
BISFed Boccia World Championships 2014: Qualification Process

The qualification process for the World Championships is designed to ensure that the event lives up to the aspiration of being a truly world-class event for Boccia. The qualification and event seeding will be determined in accordance with the World Ranking List published on the BISFed website as at 31st January 2014.

1. Team and Pairs Competition

The primary method of qualification is through a Team or Pair event as explained below:

1. The Host Nation (in 2014 this is China) is awarded 1 slot per Team / Pair event
2. The next 9 slots are awarded to the top three nations not already qualified from each of the three 2013 Regional Championships.
3. Subject to the maximum entry for a Team or Pair event, all of the remaining slots are awarded to the highest ranked nations who have not already qualified.

The maximum number of entries is: Team: 16; BC3 Pair: 16; BC4 Pair: 12

2. Individual Competition

For the individual events, a set number of direct entry slots will be provided to those member nations that have qualified for the Team and Pair events. (However, unlike in previous years, it is not guaranteed that all the athletes selected in a Team or Pair will be able to participate in the individual event).

a. Direct Entry Slots

- BC1 and BC4 classification: one [1] direct entry slot per qualified nation
- BC2 and BC3 classification: two [2] direct entry slots per qualified nation.
- Each nation who achieved a top three finish at a 2013 Regional Championship will receive one slot per top three finishing position.

Note that all Direct Entry Slots are awarded to the Member Nation who will be asked to nominate the athlete(s) from their Team /Pair who will participate in the Individual competition.

b. World Ranking Slots

- Four [4] individual qualification slots in each classification will be awarded directly to the highest ranked athletes from member nations which have not qualified for the respective Team or Pair event.
- Any remaining slots will be awarded to the highest ranked athletes entered in the Team or Pair event, subject to the maximum entry quota for the event. No member nation can have more than three athletes in any single individual event.
- BISFed reserves the right to use either of these methods to invite additional athletes to fulfil the maximum entry quota for an individual event.

The maximum number of entries is: BC1: 32; BC2: 48; BC3: 48; BC4: 32

3. Timeline of Communication

Date	Description	Payment
February 28 st	Invitation – each member nation receives a formal letter / notification of the place(s) available to them for the World Championships.	-
March 21 st	Acceptance – member nation to confirm to BISFed that they accept the place(s) or hand them back; no requirement to identify which athletes will attend but they are required to confirm the specific numbers. If a nation does not respond by March 21st, the offer is considered as declined.	-
March 22 nd	Reserves – any reserve(s) (member nations / athletes) are invited and asked to accept or hand back the place(s) on offer.	-
April 15 th	Acceptance of Reserves– member nation to accept or hand back places; no requirement to identify which athletes will attend but they are required to confirm the specific numbers. If a nation does not respond by April 15th, the offer is consider as declined.	10% Deadline for all member nations to pay initial deposit
June 15 th	Initial Athlete Selection – early selection date where provisional squad / selections are made which will help inform the planning for classification, accommodation, technical officials etc.	50%
August 1 st	Final Athlete Selection – cut-off date for member nations to confirm final squad / selections which is then publicised to all attending.	40%
August 15 th	Nomination of Athletes in to allocated slots – in the Team & Pair events, some member nations will have fewer direct entries to the individual event than the number of athletes attending in a specific class (e.g. 3 BC2's in a Team, but only 2 BC2 direct slots). However, there are a small number of ranking slots that will be available to the highest ranked athletes remaining after all of the direct slots have been taken. Therefore, once the final athlete list has been publicised, BISFed will ask each member nation involved to nominate which athletes will receive their direct slots, and which athletes will remain available to take the ranking slots. This will be done in the full knowledge of the final entry list to avoid any confusion or complications and to ensure member nations can make fully informed decisions.	-

4. Qualification Slot Allocation

The following tables show the qualification slot allocations for each event at the Boccia World Championships 2014

