

Bocce

2021 Season. Updated 06/15/2021





Return to Play 2021

- Practice Guidelines
- Competition Outline



Bocce Season Timeline

- 2021 Season
 - Teams can practice and scrimmage as soon as they would like/when weather allows
 - Competition- July & August
 - Will add more in fall if there is interest

Practice





Practice

Teams may gather following Massachusetts guidelines for COVID 19

- Please refer to the [Phase 4 Return to Play Document](#) for the most up-to-date gathering guidelines
 - Gathering allowances will be increased however Training and Competition organizers must work with **each facility operator** to confirm parameters of capacity and still must allow for all sanitizing and social distance guidance within facility.
- Although the Mask order has been relaxed for outdoor sports as of May 18, all SOMA activities **will remain operating with a Mask order at least through June 30, 2021** when athletes cannot social distance and for all indoor activities.
- Social distancing protocols must be followed at all times



Practice

- For the state of Massachusetts, spectators are now allowed at sporting events, however local and facility guidance must be adhered to at all times. If local and facility guidance equals that of the state, the Special Olympics MA guidance will be as follows:
 - **Practices:** Spectators must remain outside the playing area at all times and where a mask. If within the playing area, they must be screened and counted as part of the head count for that specific playing area.
- All athletes and coaches must wash and sanitize hands upon arrival, frequently during, and at conclusion of practice
- All equipment must be sanitized prior to start of, frequently during, and at end of practice
- All individuals attending practice must take a COVID 19 screening prior to start of practice, (*refer to return to play power point in [coaches resource section](#) of SOMA website*)

Competition





Competition Opportunities

- In Person Competition
 - Scrimmages
 - Teams may set up scrimmages against other teams. May only play one team per day.
 - Local Events



In Person Local Events

- Special Olympics MA is planning for three events this summer
 - West- Saturday, July 24th at Roots Athletic Center, Westfield
 - East- Saturday, August 7th at Union Point, Weymouth
 - Central – Saturday, August 20th at Forekicks, Marlborough
- Each event will have a quota based on COVID guidelines, and time restrictions.
 - All Return to Play guidelines can be found in the [Phase 4 Return to Play Document](#) on the Return to Play Resource Page
- Athletes may register for multiple events
- **Events will be outdoors**
- For the state of Massachusetts, spectators are now allowed at sporting events, however local and facility guidance must be adhered to at all times. If local and facility guidance equals that of the state, the Special Olympics MA guidance will be as follows:
 - **Competitions:** Spectator areas will be established at all SOMA events where allowed. Spectators will be required to wear a mask and to follow all rules of spectator area.



Registration Deadlines Local Events

West- at Roots Athletic Center, Westfield – July 7th

East- at Union Point, Weymouth – July 21st

Central –at Forekicks, Marlborough – August 4th

At Home Activity





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- Strength and Conditioning Challenge
 - Program that allows participants to select a handful of exercises they will focus on for training and compete against other participants over the course of a pre-determined season length. Our goal is to have athletes challenge themselves and improve their fitness so that it will translate onto the playing field.

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