency in team/pair play as well as individual play;
  - *Average percentage of successful shots at targeted selection events;*
  - *Capacity to play with consistency with 2 or 3 balls and from different angles (boxes);*
  - *Capacity to positively disrupt the flow of a game and transform existing strategies into new ones;*
2. Ability to strategize effectively and be pro-active in team/pair play as well as individual play;
  - *Capacity to make the APPROPRIATE choice of play when playing individually;*
  - *Capacity to make the APPROPRIATE choice of play and to communicate it properly with teammate(s) when playing teams/pairs;*
  - *Capacity to be fully engaged, to see where the game is going and to THINK AHEAD to the next shot;*
  - *Innovative thinker with the technical ability to take control of the game - "game changer" type of athletes;*
3. Ability to commit themselves to all aspects of training, including: physical, technical, tactical and mental preparation;
  - *Number of hours spent training per week (average from October 2011 to end of February 2012);*
  - *Training opportunities and overall commitment from March to August 2012 (how many hours per week can be allowed to training all aspects during that period);*
4. A high level of physical and mental fitness and resiliency, ability to overcome/withstand tiredness and adversity and pick themselves up when down;
  - *Capacity to prepare physically;*
  - *Capacity to overcome adversity and to be confident;*
  - *Capacity to never give up, stay positive and come back when down;*
  - *In the face of adversity, the capacity to increase hope in themselves and their team mates.*

### Selection announcement process

Within 4 days after the 2012 National Championship, the national coaches and the CCPSA High Performance Chair will have a meeting to select the athletes;

Within 7 days after the selection camp, the Head Coach will contact all athletes who participated in the selection process to notify them of their status relative to the 2012 National Boccia Program;



### What happens if there is a tie?

If there is a tie between athletes in the same class after the final selection process is completed, the Coaches will determine who will be selected by considering the following factors:

1. Athlete's capacity to train and to perform in stressful situations;
2. Past performances and overall positive experiences on the international scene.

### What happens if an athlete can't make it to the selection camp or the 2012 Canadian Boccia Championships?

If an athlete cannot be at the Canadian Championships in 2012 or at the selection camp because of illness or an unforeseen problem, the athlete in question will be required to notify CCPSA in writing.

### How can an athlete appeal a decision?

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision regarding Paralympic Selection they are requested to follow the procedures identified in the CCPSA appeal policy. (See deadline to appeal below)

### Important Notice:

All athletes interested in being part of the 2012-2013 National Team must be available to train and compete for CCPSA on the following dates.

- April 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Camp and competition)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Test event – to be confirmed)
- June 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Competition - to be confirmed )\*
- June 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Competition - to be confirmed )\*
- August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Pre-game camp and Paralympics games)

Other dates to be expected and confirmed for competitions and/or training camps from May to August 2012.



## ANNEX B

### What happens after the Athletes are selected?

1. Athletes will be told whether or not they made the team:

- Within 7 days of the end of the selection camp the National Coaches will contact all athletes who participated in the Camp to notify them as to whether or not they made the 2012-2013 team.

#### Deadline to Appeal Team Selection

Athletes have up to 21 days after they have been notified of the team selection decision to submit an appeal to CCPSA. The CCPSA appeal policy can be found with the following link:  
[http://www.ccpsa.ca/uploads/ccpsa\\_policies.pdf](http://www.ccpsa.ca/uploads/ccpsa_policies.pdf)

2. Team members will be notified of their financial obligations:

- Athletes will be notified of their financial obligations (assessment fees) when they are named to the National Boccia Program. The ability to pay an assessment fee will not determine whether or not an athlete will be chosen for the team.

3. All team members will:

- Complete and sign the following forms and return them to the CCPSA office;
  - Personal identification profile
  - Medical health questionnaire
  - Travel form
  - Uniform chart
  - Athlete profile
  - Athlete/NSO agreement
  - CCPSA Team Member Agreement
  - Athlete Assistance Program documents (if they are eligible according to the AAP criteria)
- Provide CCPSA with their provincial and/or personal coach contact information;
- Ensure their Sports Assistant is a member in good standing of their PSO;
- Provide CCPSA with the name and contact information of their Sports Assistant;
- Provide CCPSA with their yearly training plan OR notify the Head Coach of the National Team if they do not have one;
- Send reports to the Head Coach on a monthly basis;
- Communicate through email and respond to emails from Coaches;
- Participate in all of the training activities organized by CCPSA;
- Participate in all of the competitions identified by CCPSA;



