



Boccia UK APA Matrix 2021 – 2025

Funding Level	APA Award	Individual Performance Standards	Team/Pair Performance Standards
A+ Podium	£28,000	Achieve two results in separate years within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at Paralympic Games ● Gold Medal at World Championships 	Achieve two results in separate years within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at Paralympic Games ● Gold Medal at World Championships
A Podium	£26,500	Either achieve one result within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at Paralympic Games or World Championships Or achieve two results in a single year (e.g., 2023) without a Paralympic Games or World Championships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at European Championships and ● X2 Gold Medals at World Cup 	Either achieve one result within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at Paralympic Games or World Championships Or achieve two results in a single year (e.g., 2023) without a Paralympic Games or World Championships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gold Medal at European Championships and ● X2 Gold Medals at World Cup
B+ Podium	£23,000	Achieve two equivalent results in separate years within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Silver/Bronze medal at Paralympic Games or World Championships ● Medal at European Championships and ● Medal at World Cup 	Achieve two equivalent results in separate years within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Silver/Bronze medal at Paralympic Games or World Championships ● Medal at European Championships and ● Medal at World Cup
B Podium	£21,500	Either achieve one result within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Silver/Bronze medal at Paralympic Games or World Championship Or achieve two results in a single year (e.g., 2023) without a Paralympic Games or World Championships is not held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medal at European Championships and ● X2 Medal at World Cup 	Either achieve one result within the Paris cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Silver/Bronze medal at Paralympic Games or World Championship Or achieve two results in a single year (e.g., 2023) without a Paralympic Games or World Championships is not held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medal at European Championships and ● X2 Medal at World Cup
Paris Potential	£19,000	The athlete will have previously received A/B Level APA Award, but exceptional circumstances prevented the performance standard being achieved. Athlete demonstrates ability to achieve A/B standard within 12-month period based on evidence from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● performance mindset objectives ● skills analysis and notational analysis scores ● trajectory from results and world rankings 	The Team/Pair will have previously received A/B Level APA Award, but exceptional circumstances prevented the performance standard being achieved. Athlete demonstrates ability to achieve A/B standard within 12-month period based on evidence from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● performance mindset objectives ● skills analysis and notational analysis scores ● trajectory from results and world rankings
C Academy	£18,000	Achieve minimum of two results within 24-month period from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Top 8 result at Paralympics or World Championships ● Top 8 result at World Cup* or Top 4 European Championships* ● Medal at BISFed Challenger* 	Achieve minimum of two within 24-month period as part of a selected team/pair from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Top 8 result at Paralympics or World Championships ● Top 4 result at World Cup or European Championships * ● Medal at BISFed Challenger*

D Academy	£12,000	Achieve minimum of one result within 12-month period from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 16 result at Paralympics or World Championships • Top 8 result at World Cup* or European Championships* • Medal at BISFed Challenger* 	Achieve minimum of one result within 12-month period as part of a selected team/pair from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for Paralympics or World Championships • Top 8 result at World Cup or European Championships * • Final at BISFed Challenger*
D2	£9000	Ramp Assistant – To be awarded to Ramp assistant once the nominated WCP athlete has achieved/ been nominated onto at least D (Academy) APA Level (Individual or Team/Pair)	Ramp Assistant – To be awarded to Ramp assistant once the nominated WCP athlete has achieved/ been nominated onto at least D (Academy) APA Level (Individual or Team/Pair)
Entry (Confirmation)	£7500	Achieve minimum of one result within 12-month period from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4 result at BISFed Challenger* <p>And/or Individual World Ranking - Top 25 This is at the discretion of the PD / Selection Panel, based on the number of active athletes on the world ranking, by classification.</p> <p>And athlete demonstrates ability to commit to consistent training plan deliver to achieve C/D performance standards within a 24-month period based on evidence from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performance mindset objectives • skills analysis/notational analysis scores • performance trajectory • An agreed training programme that includes physical, psychological, tactical and technical work 	Achieve minimum of one result within 12-month period from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4 at BISFed Challenger* <p>And athlete demonstrates ability to commit to consistent training plan deliver to achieve C/D performance standards within a 24-month period based on evidence from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performance mindset objectives • skills analysis/notational analysis scores • performance trajectory • An agreed training programme that includes physical, psychological, tactical and technical work

Note: Events marked with a * where the depth of field in the individual event is less than or equal to 12 will be considered outside of this policy. This is due to the male/female changes made to the individual events being newly introduced in 2021 – 25 cycle and the strength of depth being variable. A result will be required where there are more than 12 athletes in an event and/or the event contains at least 2 athletes/Teams/Pairs inside the top 18 (Challenger event) and top 10 (World Cup/European Championships) on the world ranking list (Most updated ranking list from the date of event).

Team and Pairs:

The athlete must be part of the selected team/pair that achieves the result at the events listed.

