



# ***SUPER LEAGUE***

## *RULES & GUIDELINES*

Held under BISFed Rules

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## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the National Boccia Super League 2018/19 organised by **Boccia England** and supported by the **BOOST Charitable Trust**.

The Super League is a highly competitive competition involving the top six teams in the country. It is a pan disability, team competition.

- Teams qualify for the Super League through the [National League](#).
- Teams must have a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 10.
- Teams must be [Boccia England members](#).
- There will be four fixture days:
  - **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November – City Academy Sports Centre, Bristol**
  - **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – West Nottinghamshire College, Mansfield**
  - **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – West Nottinghamshire College, Mansfield**
  - **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July or Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019, David Ross Sports Village, Nottingham**
- Each fixture day will be a standalone competition, with points awarded (based on finishing position) and accumulated in the Super League leader board.
- The Super League Leader board final standings will determine the season champion, as well as which teams will drop down into the National League the following season.
- The two bottom teams at the end of the season will drop down to the National Boccia League. The top two from the National Boccia League will gain promotion.
- This Handbook contains the procedures, guidelines and rules under which the Super League will be played. Please take your time to read it carefully. The appropriate parts of the BISFed Boccia Rules have been included in this Handbook.



## **1. ENTRY**

- 1.1 Each Club/Association will be required to subscribe to Boccia England membership before entering the Super League.
- 1.2 Each team will be able to register up to 10 players, only those 10 players will be eligible to play in any Super League fixture.
- 1.3 All players must be registered 2 weeks prior to the first Super League fixture.
- 1.4 If a team has only two eligible players available on the day of the Super League fixture then the match will be played with only two players or forfeited. In the event of a team only having two players available and wishing to play the match that team will play with 4 balls on each end.
- 1.5 If a team is found to be playing with unregistered players then they will forfeit the match.
- 1.6 In certain circumstances, consideration for replacement team members may be allowed during the season. The additional name/s must be forwarded to the League office in writing, to be received at least two weeks prior to a match. Each case will be decided individually but the following would be acceptable reasons – illness, injury, leaving area/club.

## **2. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each team must appoint a Team Manager with the responsibility for liaison with the League Office.

### **The Team Manager will be responsible for:**

- a) Completing the online team registration
- b) Providing a timer/scorer for each fixture date
- c) Submitting a League Protest Form within 30 minutes of a match.
- d) Any other liaison which is required with the League Office.



### **3. FORMAT**

3.1 The Boccia Super League will run over 4 fixture dates at a central venue where possible.

3.2 Leagues will run seasonally with the end of the season being marked by the fourth and final fixture date alongside the National League Finals Day.

3.3 Teams will compete in a preliminary round of pools; followed by positional play offs.

3.4 Teams will be placed into two pools of 3 for each fixture day. These will vary each fixture to ensure all teams play each other at least once.

3.5 Matches will consist of 6 ends, timed with 6 minutes for each end, in the event of a tie, a tie break end will be played to determine the winner.

### **4. POSITIONS**

#### **4.1 Pool positions will be determined by:**

4.1.1 The team with the most wins will be placed in the highest position

4.1.2 If two or more teams finish with identical number of wins then the team that has the most number of wins in the head to head record will be placed in the highest position.

4.1.3 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest points difference will take the highest position – points scored in a tie break will not be included.

4.1.4 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest points for will be placed in the highest position.

4.1.5 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest number of ends won across all matches will be placed highest.

4.1.6 In the event of conceded or forfeited games, the home team is to send in the scoresheet detailing the forfeit.



## 4.2 Positional play offs

4.2.1 Positional play offs will be played following completion of the pool matches to determine the fixture final results.

4.2.2 Based on the final pool positions:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> placed teams from each pool will compete for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams from each pool will compete for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams from each pool will compete for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place.

4.3 For each standalone fixture date teams will receive points based on their final position:

Final Positions	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1

4.3.1 If a team forfeits the competition they will receive 0 points. The remaining teams points will be awarded the highest points difference in the pool/round.

4.4 In the case of a tie on points –

4.4.1 If two or more teams finish with identical points following completion of all four Super League competitions then the team with the highest number of wins over all 4 fixture days will take the highest position.

4.4.2 If two or more teams finish with identical number of wins following completion of the competitions then the team with the highest number of second place finishes will take highest position.

4.4.3 If two or more teams finish with identical number of second places following completion of the competitions then the team with the highest points difference will take the highest position – points scored in a tie break will not be included.



4.4.4 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest points for will be placed in the highest position – points scored in a tie break will not be included.

4.4.5 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest points against will be placed in the highest position– points scored in a tie break will not be included.

4.4.6 If there is still a tie then the team with the highest number of ends one will be placed in the highest position.

## **5. RESULTS**

5.1 Results from each fixture day along with the Leader Board will be shown on the Boccia England website (bocciaengland.org.uk), this will be displayed on the event page.

5.2 The final fixture will take place alongside the National League Final where the Super League Champions will be announced.

## **6. QUALIFICATION**

6.1 The top 2 teams from the National League Finals Day will gain promotion to the Super League.

6.2 The bottom 2 teams from the seasons Super League will be relegated to the National League.

6.3 Teams will be notified of qualification and relegation into/from the Super League following results of the National Boccia League Finals Day.

## **7. RULES**

The competition will be played under the BISFed Rules - <http://www.bisfed.com/about-boccia/rules/>



## **8. AWARDS**

The top three teams will receive medals on each fixture day. The top three overall winners decided on the final fixture day will receive medals; the overall winners will also receive a trophy.

## **9. PROTESTS**

A player who does not agree with the refereeing of a game should not sign the score sheet and has 30minutes from the end of the game to submit a written protest. Forms will be available from the registration desk and a charge of £50 per protest will be payable. This money will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