BC1-2 TEAM			BC1 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION			BC1 INDIVIDUALS FROM NON-QUALIFIED TEAMS			
Allocation	Rank	Nation	Allocation	Athlete	Nation	Status	Rank	Athlete	Nation
Host	6	CHINA	Americas 1	Jose Carlos Chagas	BRASIL	Qualifier	7	Roger Aandalen	NORWAY
Americas 1	5	BRASIL	Americas 2	Eduardo Ventura	MEXICO	Qualifier	20	Katerina Curinova	CZECH REPUBLIC
Americas 2	8	ARGENTINA	Americas 3	Hanif Mawji	CANADA	Qualifier	22	U Kei Tang	MACAU
Americas 3	11	CANADA	Asia 1	Huadpradit Witsanu	THAILAND	Qualifier	25	Eduardo Sanchez	MEXICO
Asia 1	1	THAILAND	Asia 2	Pattaya Tadtong	THAILAND	Reserve	27	Eliana Gonzalez	COLOMBIA
Asia 2	3	KOREA	Asia 3	Sun Joon Jung	KOREA	Reserve	32	Leena Sarela	FINLAND
Asia 3	10	HONG KONG	Europe 1	David Smith	GREAT BRITAIN	Reserve	35	Tyler Ellis	AUSTRALIA
Europe 1	2	GREAT BRITAIN	Europe 2	Panagiotis Soulanis	GREECE	Reserve	37	Katinka Langauer	HUNGARY
Europe 2	4	PORTUGAL	Europe 3	Daniel Perez	NETHERLANDS				
Europe 3	12	SLOVAKIA							
Ranking	7	JAPAN	BC2 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION			BC2 INDIVIDUALS FROM NON-QUALIFIED TEAMS			
Ranking	9	SPAIN	Allocation	Athlete	Nation	Status	Rank	Athlete	Nation
Ranking	13	NETHERLANDS	Americas 1	Maciel Santos	BRASIL	Qualifier	15	Frantisek Serbus	CZECH REPUBLIC
Ranking	14	UNITED STATES	Americas 2	Pablo Cortez	ARGENTINA	Qualifier	30	Fiona Lyons	AUSTRALIA
Ranking	15	GREECE	Americas 3	Damian Oseguera	MEXICO	Qualifier	31	Nadav Levi	ISRAEL
Ranking	16	IRELAND	Asia 1	So Yeong Jeong	KOREA	Qualifier	32	Mateusz Urbanski	POLAND
Reserve	17	RUSSIA	Asia 2	Hiu Lam Yeung	HONG KONG	Reserve	33	John Noersterud	NORWAY
Reserve	18	AUSTRALIA	Asia 3	Zhiqiang Yan	CHINA	Reserve	36	Nina Arvesen	NORWAY
Reserve	19	CZECH REPUBLIC	Europe 1	Fernando Ferreira	PORTUGAL	Reserve	37	Guillermo Gomez	COLOMBIA
Reserve	20	NORWAY	Europe 2	Abilio Valente	PORTUGAL	Reserve	38	Luis Campos	MEXICO
			Europe 3	Manuel Martin	SPAIN				

BC3 PAIR		
<i>Allocation</i>	Rank	Nation
<i>Host</i>	25	CHINA
<i>Americas 1</i>	6	CANADA
<i>Americas 2</i>	9	BRASIL
<i>Americas 3</i>	14	COLOMBIA
<i>Asia 1</i>	4	KOREA
<i>Asia 2</i>	7	SINGAPORE
<i>Asia 3</i>	11	JAPAN
<i>Europe 1</i>	2	PORTUGAL
<i>Europe 2</i>	1	GREECE
<i>Europe 3</i>	5	GREAT BRITAIN
<i>Ranking</i>	3	BELGIUM
<i>Ranking</i>	8	THAILAND
<i>Ranking</i>	10	SPAIN
<i>Ranking</i>	12	SWEDEN
<i>Ranking</i>	13	IRELAND
<i>Ranking</i>	15	CZECH REPUBLIC
<i>Reserve</i>	16	ARGENTINA
<i>Reserve</i>	17	GERMANY
<i>Reserve</i>	18	AUSTRALIA
<i>Reserve</i>	19	HONG KONG

