

## *Liner Guidelines*

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**These guidelines set out the procedures and positioning Liners must follow at BISFed Boccia competitions**

1. Be aware of your schedule. Be on time to the call room to meet the referee.
2. Act as an assistant to the referee, helping in all tasks the referee asks of you.
3. Position yourself on the side of the court opposite to where the referee is positioned, near the throwing line or behind the athletes. When changing positions, always move behind the athletes.
4. Be aware not to stand inside the court.
5. If you need to move during an end, walk slowly. Stay in your position with your hands down, concentrate on the game but be prepared when a violation is about to happen to alert the referee.
6. If a violation is about to occur which requires the ball to be retracted, communicate the violation to the referee by raising your hand immediately after the ball has been released. This is done **ONLY** when the ball needs to be retracted.
7. All other violations should be indicated to the referee by raising your hand after the ball has stopped.
8. Help the athlete to enter the “field of play” (FOP) if you are asked to do so.
9. Keep eye contact with the referee in a manner to communicate, discreetly, a situation that may be occurring or about to occur.
10. When a ball goes out of the court boundaries, meet the referee on the FOP to put the ball in the dead ball container when asked.

*IMPORTANT: To avoid obstructing the athlete’s view of the boccia balls, do not walk between the athlete(s) and the balls.*

11. At the end of the end, you may be asked to help pick-up the balls and return them to the athlete(s). Do not throw or roll the balls across the court.
12. You may be asked by the referee to assist with measuring the balls.

*IMPORTANT: Do not proceed onto the court or touch any of the balls, until instructed to do so by the referee.*

13. If you are unsure about anything, or have any questions, ask your referee.
14. Before leaving court, help the referee to prepare the court for the next game, leaving the referee equipment in court.
15. If you have not been scheduled for a match, go to the Call Room and check if your help is needed as a pusher.

**Remember that:**

- A Ramp Operator (RO) or Sport Assistant (SA) cannot touch the athlete during the act of throwing and a BC3 RO cannot look into the playing area during an end (ref: 3.5.1 and 3.5.2)

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- An assistive device (ramp) cannot overhang throwing line (ref: 5.3). Remember that the wheelchairs must be entirely within the player's own box, not touching any part of the box. Wheelchairs may hang over any of the lines so long as they are not touching them.
- When throwing any ball, all equipment must be in the box (ref: 10.2, 15.7.1)
- The athlete must have at least one buttock in contact with the seat of the wheelchair/scooter (ref: 10.9.1)
- Athletes may go behind their throwing box to line up their shots or to talk to their teammates *but at least one front wheel must remain in the athlete's own throwing box*. The path behind the boxes may be used by BC3 athletes to enter the playing area. If they wish to enter the playing area for Pair BC3 they must do so without passing behind their own teammate. (ref: 14.3)
- Any communication between the SA and coaches with the athlete must be appropriate communication (ref: 16)

### **Be careful in the following circumstances:**

- While a measuring is taking place
- While a discussion with the Head referee is taking place in court
- While there is an interruption in the game for any reason

In all three cases stay in your position near to the athletes/SAs/ROs with your attention towards them, unless the referee asks you differently. When you are assisting an athlete to enter the court, after taking him/her to the desired position, keep your eyes to the athletes/SAs/ROs that are in the boxes.



Liner's signal to call the Referee's attention

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