

Updates to IR Procedures Manual

This update is to inform Referees of amendments to the 2021 IR Procedures Manual, which was written to reflect 2021-2024-v.1.1 rules. For 2022 competitions the 2022-v.2.0 rules will be followed.

Once the following procedures have been trialled at competitions to check efficiency, they will be put in the IR Procedures Manual; we expect this will to be done by July 2022. If there are any changes to these procedures, Head Referees will inform referees at competitions.

The Following amendments are to be considered when reading the 2021 IR Procedures Manual:

1. Some of the rule numbers in the Procedure Manual may not correspond with those in the 2022-v.2.0 rules
2. Additions to: BISFed Ball and Equipment Check Procedures BALL CHECKS section

After Ball weight test (page 6) add:

Metal Detection Test

1. *A magnet will be placed against the surface of the ball and moved across each panel.*
2. *The magnet should not be attracted to, or repelled from, the surface of a ball.*
3. *If the magnet is attracted to (e.g., it adheres to the surface without support) or repelled (e.g., pushed away from the surface when held) from the surface of a ball then the ball will be deemed to have failed the test.*

Visual Inspection

Each ball is briefly inspected to ensure it is in a good condition, that is has not been tampered with, and that no substances have been added to the outside of the ball.

(Referees to reference a Ball checklist and the Ball Condition Gallery on the World Boccia website. These should also be available to access at competitions.)

4. Amendments to Wheelchair Check (page 8, under 'Adaptations to Wheelchairs Rule 6.4')
Remove 'Rule 6.4' and 'Postural Support'
Procedure to read: *'Any additional devices added to an athlete's wheelchair must have documented approval from Classification.'*
5. Additions to CALL ROOM PROCEDURES section (page 9):
After Point 17 add:
'Following the ball checks, balls will be replaced in the Sides' ball cases (if no other suitable containers are provided) and the Referee will retain these balls until both sides arrive on court'
After Point 24 (page 10):
'Have the balls ready to carry onto the FOP'
6. Addition to ON COURT PROCEDURES, Entering the Field of Play (page 11)
After Point 1 add:
'The Referee will carry the balls onto the Field of Play'
7. Amendment to ON COURT PROCEDURES, When on Court section (page 12)
Point 2 to be:

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'Give the balls to the athletes (or to SAs / ROs / Coaches / Cas) and have the unused balls of all the athletes placed by the score table, out of the way,'

8. Addition to ON COURT PROCEDURES, During an End (page 15)

After Point 5 add:

- *If a ball is touching a line and supporting another ball, the ball should be removed directly outwards perpendicular to the boundary line in one motion while keeping the ball in contact with the floor. If the supported ball falls and touches the line, it is also out of bounds.*

9. Additions to Ending a Match:

Point 3 to be:

'The Referee will inspect each ball that has been used in the match to ensure they are in a satisfactory condition, that they have not been substituted, and that no substances have been applied.

If balls pass the check they are returned to the Athletes (or SAs / ROs / Coaches / Cas).

If any balls have been thought to have been tampered with the Head Referee will be called'