



UK Boccia Championships 2024 15th – 17th November 2024

sportscotland National Centre Inverclyde | Burnside Road | Largs | KA30 8RW

A very warm welcome to Scotland for the 2024 Boccia UK Championships

On behalf of everyone at Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) we are delighted to welcome you all to the National Sports Centre Inverclyde here in Largs. SDS is thrilled to be hosting this prestigious event, and we take this opportunity to thank Boccia UK for all their support in the preparations for the Championships.

This year's Championships will be particularly exciting as we will have several members of the ParalympicsGB Boccia Team from the Paris Games competing in Largs. We were very proud to see Scots, Kayleigh Haggo, Patrick Wilson and Stephen McGuire perform so well in Paris and of course, over the moon to see Stephen take home the BC4 Individual gold medal. We wish all the players competing over the weekend, every success.

We are also delighted to welcome the Scottish Government's Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd to the 2024 UK Boccia Championships. Maree is a keen champion of disability sport and has even taken to the boccia court in the past at SDS Parasport Festivals.

Our sincere thanks also go to our Championships sponsors, Associated Seafoods Ltd, BioMar Ltd, Blackadders LLP, Blacks Haulage Solutions Ltd, Cefetra Ltd, Glenarm Organic Salmon, Inverlussa Marine Services, Loch Duart Ltd, LCL Shipping Ltd and Mowi Scotland. Without your generous support we could not have hosted the Championships here in Scotland.

Boccia in the UK and here in Scotland is in a fantastic place. The performances of Boccia UK athletes has been consistently high over the last year, the profile of the sport reached new levels thanks to the Paris Games and the development work at a home nation level sees the quality and quantity of opportunity for players, coaches and officials continue to rise. Our thanks and congratulations go to our friends at Boccia UK, Boccia England, Disability Sport Northern Ireland and Disability Sport Wales for all their hard work within the sport.

We all know that sport can change lives and boccia has such an important role to play in this process. From that very first introduction to the sport, through to performing at the very highest level, the physical, social and psychological benefits of boccia are evident for all to see.

Our thanks go to the staff at the national Sports Centre Inverclyde for playing host to the 2024 UK Boccia Championships and I know that you will all be made to feel very welcome at the home of boccia here in Scotland.

Our very best wishes once again go to all the players competing over what is sure to be an exciting weekend of high quality boccia.

Gavin Macleod

CEO, Scottish Disability Sport



Directions and Travel Information

Venue: sportscotland National Sports Training Centre Inverclyde. Burnside Rd, Largs KA30 8RW

Accommodation

The accommodation is attached to the sport centre.

Accommodation requests and requirements have been handled pre-championships. Your team manager will have all of the information relating to your bookings for the Friday and Saturday evenings. If you have any further requests, we have not been made aware of then please let us know as soon as possible.

For those hiring in a profile bed, please be aware the company supplying this will need to build and dismantle the bed on site as this will not be done by staff at the accommodation.

Check-in will be from 4pm on Friday 15th November and check-out by 10am on Sunday 17th November. Please note this will vary for anyone that has booked additional night(s) stays.

All bedrooms are fully wheelchair accessible.

Catering

We have passed on all meal requests and dietary requirements we have received from team managers to the venue. If you wish to change or add any new information, please notify us as soon as possible. If you are unsure on what has been requested for you, please contact your team manager.

The dining hall is situated just along the corridor from the sports hall. There is also a small cafe on site that will be in operation from 08:00 – 17:00. This will do drinks, snacks, toasties and soup.

Officials and volunteers will have meals provided for them.

Medical Information

A medical room will be available for the use of athletes and individuals

Event Personnel

Event Manager – Josh Thomson (07555146228) (events@scottishdisabilitysport.com)

Event Coordinator – Kirsty Byrne

Head Referee – Richard Evans

Assistant Head Referee - Pam Johnston

Announcer – Josh Thomson

Communications and Social Media – Emma Logan

Call Room Manager - Jonathan Kennedy

Safeguarding Lead – Lynne Glen

List of Volunteers and Officials

Anita Prentice	Graeme Doig	Nicky MacNeil
Caroline Millar	Jane Gordon	Pam Johnston
Cassandra Turk	John McLelland	Rich Evans
Catherine Carruthers	Karen Walker-Jones	Sam Thomson
Connor Campbell	Kelly Dixon	Sean Doughty
Dan Bentley	Kirsty Bean	Stephen Furber
Darren Thomson	Lori Ure	Stewart Lobban
Felicity Nicholls	Lynn Boyd	

