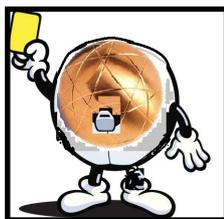




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Asia/Oceania Junior & U23 International Championship

On the weekend of 27th to 29th April, at the Casa D’Abruzzo Club, Melbourne, the best of the best Australian Juniors - U14, U18 and U23’s, will be all out to compete against the top players from China and Monaco. All will be vying to win so that they can qualify to compete at the World Junior Titles in China later in the year.



The 2017 Winners

ASIA OCEANIA BOCCE JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIP 2017
TOP WINNERS



Daniel Samsa U23 Five Championships



Max Tricarico U18 Three Championships



Negovan Novakovic, Eva Scoble U14 Two Championships



Michael Pevero wins the U14 Singles



Precision Hit



China - Japan contest the Rapid Throw



ASIA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS



Come along to see the action or watch it live via the internet as the championship will be for the first time telecast live and streamed on **MySportLive.TV**

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NEW COACHES JOIN Bocce level 1 Coaching Fraternity

Seven new coaches successfully completed the Level 1 coaching course and now are on schedule to becoming an accredited Level 1 Bocce Coach.



Bocce Australia welcomes these seven new entrants to the Bocce Australia Coaching fraternity.

The course was conducted by Tony Biancacci, renowned Australian International Coach who has many years experience coaching Juniors and Senior players nationally and Internationally.

As we move towards advancing the school bocce program, the Special O's, the Asia/Oceania confederation format and more international events, only accredited coaches will be accepted as coaches for Bocce Australia bocce programs and representative teams.



National Throwing Championship

*Which player will be crowned
the Top Bocce Rapid or
Precision player in Australia?*

The Australian National Throwing Competition is a national 'virtual' competition, where competitors will compete in the three throwing disciples of Progressive, Precision and Doubles Rapid Throw.

Submission of scores will be through an online form, available through Facebook or the email link.

The Australian Throwing Championship is designed to increase player skills, boost competition amongst players and gain wider member engagement.

So have a go and tell your friends to be part of this growing fun way to play a sport against the best of the best. Get on now and be first to tell your friends. **Watch this space as this goes viral!**



Vanessa Allegretto



Joe Maselli



Anthony De Leonardis

Three Australian Referee Officials have been inducted by the FIB into the FIB International Referees for 2018.

For all three Australian referee officials 2018 marks their first selection on the elite international panel.

Bocce Victoria Women's Referee Vanesa Allegretto and assistant Men's Referee Joe Maselli join the FIB Referee panel, as well as Anthony De Leonardis, from South Australia.

Vanessa has been selected to referee the World Women's Championships in China, later this year in October 2018.

FIB's Director of Referees Henry ESCALLIER, President of the Commission praised Australia's FIB recognised referees, and explained that they are being looked at for seeing them aspire referees Australia wide.

"Bocce Australia look forward to having these three FIB accredited referee officials strive to be excellent by their commitment, dedication and performances at these national and international events."

"They are role models for referees around the country and we look forward to following their achievements nationally and that of Vanessa on the international stage in 2018."

When Vanessa was notified by the BA of her nomination to be a referee at the Women's World Titles in China she was 'stoked'.

When interviewed by MyLiveSport.TV, Vanessa stated that "Apart from joining Bocce Victoria as a junior player and then going onto being part of the first Australian women's team to represent Australia at the inaugural World Women's titles, I have been fortunate to having accumulated my achievements over this time but now having been selected to referee at the Women's World Titles is beyond my dreams".

"Being recognised by the FIB has been a real surprise one that never entered my mind when I started and it is a huge step and a big milestone in terms of progressing to serious Bocce—one that I'm very proud of having achieved," she said.

BOCCE NEWS BITS



South Australia Port Lincoln, Bocce Ladies

A group of enthusiastic women have embraced the sport of bocce, in Port Lincoln. **Port Lincoln** (also known as the 'Seafood Capital of Australia'), is a city on the lower Eyre Peninsula in the Australian state of South Australia. Over 30 women enjoy the weekly competition of bocce on the courts of the Croatian Sporting Club of Port Lincoln.

Gerri Evenden, who competed in Bocce at the recent Australian Masters Games, in Devonport, Tasmania, is keen to grow the group which now includes a mixed (Men's & Women's) competition, to one day to have a team compete in the Australian National Bocce Championships. *The group are so keen for bocce competition that they have put out the challenge to all other Bocce Clubs around Australia to compete in a competition of Bocce Smash against the Port Lincoln Bocce Ladies — Go Ladies!*

Bocce coaches at the forefront again and



Special Olympics Australia
National Games
Adelaide 2018



this time its Michael Migliaccio on his way to Adelaide for the SOA National Games!

Michael Migliaccio - (Victoria), having being bestowed the award for his advocacy and organisation of programs for athletes with disability especially in the area of Special Olympics in Victoria has been selected to coach the Victorian SpO's Bocce team at this years Special Olympics National Games in Adelaide.

We hear on the rumour file that Michael has also applied for the position of Head Coach for the SOA World Games in Abu Dhabi 2019, and we hope that he is successful and he flies the flag for the sport of Bocce! *The best of luck for a successful Championship!*

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