## **ANNEX C**

### **International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Qualification criteria for Boccia London 2012 Paralympic Games**

#### **London 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES MEDAL EVENTS (7)**

*Individual – BC1  
Individual – BC2  
Individual – BC3  
Individual – BC4  
Team – BC1/BC2  
Pairs – BC3  
Pairs – BC4*

#### **ATHLETE QUOTA**

*Male up to 80  
Female up to 24  
Total up to 104*

#### **ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION**

*The team or pairs qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete or team.  
In the case of individual qualification the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.*

#### **MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC**

*An NPC qualifying a team and/or pairs may be allocated no more than three (3) qualification slots (i.e., a BC1/BC2 Team, a BC3 Pair and a BC4 Pair).  
NPCs qualifying a BC1/BC2 Team must officially declare in writing to CPISRA the team composition (ie, number of BC1 versus BC2 athletes) no later than 16 March 2012. The declaration will be used to establish the final tournament formats for the Mixed Individual – BC1 and BC2 events.  
NPCs qualifying an individual athlete solely for the individual tournament may be allocated a maximum of two (2) individual qualification slots per sport class.*

#### **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

*To be eligible for selection by an NPC, an athlete must:*

- *Be on the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011*
- *Be classifiable in accordance with the CPISRA International Classification System;*
- *Be internationally classified with either a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status.*

#### **MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC**

*An NPC can enter one (1) BC1/BC2 Team consisting of four (4) athletes of which a minimum of one (1) must be in the BC1 sport class.  
An NPC can enter one (1) BC3 Pair consisting of three (3) athletes.  
An NPC can enter one (1) BC4 Pair consisting of two (2) athletes.*



*NPCs entering athletes in the following events or groups of events must enter the following minimum quota of female athletes*

<b>Event Entry</b>	<b>Minimum Female Athlete Entry Quota</b>
<i>BC1/BC2 Team, BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair</i>	2
<i>BC1/BC2 Team and BC3 Pair</i>	2
<i>BC1/BC2 Team and BC 4 Pair</i>	2
<i>BC3 Pair and BC4 Pair</i>	1
<i>BC1/BC2 Team</i>	1
<i>BC3 Pair</i>	1
<i>BC4 Pair</i>	No quota

*NPCs may be allocated by CPISRA a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given individual event.*

### **CPISRA BOCCIA TEAM AND PAIRS PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION**

*The CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011 will be used to allocate the Team and Pairs qualification slots as follows:*

#### **BC1/BC2 Team**

*The top eleven (11) ranked teams qualify – 44 athletes*

#### **BC3 Pairs**

*The top seven (7) ranked BC3 pairs qualify – 21 athletes*

#### **BC4 Pairs**

*The top seven (7) ranked BC4 pairs qualify – 14 athletes*

*For those athletes qualified for a Team or Pair event CPISRA Boccia will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum event entry quota in each individual event as outlined below:*

#### **Sport Class Quota**

*BC1\* 12 to 36*

*BC2\* 12 to 36*

*BC3 24*

*BC4 16*

**Total 88**

*\* for a total of 48 BC1 and BC2 athletes combined*

*To the highest ranked athletes on the CPISRA Individual Event World Ranking List as of 31 December 2011 with a ranking number equal to or higher than the number of entries in each individual event. Athletes with a lower individual ranking than the number of entries in their respective event are not guaranteed a place in the individual event, subject to CPISRA Individual World Ranking Lists Allocation.*



### **CPISRA BOCCIA INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION**

*Following the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists Allocation, CPISRA may allocate qualification slots to the top ranked individual athletes on the CPISRA Boccia World Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011 from NPCs not qualified for a team or pair tournament, solely for the purpose of competing in an individual event.*

*The maximum quotas by individual event that CPISRA may allocate is as follows:*

<i>Individual – BC1</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Individual – BC2</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Individual – BC3</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Individual – BC4</i>	<i>2</i>

*In the case that all individual event quotas are filled through the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking Lists Allocation method, no further allocation will be made.*

### **HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION**

*The Host Country will directly qualify one (1) BC1/BC2 Team, one (1) BC3 Pair and one (1) BC4 Pair subject to being ranked on the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2011.*

