

NDSA BOCCIA RANKING SYSTEM FOR UNITED STATES ATHLETES

RANKING IS BASED ON FOUR YEARS OF DATA (CURRENT YEAR + THE 3 PRIOR YEARS) with weighting.

For this document the minus one rule applies. Medaling earns points when there is more than one contender for the medal won. Points are not earned when the medaled place is also last place with no greater volume of competitors participating (i.e., 3 teams compete, 3rd place is last place and no medal is awarded).

For this document International Event is **defined** as International competitions at which the U.S.A. participates as a U.S.A. selected boccia delegation/team. The team is chosen through the NDSA selection process for:

- Paralympics (pending approval of the United States Olympic Committee in the Paralympic Year)
- World Cup
- World Championship
- Pan Am Games or equivalents

If any additional International meets develop for which the U.S.A. selects and sends a boccia delegation, athletes will be notified of its additional inclusion prior to the selection.

EVENT	/	POINTS
NATIONAL BOCCIA COMPETITION		
Based on individual competition		
Natl's 1st place	4	
Natl's 2nd place	3	
Natl's 3rd place	2	
Natl's Attending	1	
(maximum of 5 points)		
INTERNATIONAL BOCCIA EVENTS		
Based on individual or team competition		
Internat'l's medal (any)	1	
Internat'l's Attending	1	
(maximum of 2 points)		

The points accumulated by athletes will be weighted as follows:

Competitions in the most recent year	100%
Competitions one calendar year previous	75%
Competitions two calendar years previous	50%
Competitions three calendar years previous	25%

An athlete's total points will be an aggregated sum of their points for each calendar year times the weighted value of that calendar year in the 4-year ranking cycle (i.e. most recent year's points x 100% PLUS points from one year previous x 75% PLUS points from 2nd year previous x 50% PLUS points from 3rd year previous x 25%).

In the case of nearly simultaneous International and National competitions, if an athlete cannot attend Nationals due to the International trip, s/he may petition to be excused due to the International trip. **(Rankings will be updated on or before December 31st of each year.)**

The request will be reviewed by the Chair of the Sports Tech Committee,
the Boccia Tech Officer,
an athlete representative and
a NDSA Staff representative

The decision will be made with consideration for cost factors, timing and other relevant data submitted by the petitioning athlete.

If excused, the athlete will be awarded second place National points (3) in order not to lose ground while representing the U.S.A. at an International event.

A complete list of the Current rankings will be available from the Boccia Program Manager or NDSA office.

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