

Boccia Bletherin' 2025

24th August 2025

Letham4All Community Hub

Welcome!



Introduction

- Purpose of the day
- Introduction to presenters
- Structure of the day...



Timetable

	Dewar's Suite	Sports Hall
10:00 - 11:00	Registration, welcome & networking	N/A
11:00 - 12:00	Micro Coaching	Coaching Resource Co-Production
12:30 - 13:30	BC3 Workshop	Governance Hot Topics
13:30 - 14:30	Lining/Timekeeping	Education Courses Update
14:30 - 15:30	Shared Coaching Practice & Player Panel	Officiating Update

To do...

- Write up governance topics you want to cover on the flip chart
- Add any coaching topics you'd like more support with
- Think about questions you can ask our players later



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Networking

- 'Do you know' Bingo!
- What do you want to get out of today?
- What skills do you want to develop/improve?



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Session 1

Micro Coaching – Games Hall Co-Production – Dewar's Suite



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Session 2

BC 3 – Games Hall Governance – Dewar's Suite



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Session 3 Groups

Lining/Timekeeping – Games Hall
Coaching Courses – Dewar's Suite



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Session 4

Shared Coaching Practice – Games Hall
Officiating Update – Dewar's Suite



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Education Update

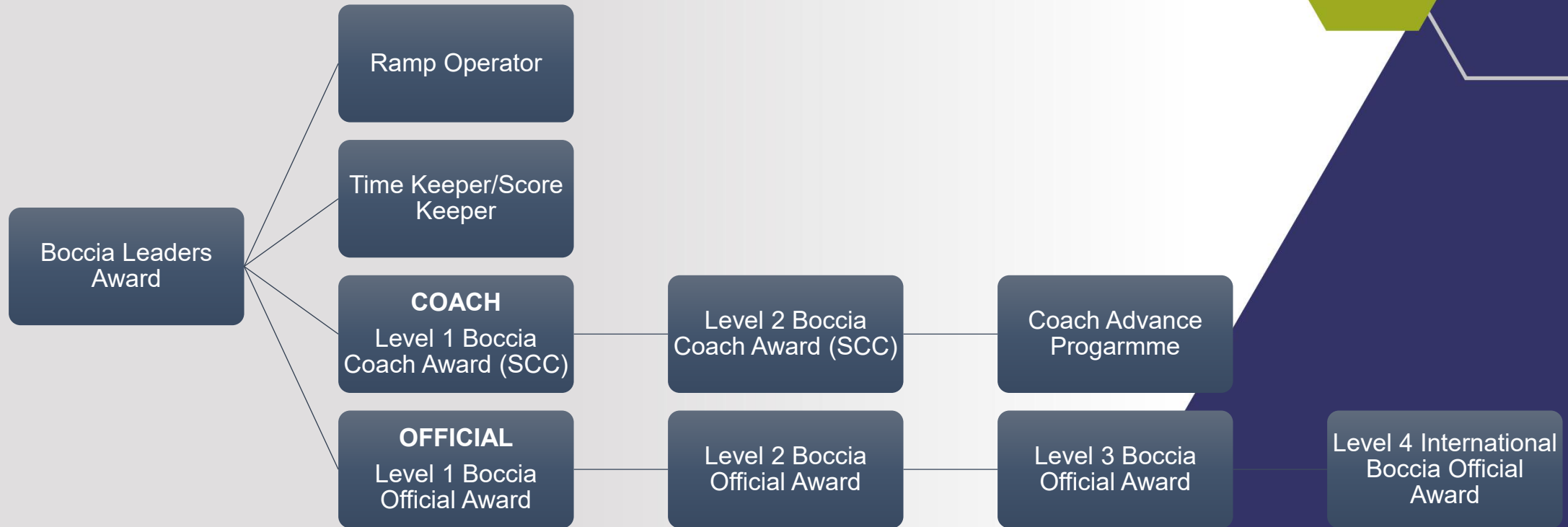
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Education Pathway



Coaching Course Expectations



Course Type			
Boccia Leaders Award – age 16+	Level 1 – age 16+	Level 2 – age 18+	CAP – age 18+
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Difficulty			
Basic	Higher Equivalent	Advanced Higher Equivalent	Advanced Higher Equivalent
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Time Commitment			
3 hours	Approx. 40 hours over 12 months	Approx. 80 hours over 12 months	Continual Learning over 18 months
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Format			
Practical/theory workshop	Written, practical, discussion & self-directed learning. 2 x face-to-face days	Written, practical, discussion & self-directed learning. 4 x face-to-face days	Mostly self-directed. Possibility of face-to-face workshops.
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Assessment			
Not assessed	Continual & formal final assessment	Continual & formal final assessment	Not assessed

