



2023 Queensland State Boccia Team

Selection Criteria

Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association (Sporting Wheelies) is the State Sporting Organisation (SSO) responsible for the organisation and management of the Sporting Wheelies Queensland State Boccia Teams. The Queensland State team is the premier Boccia team selected to play in the Boccia Australia National Titles held in Logan, Queensland, from 10 – 13 November 2023.

Sporting Wheelies is committed to providing an open and transparent team selection process, for the benefit of athletes, coaches and stakeholders.

1. Qualifying Period & Team Selection

The 2023 Queensland State Team will be comprised of up to 22 athletes. Athlete selection will be based on performance and final athlete rankings from the QLD State Boccia Titles (Boccia Battle). To be considered for the Queensland State Team, athletes must have competed in the QLD State Boccia Titles (Boccia Battle) held from 22 – 23 July 2023, and, have represented Sporting Wheelies in a professional manner, displaying good sportsmanship.

The selection Panel will invite Queensland athletes to accept a position on the 2023 Queensland State Boccia Team. This process will continue until all available competition places have been filled. Should an athlete not accept the offered position, the selection panel reserves the right fill the position with the next highest ranking athlete who meets the selection criteria.

The selection panel will consist of the Queensland Coach and two Sporting Wheelies representatives. The selection panel reserves the right to select a 'Wildcard' athlete to the State team. A wildcard athlete may not have met the selection criteria, however, has been identified and included for team selection at the sole discretion of the selection panel.

Sporting Wheelies will review and endorse the athlete selections and will formally notify all selected athletes.

Athletes must meet the minimum classification eligibility as outlined by Boccia Australia.

2. Queensland Team Training

Athletes selected onto the State team/s, are expected to attend weekly training sessions up until the Australian Championships. Consideration will be made for athletes who do not reside in Brisbane with remote training programs and support provided.

Should an athlete not be able to attend a training session, notice must be provided to the Queensland Coach or to a representative from Sporting Wheelies.

3. Uniforms

Athletes will be supplied with one State Team uniform (player shirt). Additional uniforms may be purchased by parents/support staff at a cost. It is expected that Queensland team members will wear the team uniform at the Australian Championships for the duration of the event.

4. Funding

Funding will rely heavily upon sponsorship sourced by Sporting Wheelies prior to the selection of the State Team/s. Where costs exceed available sponsorship income, athletes may be asked to co-contribute to these costs through athlete fees.

Athletes will be advised upon team selection if there are costs that they would be personally responsible for.

5. General Selection Criteria for State Teams

The following general requirements apply to the all-state team members:

- To be accepted on any of the Sporting Wheelies State Squads, all athletes must return their Athlete agreements by the due date. Failure to return the Athlete Agreement will result in forfeit of the position on the team.
- Athlete selection and/or exclusion may be subject to any athlete/sport violations, strict liability offence and/or Anti-Doping violations.
- Athletes must conform to the Sporting Wheelies Codes of Conduct, Social Media Policy and not be subject to disciplinary procedures.
- Athletes are required to attend all team training sessions. Should an athlete not be able to attend a training session, notice must be provided to the State team coach. Athletes must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and reside in the state of Queensland.
- Any athlete who sustains an injury during the competition or through training must have medical clearance before being able to resume competition/Squad Training.
- The selection panel reserves the right to select a 'Wildcard' athlete to the State team. A wildcard athlete may not have met the selection criteria, however, has been identified and included for team selection at the sole discretion of the selection panel.

6. Appeals

An eligible athlete who fails to be selected for the State Team under the process and criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission from the State Team as set out in this section.

An eligible athlete wishing to appeal his/her omission from the State Team must lodge their appeal in writing to mailbox@sportingwheelies.org.au by 5.00pm on the second business day following the announcement of the team.

The appeal must detail the following;

- a. What decision are you appealing?
- b. What is the basis for your appeal?
- c. Reason/s for appealing this decision?
- d. Provide any supporting evidence that would assist in your appeal.
- e. What outcome are you seeking?

The appeal will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will review the appeal on its merits within 2 business days.

The athlete will then receive a written response from the Selection Committee. The decision of this committee is final.
