
CLARIFICATIONS to the BISFed Boccia Rules

To be applied immediately

2.1 Boccia Balls

A set of Boccia balls consists of six red, six blue, and one white Jack. Boccia balls used in sanctioned competitions must meet the criteria laid down by BISFed.

CLARIFICATION: For the avoidance of doubt, one of the key characteristics of a 'ball' is that it must be spherical or nearly spherical and must actually roll on its path in the court. Any ball which is observed by the Referee during play to slide more than it rolls will result in a violation and Rule 10.3 will apply.

10.3 Retraction

10.3.1 Retraction involves the removal of a ball from the court that was thrown when a violation was committed. The ball will be placed in the dead ball container.

10.3.2 A Retraction penalty can only be given for a violation, which occurs during the act of throwing

10.3.3 If a violation is committed which leads to a Retraction the Referee will always try to stop the ball before it dislodges other balls.

10.3.3 CLARIFICATION: If the violation occurs as a result of a ball which, in the sole opinion of the Referee, slides more than it rolls, that ball will be retracted and will remain retracted for the duration of the match. For subsequent ends, such a ball will be replaced by the referee with a ball under 20.12.2 and 20.12.5.

10.3.4 If the Referee fails to stop the ball before it dislodges other balls, the end might be deemed to be a disrupted end. (ref. 12.2)

10.3.4 CLARIFICATION: If the violation is committed as a result of a ball which under 10.3.3 slides more than it rolls and the end is disrupted as a result, the end will be replayed, but without the ball which is retracted. The referee will decide whether the offending ball has disrupted the scoring balls and if not, the sliding ball will simply be retracted and confiscated for the remainder of the tournament. For subsequent ends such a retracted ball will be replaced by the referee by a ball under 12.2, 20.12.2 and 20.12.5.

10.3.5 A violation, which results in a retraction, is deemed to have occurred at the point when the ball is released.

10.3.5 CLARIFICATION: A sliding ball violation, which results in a retraction, is deemed to have occurred when the ball is sliding instead of rolling (since the behavior of the ball can only be observed after release.)

10.3. A GENERAL CLARIFICATION: If an end is disrupted more than once as a result of a violation for a ball which slides more than it rolls, the offending player or side will immediately forfeit the match. If more than one end in a match is disrupted as a result of a violation for a ball which slides more than it rolls, the offending player or side will immediately forfeit the match.

10.3. B GENERAL CLARIFICATION: The referee's decision on whether a ball slides more than it rolls is final.