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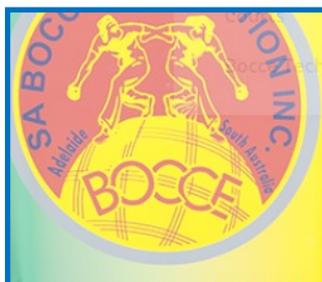
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## RELAXED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FOR BOCCE CONFIRMED

BY BOCCE AUSTRALIA Updated: May 13, 2020

Bocce Australia (BA) welcomes the National Cabinet's 'Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia', approval of the 'National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities' and the Australian Institute of Sport's (AIS) 'Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment', providing the pathway for a safer return to sport.

The states and territories will continue to be responsible for decisions around local restrictions, including those related to sport and recreation resumption, at all levels.

States and territories will also determine progression through the phases, taking account of local epidemiology, risk mitigation strategies and public health capability.



Each step we take needs to be underpinned by a strong commitment from all of us to:

- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever we can
- Maintain good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene
- Stay home when we're unwell, and getting tested if we have respiratory symptoms or a fever,
- Download the COVIDSafe app so we can find the virus quickly, and
- Develop COVID safe plans for workplaces and plans.



## **TRANSITIONAL Guidelines for Clubs & Participants:**

BA acknowledges the authority of the State and Territory Associations (STAs) to follow the advice and decisions of their respective Governments in regard to the use of Bocce facilities.

To assist the process of transition, BA has prepared a set of guidelines (see below) for State Bocce & Regional Federations, clubs and participants to follow during this period.

- These guidelines are currently effective for VIC, SA, WA, NT and ACT only.
- For all remaining states and territories (QLD, TAS & NSW), the guidelines below will only come into effect once any individual state legislation and/or restrictions are relaxed.
- QLD – Easing of restrictions on sport and recreation (up to 10 people per group) from May 15.
- TAS – Easing of restrictions on sport and recreation (up to 10 people per group) from May 18.
- NSW– Easing of restrictions on sport and recreation from May 15.

### **Clubs:**

- The responsibility lies with individual clubs to ensure that:
  - ◆ they are fully aware of and compliant with their own State or Territory Government and STA advice, and
  - ◆ all of these guidelines are adhered to and engage any staffing/volunteers required as necessary to fulfil the guidelines.
- Hand sanitiser is to be made available at the entrance to the club and beside each Bocce court in use.
- Disinfectant spray must be made available beside bocce bowl rack stands. After each use, all bocce bowls and jacks must be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.
- Any club bocce bowls that are loaned to players are to be thoroughly cleaned before and after use.
- Clubs may need to implement a booking system to facilitate bocce court bookings, to conform with guidelines. Best practice is that a register of attendees is kept, just in case a communicable illness were to occur.
- No indoor club meetings are to occur at this stage (except in WA and SA). Any meetings held on the club premises should be held outdoors, employ physical distancing of 1.5m and be limited to the number of people determined by state-specific social gathering limits. Individuals should leave the premises immediately after the conclusion of meetings.
- Where possible, outdoor-accessible toilets should be open. At the very least, hand washing facilities should be available.

## Bocce Activity:

• As long as the following guidelines are adhered to, bocce activity can include practice and/or social play and smaller club competitions (e.g. singles and doubles events) on outdoor Bocce courts only. There is to be no play on indoor Boccedrome courts (except in WA).

## State-specific:

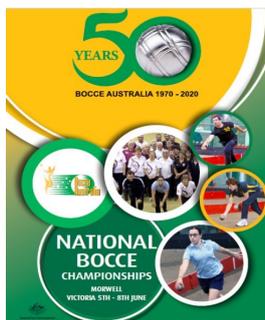
- VIC – Practice only, no social play.
  - o Subject to the state-specific social gathering and distancing restrictions, up to four people are allowed to play together and the 1.5m social distancing rule is to be observed at all times. There must be one court space (an empty court) between each court in use.
  - o VIC – 1.5m space between each court.
  - o A maximum of 10 people allowed per Bocce courts at any one time. Clubs may need to have a booking system in place to facilitate. Clubs with more than one outdoor Bocce court need to ensure that compliance is achieved with respect to social distancing restrictions.
- WA – From May 18, up to 20 people per Bocce courts including undercover Boccedrome.
  - All players are to use separate bocce bowls and jacks (or ensure use a cloth or gloves when touching the jack).
  - Other bocce bowls equipment cannot be shared between players (e.g. bocce bowls, cloths, measures etc).
  - Disinfectant spray must be made available beside Bocce Bowl racks and between each use, all bocce bowls and jacks must be thoroughly cleaned by players.
  - Players should practice safe hygiene at all times, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds before and after a bocce game.
  - Individuals must leave the premises immediately after the conclusion of play and cleaning of equipment.
  - Coaching should be limited to no more than a coach and two other people at the time and all practicing physical distancing of 1.5m during the coaching session.

