



# BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

## Accessibility Policy

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### Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the programs, activities and events of BCB are accessible and possible to all.

### Aims

2. The aims of this policy are to:
  - a. Ensure that individuals, if eligible, can access the programs, activities and events of BCB regardless of their disability.
  - b. Encourage an atmosphere where all are accepted.

### Objectives

3. BCB will work with the Canadian Blind Sport Association (CBSA), the Canadian Wheelchair Sport Association (CWSA), and other national sport organizations to:
  - a. Develop club awareness and understanding of athletes with a disability;
  - b. Make clubs more accessible;
  - c. Make current BCB participation, development, coaching, officiating, and high performance programs available and adaptive to any potential needs;
  - d. Keep them informed of BCB's short and long-term plans and programs, and
  - e. Discuss the possibility of short-term integration.
4. BCB will work with the Commission for Inclusion of Athletes with a Disability (CIAD) and other such agencies to ensure an effective integration of blind bowls in future Commonwealth Games or other international events, as applicable, through:
  - a. Full integration of the blind bowls team with BCB's team;
  - b. Integrating the blind bowlers in BCB's training camps; and
  - c. Training BCB event organizers and officials in the variations of the sport for blind athletes.
5. BCB will work with each Association for athletes with disabilities currently administering lawn bowls (CBSA, CWSA, CIAD) to develop a plan which addresses a long-range plan for inclusion or integration of the respective association in the programs and services of BCB.
6. BCB will continue to work with its member clubs to assist them in promoting and making its member clubs available to the economically disadvantaged.
7. BCB will endeavor to attract more juniors to the sport of lawn bowls (age 25 and under, male and female) through promotions, competitive opportunities and the school system.

### **Guide Dog and Animal Services**

8. If a person with a disability is accompanied by a guide dog or other service animal, BCB will permit the person to enter the premises with the animal and keep it with him or her, unless the animal is otherwise excluded by law from the premises. If the service animal or guide dog is excluded by law from the premises, BCB will look to other available measures to enable the person with a disability to obtain, use, or benefit from the BCB program, activity or event.

### **Support Persons**

9. If a person with a disability is accompanied by a support person, they are permitted to enter the premises together and are not prevented from having access to each other while on the premises. BCB may require a person with a disability to be accompanied by a support person while on its premises, but only if a support person is necessary to protect the health or safety of the person with a disability or the health or safety of others on the premises.

### **Assistive Devices**

10. If a person with a disability requires assistive devices to access goods or services of the BCB, they are allowed to use such devices.