Competition Outline

	Friday 15 th November	Saturday 16 th November	Sunday 17 th November
Arrival and Registration			
Equipment Check			
Training			
Day 1 Competition			
Day 2 Competition			
Medals and Closing Ceremony			

Friday 15th November (All times subject to change)

15:00 – 19:30	Arrival and Registration.
15:00 – 20:00	Practice courts will be available from 3pm. Please note event set-up will still be ongoing until 5pm in the main hall while practice courts are in use.
16:00	Accommodation access available
17:00 – 20:00	Equipment checks in call room.
18:45 – 19:30	Dinner Available for those who have booked



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Saturday 16th November (All times subject to change)

07:15	Breakfast available for those staying in the venue
08:00	Sports hall open for warm-up courts (priority to athletes in the first round of matches)
08:15 – 08:30	Officials and volunteers briefing
08:45 – 09:00	Opening Ceremony
09:00	First Call Room opens
09:30 – 19:00	Day 1 Competition (Pool Matches)
11:30 (Subject to schedule changes)	Lunch available for volunteers and officials
18:45 – 19:30	Dinner Available for those who have booked

Sunday 17th November (All times subject to change)

07:15	Breakfast available for those staying in the venue
08:00	Sports hall open for warm-up courts (priority to athletes in the first round of matches)
08:15 – 08:30	Officials and volunteers briefing
09:00	First Call Room opens
09:30 – 17:00	Day 2 Competition (Knockout Matches)
11:30 (Subject to schedule changes)	Lunch available for volunteers and officials

Entries

BC1	BC2	BC3	BC4
Darryl Pye	Alex Medley	Ce Turk	Harrison Smith
David Smith	James Clowes	Daniel Elliott	Ioan Williams
Fay Hart	Jason Rolph	Georgina Moore	Jayne Milligan
Michael Halfpenny	Jasper MacCall	Lee Croker	Lewis Crawford
Rachel Bailey	Kayleigh Brown	Mark Rodderick	Louis Saunders
Rhys Sansom	Luke Walsh	Patrick Wilson	Paul McIntyre
Richard Armstrong	Reshad Saraj	Raf Young	Penny Froude
	Scott Cromie	Robyn McBride	Scott McIntyre
	Sian Jones	Sally Kidson	Sophie Newnham
	Tomas Martin	Will Arnott	Stephen McGuire
	Will Hipwell		Tyler McLelland

Seedings and Pools

BC1	
Group A	Group B
David Smith	Fay Hart
Richard Armstrong	Michael Halfpenny
Darryl Pye	Rachael Bailey
Rhys Sansom	

BC2		
Group A	Group B	Group C
Kayleigh Brown	Reshad Seraj	William Hipwell
Tomas Martin	Alex Medley	Scott Cromie
Jason Rolph	James Clowes	Jasper MacCall
Luke Walsh	Sian Jones	

BC3		
Group A	Group B	Group C
William Arnott/ Connor Welfare	Patrick Wilson/ Meredith Greenwood	Sally Kidson/ Hannah Stewart
Cecelia Turk/ Mervyn Turk	Lee Croker/ Drew Croker	Robyn McBride/ David McBride
Rafael Young/ David Ellis	Mark Roderick/ Rhianna Davies	Georgina Moore/ Lisa Hutton
Daniel Elliott/ Billy Elliott		

BC4		
Group A	Group B	Group C
Stephen McGuire	Sophie Newnham	Louis Saunders
Tyler McLelland	Penny Froude	Scott McIntyre
Lewis Crawford	Ioan Williams	Paul McIntyre
Harrison Smith	Jayne Milligan	

Knockout Matches

BC1: Winners and runners-up of Group A and B will progress to semi-finals. Remaining players will contest positional play-off matches.