To be awarded an APA based on team/pair performance the selection panel must believe the athlete will likely remain a member of the team/pair for the following year and that the team/pair continue to demonstrate medal potential for future Major Championships (European, World Championships and Paralympic Games)

Podium A+ and A level:

In exceptional circumstances, A+ and A level athletes, in principle, can remain eligible to receive A+ and A level APA for a maximum of 3 years, provided that they can demonstrate, and are on track, to deliver a medal winning performance at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.



Boccia UK Performance APA Matrix

The Boccia UK Performance APA Matrix outlines the process agreed between Boccia UK and UK Sport as to how to assess athlete performances and an individual athlete's suitability for inclusion on the World Class Programme (WCP).

The award period for the APA runs from 01 December 2021 – 31 March 2025, with regular reviews each year. Dates of the reviews will be communicated to athletes in advance.

The objectives of this selection process are to:

- Use the performance profile to determine:
 - o The appropriate Athlete Performance Award (APA)
 - o The appropriate level of WCP support and intervention for each athlete.

Performance and commitment expectations

At Podium, Academy, and Confirmation levels certain performance criteria are expected to be met by all athletes in order to be in receipt of an APA.

This includes:

- Achievement of agreed health and fitness goals
- Utilising available Sport Science support on a regular basis
- Competing at a pre agreed number of events per year

Athletes are required to demonstrate a level of **commitment** across Podium, Academy, and Confirmation levels to be in receipt of an APA. This includes:

- Achievement of training programme outcomes agreed between the player and Boccia UK, Including attendance at all training camps and achievement in all physical, psychological, tactical and technical training sessions against targets set by Boccia UK Performance Coaches. To be documented by player and signed off by Boccia UK Performance Director/Lead Coaches
- Achievement of agreed fitness programme plan between player and Boccia UK. Documented by the player and approved by S&C coach.
- 100% attendance at agreed EIS Sport Science staff sessions as agreed between player, Boccia UK and home country sports science provider.
- Achievement of APA performance criteria
- 100% attendance at all camps and positive reviews provided by Boccia UK Coaching Team.
- Sign, and adhere to, the Boccia UK Athlete Code of Conducts.



Podium APA A+, Podium A, Podium B+, Podium B, and Paris Potential (Podium NGB award)

Podium APAs are designed to support athletes whose profile indicates a strong prospect of achieving/contributing to medal winning performances at the Paralympic Games within the cycle and who are already achieving/contributing to international results within the medal zone.

- Podium awards are made at A and B levels
- An additional award level 'Paris Potential' is provided to support athletes that have been in receipt of a Podium level award, do not meet the competition outcome standards to retain an A or B award, yet remain a strong medal prospect for Paris.

Podium Potential APA C & D levels (Academy NGB award)

Podium Potential APAs are designed to support athletes who have been identified and confirmed as having the potential to bridge the gap to Paralympic medal success and have made the commitment to pursue this goal.

- Podium Potential awards are made at C and D levels.

Entry Level APA (Confirmation NGB award)

Entry Level APAs are designed to support athletes in their first 1-2 years of inclusion in high-performance programmes, to provide a period through which the potential of the athlete is explored and confirmed.

Important Supplementary Information

The matrix demonstrates the pathway for players to progress through the Boccia UK World Class Programme from Confirmation to Podium, in order to achieving medal successes for Great Britain at Major Competitions.

Regular achievement of both performance and the world class athlete characteristics targets as defined within the matrix does not automatically guarantee a player entry onto the World Class Programme or access to a particular funding level. The quality, consistency and progression of performances and a player's overall commitment as well as an assessment of the potential the player has to achieve medal success in future Paralympics will be taken into account in deciding who will be offered an APA.

Should players become static or not achieve performance and the world class athlete characteristics as listed on the matrix, Boccia UK reserves the right to deselect them from the programme. Boccia UK also reserves the right (with the approval of UK Sport) to review whether a player, in unusual circumstances can remain or move to a lower level on the matrix, but players should recognise that this will only occur in extreme circumstances.

Players can be reinstated onto the matrix should their performance and appropriate characteristics warrant re-inclusion.



What Athlete and Programme Pays for

Matrix Level	Athletes Pay	Programme Pays
<p>A+ to Entry Level</p>	<p>Food Costs – Domestic Camps (unless residential camps where food is included e.g Loughborough and Largs)</p> <p>All costs for any extra assistants at domestic training camps</p> <p>Mileage (domestic camps & weekly training)</p> <p>Additional Coaching Costs outside the WCP</p> <p>International Camp or Competition airport travel & accommodation</p> <p>Upgrades to Premium economy/business class on flights unless pre covered by the programme</p> <p>Excess baggage on domestic and international flights associated with training or competition. This will vary by airline but as a general rule: 2 x mobility aids per passenger are free. 1 x standard hold luggage is free. <i>(Medial luggage/needs will be assessed on a case by case basis)</i></p>	<p>Accommodation Costs – Domestic Camps</p> <p>Identified International Camps & Competitions (including assistants)</p> <p>Assistant food (1 assistant only) costs at residential camps (Largs/Loughborough)</p> <p>Basic luggage allowance (varies per airline) on domestic and international flights associated with overseas training or competition.</p>