## National and International events affected:

- 2020 World & International Bocce Championships (ALL) – **POSTPONED TO 2021**
- 2020 Australian Junior Open – **POSTPONED TO APRIL 2021 (Wollongong, NSW)**
- 2020 Australian National Men's & Women's Championship – **POSTPONED TO JUNE 2021 (Morwell, VIC)**
- 2020 Australian Bocce Raffa Open Championship – **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 2021 (Port Lincoln, SA)**
- 2020 Bocce Australia AGM – **POSTPONED TO JULY 2020 & TO BE AN ONLINE AGM**

For the most UpToDate and latest COVID-19 Bocce information reference the Bocce Australia webpage [www.bocceaustralia.com.au](http://www.bocceaustralia.com.au) or your State Bocce Federation / Regional Affiliates.

Thanks to Sport Australia, Lawn Bowls Australia & FIB for the guidelines & framework used for BA start-up. ff 





## We are excited to announce a new and uplifting initiative to help us connect during this time of social isolation.

Without much warning Covid-19 forced us to change the way we live our lives, do our work, interact with each other, and have fun playing bocce.

After more than six weeks of alarming news, bitter social media and social distance it's almost too easy to let isolation become the norm.

What Covid doesn't know though, is that Bocce Australia members and bocce enthusiasts, are some of the most adaptable and incredible people out there.

It's time to reconnect. It's time to celebrate. It's time to show Covid-19 that the Bocce fraternity stands together. We want to shine a spotlight on what every one of you have been doing during this unprecedented time in our lives. As we posted on our Facebook page the **Bocce Video Challenge**, is now open and we are looking for lots of video clips to be entered. Here are some ideas of what to do for you video clip.

**We ask you to take out your mobile device, turn on the camera and answer these three simple questions:**

- **What have you enjoyed about this unique time?**
- **What have you missed during this time?**
- **What's your number 1 hot tip for beating isolation?**

The responses do not need to be perfect. Just be authentic and lighthearted is the name of the game. Video clip no longer than 30 seconds and must have a bocce bowl or similar shown in the clip. Eg. If you do not have the bocce bowls at home, use Rolled up socks, a tennis ball, a marble or even a round paper ball – use your imagination & have fun!

Once you're done, send the video clip to [info@bocceaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@bocceaustralia.com.au) and those selected will be uploaded onto [www.bocceaustralia.com.au](http://www.bocceaustralia.com.au) webpage and onto our Bocce Australia Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bocceaustralia/> on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Submissions will be accepted from the **18 May until C.O.B 30 May.**

For those of you who want to be involved but don't have access to the technology, rest assured. Ask a family member, a neighbor or a friend to help out. The video clip with the most **LIKES** will win a set of recreational bocce bowls containing 8 bowls, jack & in a carry bag.

We can't wait to see what you have to say & show. If you would like some inspiration head to google & search for "funny covid-19 home video's" to watch a sample of what others have put together.

**Have fun!**





BOCCE AUSTRALIA 1970 - 2020

# Bocce Australia Celebrates 50 years....



We continue this series of celebrating Bocce in Australia with this month saluting **South Australia Bocce Federation**.

The South Australian Bocce Federation was incorporated in the year 1976. But it all began long before then, when a group of young men from the Fogolar Furlan Club got together and decided that they needed some recreational activity after a long hard working week.

It needed to become recreational and a social activity as it was for their fathers and grandfathers back in their own country of origin, (Italy for most of them).

Since its incorporation in 1976 the Federation has come a long way, its objectives then to expand, grow, promote and develop the Sport of Bocce are still the main aims and objectives of the federation and main purpose for its existence, to maintain the culture and their own traditions alive throughout the ages.