BC2/BC3/BC4: Winners of Group A and B will progress to semi-finals. Winner of Group C and runners-up in each group will contest play-off matches for remaining semi-final spots. All remaining players will have a positional play off match.

All groups and formats have been randomly generated through World Boccia's, Boccia Competition Management System. Seedings were generated based on world rankings as they stand on the week of competition.

Please note all groups are subject to change until Saturday 16th November at 08:00.

Rules

This competition will adhere to rules as outlined by World Boccia. A copy of these rule can be found [here](#).

Players are expected to use their own boccia balls which meet the criteria set out in the World Boccia rules. However, these balls do not need to be licensed.

Photography

All persons participating give their express consent to the use of their images or footage for promotional purposes connected with Scottish Disability Sport. If you have a participant that does not wish to be included in any coverage, please notify the event first responder and they will be given a yellow band to make everyone aware that they are not to be photographed.

Those taking photos should register at the event desk and they will be allocated a blue band to evidence they have registered their device and intention to photograph at the event.

Schedule

A provisional championships schedule will be circulated prior to the championships. Please note all timings are approximate and subject to change.

Livestream

Livestreaming details will be confirmed on arrival at the championships. Matches to be streamed are subject to changes in the schedule.

Clothing

Players are reminded that their home country or Boccia UK kit should be worn where possible. If you do not have a home country kit, please ensure you wear appropriate sports clothing.

Spectators

Spectators are permitted to attend, and entry is free of charge. There will be a viewing gallery available at the venue for spectators to use to watch matches. There will also be a limited number of spaces around the outside of the courts to spectate. Spectators are not permitted in the call room, warm up courts, or in the field of play.

Classification

There will be no classification or classifiers available at this competition. Each competing home country is expected to select athletes to compete who have already received a National or International classification. Scottish Disability Sport or Boccia UK cannot accept responsibility for any athlete or home nation who does not comply with this rule.

Registration

Registration will be available from 3pm to 7:30pm on Friday 15th November. The registration desk will be situated in the main reception area. Athletes are to register first before entering the warm-up and equipment check areas. Anyone who is yet to complete a PEEP form will be required to do so on arrival.

Equipment Check

Pre competition equipment checks will be guided by World Boccia rules and take place between 17:00–20:00 on Friday 15th November in the Call room area. Please be aware that balls will not be officially tested at this stage, however there will be equipment available for players to use to check their own equipment. It is the player's responsibility to ensure their equipment has been approved by 20:00. Pre-match ball checks will be carried out before each match in the call room. Any balls that fail will be detained by the Head Referee until the completion of the competition. Only Jack balls will be replaced if a ball fails the ball checks.

Call Room

The call room is situated in the corridor behind the sports hall. This will be clearly signposted.

All athletes must be registered between thirty (30) and fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start time of any specific match. The official clock is the digital clock at the entrance to the call room. Any athlete who fails to register in the call room within the above time limit will forfeit their assigned match. The ball checks and the coin toss will take place in the call room.

Once registered and inside the call room, athletes, coaches, and assistants must not leave the call room. Should they do so, they will not gain re-admittance and will take no further part in their assigned match. The number of people, as indicated below, may accompany athletes into the call room.

BC1 – 1 Coach plus 1 Sport Assistant

BC2 – 1 Coach

BC3 – 1 Coach plus 1 Ramp Operator

BC4 – 1 Coach



Storage

Storage will be confirmed with the venue and information relayed to athletes at registration on Friday.

Information Desk

The information and results desk will be situated in the main sports hall on the right-hand side as you enter the hall.

Safeguarding

At Scottish Disability Sport, athlete welfare and the safety of all individuals at our events are a top priority. Throughout the venue our safeguarding workflow will be displayed and further to this we have a dedicated safeguarding lead for the championships. Therefore, if you have any concerns around safeguarding at these championships, please contact Lynne Glen. Lynne will be in attendance at the event on the Saturday and Sunday and will be contactable on the Friday if so required. Lynne's contact information is below:

Mobile: 07800 523740

Email: lynne.glen@scottishdisabilitysport.com

Liability

The organising committee accepts no liability for the loss, illness, injury or any medical or other expense that may be incurred.

Sponsors

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Please contact events@scottishdisabilitysport.com with any pre-event questions you may have.

