

Boccia's Best Converge on Christchurch for National Championships

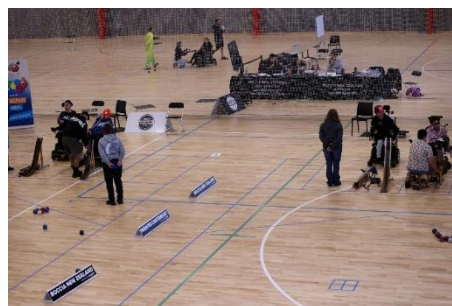


The 2025 NZ National Boccia Championships get underway in Christchurch on Thursday, October 16 with athletes from across New Zealand and Australia set to take part.

Athletes from BC1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 classes will take to the court in teams, pairs, and individual competitions in a bid to claim a national title.

One of the most competitive grades to look out for will be the combined individual BC1, 2, 4, and 5 that will see hometown athletes Hamish Cleary and Alisha Mill among the toughest to beat.

Boccia New Zealand General Manager Scott Martin says the event is a great advertisement for the sport and will give some of Australasia's best players the chance to showcase their skills and compete for national bragging rights on-court, while making new connections and enjoying friendships off the court.



"For many of our athletes this is the highlight of their playing season and we are really excited to see what this week has in store," Martin says.

"We are thrilled to welcome players from Auckland, Waikato, Wellington, Tasman, Canterbury, Otago, and Australia who will take part.

"A big thanks must be given to Parafed Canterbury for their assistance in helping us deliver this event and we remain grateful for their ongoing support."

The first matches will get underway at 12pm on Thursday and the event will be held at the Christchurch Netball Centre (Nga Puna Wai) in Halswell with the finals to be contested on Sunday.

One court will be livestreamed via the Boccia New Zealand YouTube channel, and people are encouraged to check out the Boccia New Zealand Facebook and Instagram pages for more information.

Following the national championships, five Kiwi athletes and seven support staff will head to the Canberra 2025 World Boccia Challenger that takes place from November 3-11.



Matthew Whiting (BC1), Chloe Sturt (BC2), Cleary (BC2), Georjah Cooper (BC3) and Max Wymer (BC3) will attend the event in Australia and compete in their relevant individual, team, and pairs competitions.

New Zealand coach Trevor Jenkinson says the Canberra event represents an excellent opportunity for the Kiwi athletes to gain experience on the international stage.

"A strong performance at this week's national championships will cap off their preparation and ensure they are in good form before they head offshore."