*In the case that the Host Country has qualified a Team or Pair through the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking List allocation method closing 30 November 2011, the qualification slot(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, in the respective sport class.*

### **QUALIFYING TIMELINE**

<i>1 January 2009</i>	<i>Start of the period for athletes to achieve performances for ranking on the CPISRA Team and Pairs World Ranking Lists</i>
<i>May 2009</i>	<i>CPISRA Boccia European Championship, Portugal - Individual, Teams and Pairs</i>
<i>August 2009</i>	<i>CPISRA Boccia Asian &amp; South Pacific Championship, Hong Kong - Individual, Teams and Pairs</i>
<i>October 2009</i>	<i>CPISRA Boccia America's Cup, Canada - Individual, Teams and Pairs</i>
<i>30 May to 10 June 2010</i>	<i>CPISRA Boccia World Championship, Portugal - Individual, Team and Pairs</i>
<i>12-19 December 2010</i>	<i>Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games, Guangzhou, China - Individual</i>
<i>18-26 August 2011</i>	<i>2011 CPISRA Boccia World Cup, Belfast Individual, Teams and Pairs</i>
<i>27 Oct. – 1 Nov. 2011</i>	<i>CPISRA Europa Cup 2011, Hamar, Norway - Individual</i>
<i>12–20 November 2011</i>	<i>Parapan American Games Guadalajara, Mexico – Individual</i>
<i>31 December 2011</i>	<i>End of the period for athletes to achieve performances for ranking on the CPISRA Individual, Team and Pairs World Ranking Lists</i>



- 2 March 2012 *CPISRA notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of Team and Pairs qualification slots and distributes BC1/BC2 Team Composition Declaration forms to NPCs*
- 16 March 2012 *NPCs confirm in writing to CPISRA the use of allocated qualification slots, submit the completed BC1/BC2 Team Composition Declaration forms and name the athletes who will compete in Team and Pairs competition*
- 17 March 2012 *CPISRA notifies in writing the NPCs of the players invited to compete in the Individual competition*
- 26 March 2012 *NPCs confirm in writing to CPISRA the use of allocated Individual competition slots*
- 9 April 2012 *CPISRA confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots*
- 20 April 2012 *CPISRA confirms in writing to the NPCs the final competition formats (ie, tournament size) for the Mixed Individual – BC1 and Mixed Individual – BC2 events.  
Deadline for London 2012 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs*
- 6 August 2012 *Deadline for London 2012 Organizing Committee to receive sports entry forms submitted by NPCs*

#### **DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

- 26 March 2012 *Each NPC must confirm in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to CPISRA the number of qualification slots they will use.  
NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and CPISRA may reallocate these slots.*
- 9 April 2012 *CPISRA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.*
- 9 April 2012 *It is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.  
Any NPC that does not use some or all qualification slot allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and CPISRA.*

#### **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

##### **CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking Lists Allocation**

*Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked unqualified NPC on the CPISRA Boccia Team and Pairs Paralympic Qualification Ranking List closing 30 November 2011.*

##### **CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking Lists Allocation**

*Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked unqualified athlete on the CPISRA Boccia Individual World Ranking List closing 31 December 2011.*



## **ANNEX D**

### **Eligible athletes for CCPSA in 2012**

- Bc1 Brock Richardson, Ontario (2009-2010-2011)  
Keven Smith-Worthylake, Ontario (2011)  
Chris Halpen, BC (2009-2010)
- Bc2 Adam Dukovich, Ontario (2009-2010-2011)  
Francois Bourbonnière, Québec (2009-2010-2011)  
Francine Desrochers, Québec (2010)  
Tammy Mc Leod, Ontario (2011)  
Sylvain Dupuis, Québec (2009)  
Dave Richer, Québec (2011)
- Bc3 Bruno Garneau, Québec (2010-2011)  
Martin Dubois, Québec (2009-2010)  
Paul Gauthier, BC (2009-2011)  
Monica Martino, BC (2010)  
Alison Kabush, BC (2009-2011)
- Bc4 Marco Dispaltro, Québec (2011)  
Josh VanderVies, Ontario (2009-2010-2011)  
Caroline Vietnieks, BC (2009-2010-2011)  
Jonathan Poulin, Québec (2009-2010)