UK Boccia Coaches' Development Framework

	LEADER	LEVEL 1 COACH	LEVEL 2 COACH
PARTICIPATION: Introducing, engaging & sustaining participation at community and club level.	ESSENTIAL: None. DESIRABLE: Leaders Award. ROLE: Working with sessional participants, beginners, schools.	ESSENTIAL: Level 1 Award. DESIRABLE: Working towards Level 2 Certificate and engaging in CPD. ROLE: Leading structured individual, community and club coaching.	ESSENTIAL: Level 2 Certificate. DESIRABLE: Engaging in CPD and working towards Coach Advance Award. ROLE: Directing programme, coaches and support staff at individual, community and club level.
PATHWAY & PERFORMANCE: Coaching identified players at regional and national level.	N/A	ESSENTIAL: Level 1 Award. DESIRABLE: Working towards Level 2 Certificate and engaging in CPD. ROLE: Leading or assisting structured individual / squads / programme coaching at regional / national level.	ESSENTIAL: Level 2 Certificate and engaging in CPD. DESIRABLE: Coach Advance Award. ROLE: Directing programme, coaches and support staff at regional / national level.
HIGH PERFORMANCE: Coaching players at an UK or an international level. <i>*or equivalent experience considered</i>	N/A	ESSENTIAL*: Level 1 Award. DESIRABLE*: Working towards Level 2 Certificate and engaging in CPD. ROLE: Assisting structured individual / group programme at UK level.	ESSENTIAL*: Level 2 Certificate, Coach Advance Award and engaging in CPD. DESIRABLE*: Engagement in UK coaching programmes. ROLE: Directing programme, coaches and performance support staff at UK and international level.

Officiating Course Expectations



Course Type			
Level 1 – age 16+	Level 2 – age 16+	Level 3 – age 18+	Level 4 – age 18+
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Pre-Requisites			
Some Boccia Experience	Level 1 + experience	L2 + experience	L3 + extensive experience
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Time Commitment			
Pre-learning, 7 hour workshop + 2 competitions	Varies – at least 5 mentored matches + contact time	8 hours + pre-reading & 1 competition	4-day workshop including international competition observation
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Format			
Self-directed learning, theory & practical workshop + observation	Mentored matches	Self-directed learning, theory & practical workshop + observation	Theory and practical workshop + observation
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Assessment			
Multiple-choice Assessment	Continual & formal final assessment	Continual & formal final assessment	Continual & formal final assessment

UK Boccia Officials' Development Framework

	TIME KEEPER	LEVEL 1 OFFICIAL	LEVEL 2 OFFICIAL	LEVEL 3 OFFICIAL	LEVEL 4 OFFICIAL
QUALIFICATION & TRAINING	Undergo an induction led by a qualified official	Attend and pass the Level 1 Award in Officiating Boccia. Age 16+	Completion of the Level 2 Award as part of the Officials Development Programme (which includes mentoring and assessment)	Attend and pass the Level 3 Award in Officiating Boccia. Age 18+	Attend and pass the World Boccia International Officials Course
COMPETITIONS PERMITTED	Timekeepers can time keep at any level competition without experience	Referee local league matches and in clubs. Invited to higher level competitions as part of the Officials Development Programme *	Referee Regional level competitions *	Referee National and UK level competitions*	Referee International level competitions
EXAMPLE COMPETITIONS	ALL	Home Nation competitions School competitions	Home Nations Championships UK Challengers	UK Championships	World Championships European Championships Paralympic Games

*Can be a linesperson at higher level competitions

Course Dates – 2025/2026

- Level 1 Award in Coaching Boccia: Starting Jan 2026 (practical likely to be Perth)
 - £300 per person (80% funding available) + travel costs
- Level 2 Award in Coaching Boccia: Starting Feb 2026 (practical in North England).
 - £500 per person (80% funding available) + travel/accommodation/sustenance costs
- CAP: Possibility of applications opening late 2026.
 - Fully funded
- Level 1 Award in Officiating Boccia:
 - Fully funded
 - Elgin – 31/08/2025
 - Perth – May 2026



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Evaluation

Boccia Bletherin' Feedback Form



Thank you & safe trip home!



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