

Special Olympics

Missouri



RAMP BOCCE

Only athletes who are unable to roll the ball past the 30' mark are eligible for Ramp Bocce. Athletes must submit an exception form to be approved by the Games Director.

1. Ramp Bocce Events Offered:
 1. Bocce Ramp Singles
 2. Bocce Ramp Doubles
 3. Unified Sports Bocce Ramp Doubles

2. SOI Rules and SOMO Rules will be used with the following exceptions outlined below.

3. Court Dimensions:
 1. The court will be 30' x 10' (instead of the 60' x 10')
 2. The front rail will be removed to allow ease of a wheelchair to enter the court.
 3. Half court will be marked at 15'

4. Position of the ramp
 1. The ramp may be positioned anywhere within the throwing area of the court as long as the lip of the ramp is within the first 10' area.
 2. The athlete shall determine where the ramp is placed and at what angle it is placed. The volunteer/unified partner shall keep their back to the playing area so as to not influence the athlete's decision.
 3. It is the athlete's decision where to position the ball on the ramp in order to control its speed and distance.
 4. Since the unified partner is to use the ramp on their turn as well, they also may determine where to place the ramp and how to release the ball on their turn.
 5. The lip of the ramp must rest on the ground when the ball is released.

5. Divisioning / Skills Test:
 1. The pallina will be placed at the 15', 20', and 25' respectively. All eight balls will be played at those distances. The closest three balls will be measured in centimeters.
 2. During the divisioning process, if the pallina is moved from its spot on the 15ft, 20ft, or 25ft, it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken.

6. Play

1. All players playing in this division will use the ramp. This includes the unified partners. This keeps play from being just between the unified partners because the athletes' balls can't get near the pallina.
2. The pallina must pass half court (15ft).
3. Even though most athletes will need assistance from either a coach, volunteer, or unified partner, coaching within the court is discouraged. All conversations should take place outside of the court per SOI rules.
4. As stated above, anyone assisting the athlete with the ramp should have their back to the play so there is no influence on the play.

7. Dimensions of the ramp

1. The length of the ramp shall be 65in, ± 2 in.

These rules have been written to try to be more inclusive of all of our athletes. That being said, these rules are for ramp players and their partners only. They are still a work in progress and we hope to eventually be even more inclusive in the future. All input is welcome but please do so professionally.