The Clubs that first took part of the Federation were Fogolar, Veneto, Molinara joined by the Alabarda Club in 1978. In 1980 by the Campania Club, Sicilia Club got in the act in 1990. In 1995 they were joined by the Istrian, Croatian & Slovenia Clubs and soon after by the McLaren Vale Bocce Club. In the early 2000 Mt Gambier got into the act and recently the Port Lincoln Croatian Sporting Club.

Since it's inception the SABF has continued to promote develop and assist Schools Corporate groups and demonstration at Government House for a fundraising event. Councils, especially at Carnevale in Adelaide Showground since 2008 where 250.000 people come through the gates. The Federation run sponsored and social competitions. Bocce is a growing sport in every aspect, even though commitment to structured competitions unfortunately has diminished.

Reluctantly Alabarda, Istria, Croatia & Molinara Clubs have left the Federation some due to closure of Clubs others due to Members getting older.

On the National and International scene Australian Bocce Volo is doing very well especially in the last few years. Raffa Championships have grown in popularity. Bocce Raffa is popular in some states more than others especially in SA Mt Gambier, where Frank Capriotti was an instigator to having the Bocce Raffa become a National Championship. Since then Port Lincoln, SA has joined as have NSW—Marconi & Liverpool Clubs and in Victoria - NEBA, Morwell and Brunswick East clubs.





## Over the years SA has had many success stories

from the very beginning with Jack Daniel's Hat trick in throwing competition, Raffaele Zollo in Seniors single title in quite a few Championships, as well as participating in International Championships.

In 2011 saw Rodolfo Mancini win single title, & runner up in doubles same year with Anthony De Leonardis. Ross De Ieso hat trick in Single titles, and competing in International U18, in many occasions.

Many other youngsters were successful Gloria Leonbruni as per article. Under 14 & U18 Juniors over the last 4 years representing both Nationals and in Monaco. This year in 2016 R. Barone Jnr. only 13 took out single title & again R. Barone & V. Clemente took out doubles title in the inaugural Asia Oceania Bocce Junior & U 23 Championships. Amongst other Juniors Representing Australia Internationally, we had Anthony DeLeonardis, Alec Ganeo, Declan Fedele winning back to back Precision Throw.

In 1995 our very first National Women's Championship Maria Paradiso (now Dec'd), Antonia De Marchi & Elda Giacopci won gold medal in the doubles



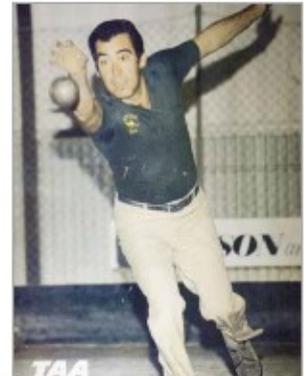
Hat Trick Winner, Jack Daniel in action

with a never to be forgotten game. In 2016 & again 2019 Maria Ferraro put the icing on the SABF Cake, by Winning the National Women's Single Bocce Title.

Just to name a few Success stories, there are many more. Australian Masters in single doubles & triples since they commenced 30 years ago.



Mathew Latella 2015 Juniors Nationals



Raffaele Zollo Many National Titles



Megan De Leonardis 2015



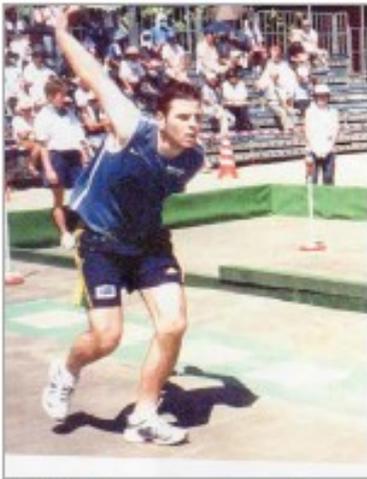
Luciano Varticchio, 2015 Winner



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Ross De Ieso  
Hat trick winner 1998, 1999 & 2000



Raffaele Barone Junior Single U 14  
Asia Oceania Bocce Title 2016



Gloria Leombruni  
Steven Visentin Best & Fairest In 1995



Maria Ferraro – Stairway of Champions 2016  
& 2019 Single Title Winner

**Since its incorporation the South Australian Bocce Federation has come a long way, it has participated in all National Championships with the exception of one year.**

The players were picked (and rightly so) earned the honour to take part in World Championships such as Canada, Italy, France, Japan, China, Croatia and Slovenia.