BC3 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION		
<i>Allocation</i>	Athlete	Nation
<i>Americas 1</i>	Paul Gauthier	CANADA
<i>Americas 2</i>	Austin Hanson	UNITED STATES
<i>Americas 3</i>	Maria Belen Ruiz	ARGENTINA
<i>Asia 1</i>	Ho Won Jeong	KOREA
<i>Asia 2</i>	Han Soo Kim	KOREA
<i>Asia 3</i>	Tanimpat Visaratanunta	THAILAND
<i>Europe 1</i>	Jose Macedo	PORTUGAL
<i>Europe 2</i>	Grigorios Polychronidis	GREECE
<i>Europe 3</i>	Kirsten De Laender	BELGIUM

BC3 INDIVIDUALS FROM NON-QUALIFIED TEAMS			
<i>Status</i>	Rank	Athlete	Nation
<i>Qualifier</i>	24	Greig Jackson	NEW ZEALAND
<i>Qualifier</i>	29	Jari Rummukainen	FINLAND
<i>Qualifier</i>	32	Julia Rebolledo	ARGENTINA
<i>Qualifier</i>	35	Daniel Michel	AUSTRALIA
<i>Reserve</i>	39	Rodrigue Brenek	FRANCE
<i>Reserve</i>	40	Aleksander Legostaev	RUSSIA
<i>Reserve</i>	42	Andreas Welzel	GERMANY
<i>Reserve</i>	43	Petra Benharkat	GERMANY

BC4 PAIR		
Allocation	Rank	Nation
<i>Host</i>	10	CHINA
<i>Americas 1</i>	1	BRASIL
<i>Americas 2</i>	9	ARGENTINA
<i>Americas 3</i>	5	CANADA
<i>Asia 1</i>	4	THAILAND
<i>Asia 2</i>	6	HONG KONG
<i>Asia 3</i>	13	KOREA
<i>Europe 1</i>	3	GREAT BRITAIN
<i>Europe 2</i>	7	HUNGARY
<i>Europe 3</i>	8	GREECE
<i>Ranking</i>	2	CZECH REPUBLIC
<i>Ranking</i>	11	PORTUGAL
<i>Reserve</i>	12	SPAIN
<i>Reserve</i>	14	SLOVAKIA
<i>Reserve</i>	15	CROATIA
<i>Reserve</i>	16	MEXICO

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION		
Allocation	Athlete	Nation
<i>Americas 1</i>	Marco Dispaltro	CANADA
<i>Americas 2</i>	Marcelo Santos	BRASIL
<i>Americas 3</i>	Tadeo Villagra	ARGENTINA
<i>Asia 1</i>	Yuansen Zheng	CHINA
<i>Asia 2</i>	Wai Yan Lau	HONG KONG
<i>Asia 3</i>	Larpyen Pornchok	THAILAND
<i>Europe 1</i>	Samuel Andrejcik	SLOVAKIA
<i>Europe 2</i>	Christos Kanavas	GREECE
<i>Europe 3</i>	Dezso Beres	HUNGARY

INDIVIDUALS FROM NON-QUALIFIED TEAMS			
Status	Rank	Athlete	Nation
<i>Qualifier</i>	13	Jose Dueso	SPAIN
<i>Qualifier</i>	14	Robert Durkovic	SLOVAKIA
<i>Qualifier</i>	24	Martin Streharsky	SLOVAKIA
<i>Qualifier</i>	31	Euclides Grisales Diaz	COLOMBIA
<i>Reserve</i>	33	Silvano Amaya	MEXICO
<i>Reserve</i>	35	Oscar Fernandez	MEXICO
<i>Reserve</i>	36	Jean-Paul La Fontaine	AUSTRALIA
<i>Reserve</i>	39	Marcos Marciel	SPAIN