SABF Seniors have taken home from National Championships in many occasions Single, Doubles, Quadruple Titles, as well as Rapid, Fast Throw Titles and in many instances Best & Fairest Title, not to mention overall Champion State. South Australia Bocce Federation is very proud of their achievements of 40 years since its incorporation.

Junior's have not only participated in most Nationals but some of the South Australian Junior Players have had the opportunity and the honour to represent Australia in France Monaco, Morocco, Japan, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia.

We can only but say WELL DONE SOUTH AUSTRALIA keep the good work up for the next 50 years plus more and continue to promote our wonderful sport of BOCCE.

**The SABF Presidents**



 BORGHETTO Mano 1st Chairperson	 RADMAN Giuseppe 1st President 1976 1976-79 & 1984-85	 CASAGRANDE Gino 2nd President 1980-83, 1986-87 & 1990
 CIROCCO Nick OAM 1988-89 & 1989-2000	 GALLIO Gaetano 1991-1995	 BARONE Raffaele 1996-1999
 VARRICCHIO Silvio 2001-2002 & 2008-2009	 MANCINI Mirella OAM 2003-2007 & 2010-current	<p><b>First Committee 1976</b></p> <p>BORGHETTO Mano BRESOLIN Attilio PIOTTO Settimo RADMAN Giuseppe</p>

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## AOC Annual General Meeting 2020 held online

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) held its Annual General Meeting in Sydney on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, marking 100 years since its inception.

The meeting was held online for the first time, due to the impact of COVID-19. It was a first for the AOC in that the AGM was online and so was the voting. The big news from the AGM was the bid to host the games in 2032.



## AOC insists opportunity knocks for Australia's 2032 Olympic bid !

Australia should know whether it is hosting another Olympic Games by 2022, with John Coates urging governments to supercharge the 2032 bid with an economic blitz on the way out of the COVID-19 downturn.

The Olympic rings could be back in Australia in 2032. CREDIT: APP

The Australian Olympic Committee president told the annual general meeting on Saturday that the economic stall caused by the coronavirus should be seen as an opportunity for the 2032 bid to regather some steam by the Queensland and federal governments.

A South East Queensland bid, with Brisbane at its heart but venues throughout the region, remains the leading contender for 2032 and Coates said the chance had arrived to add the transport infrastructure needed to ensure the region could handle the influx of athletes and visitors.

Under the revised bidding process, Coates said there was "continuous dialogue" with the IOC's Future Host Commission, which tracks the progress of bidding cities and updates them along the way, rather than a grand reveal after a vote.



The AOC has backed the Brisbane bid under the caveat that transport links are upgraded, which was already needed in the rapidly growing region.

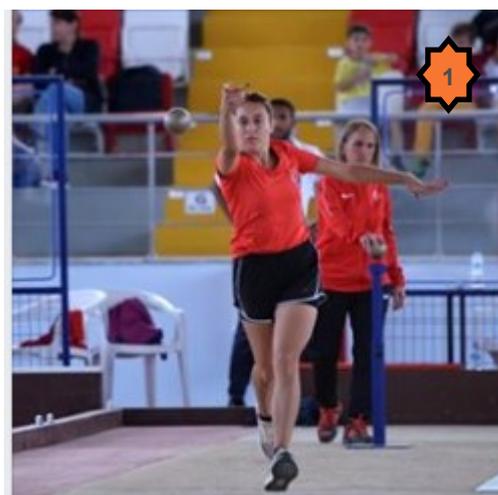
***"This is the opportunity. We always were going to be using existing venues, largely, so it depended on getting the improved rail and infrastructure. Now there is a real need for that road and rail investment to turn the economy around,"*** Coates said.

# BOCCE HOT SHOTS!

## Catch up with some of the Bocce Greats as they are interviewed by Denise Escallier, herself a tireless Bocce sport volunteer and FIB Official.

Go to the Federation Internationale De Boules Facebook page and read-up on what these Players and Officials have to say. Interviewed to date are:

1. **ECE OZTURK** - The Pearl of the pearls a great Turkish & World Bocce Champion
2. A great Argentine & World Bocce champion **NICOLAS PRETTO**
3. **Mr ZIED SALLEM** athlète and a talented Tunisian coach.
4. **Mrs Bouchra LEFHAL EL ALAOU**, athlete, coach, international referee, trainer teacher of Morocco.
5. A very great French & World Champion— **BARBARA BARTHET**
6. *Coming soon - Australian interviewee's?*



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