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BRIDGE II SPORTS

*"Find The Player Within"*

**EVERYBODY PLAYS NC**

**Boccia**

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# Bridge II Sports

## Values, Belief, Vision, Mission

- **Our Values and Belief:** Bridge II Sports recognizes the value and potential of all lives. Disability does not define people or outcomes.
- **Our Vision:** By creating opportunities Bridge II Sports develops a culture of empowerment that fosters respect for all abilities and has a life changing impact on all humanity.
- **Our Mission:** Bridge II Sports educates, develops and implements opportunities for youth and adults with physical disabilities to play individual, team and recreational sports, finding the player within.
- **Our NC Adapted Sports Mission:** Bridge II Sports enable students with a physical disabilities to participate with their peers in sports, through the use of adapted equipment and modification of rules highlighting the abilities of all youth. We create opportunities for students to develop self-confidence, discipline and a vision for the future. **Everybody Plays NC**

# Bridge II Sports

## History

- Vision started in 2006
- 501 c3 status in 2007
- Began with one Event
- Began with 2 sports
- Impacting 25
- \$600 was first grant

## Accomplishments

- 2015 successfully pasted SB 415
- 5 Major Events
- 11 Adapted Sports
- Impacting 1 Million NC
- Grant success 82%
- Strong Board Leadership

# National Affiliations

Silver US Paralympic Club

Disabled Sports USA

Athletic For All

National Wheelchair Basketball

USA Canoe and Kayak

American Kayak Association

USA Volleyball

NRA

USA Boccia



# What is Boccia



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bojqix-PoH0>



# Who can play?

Everyone!

Blind

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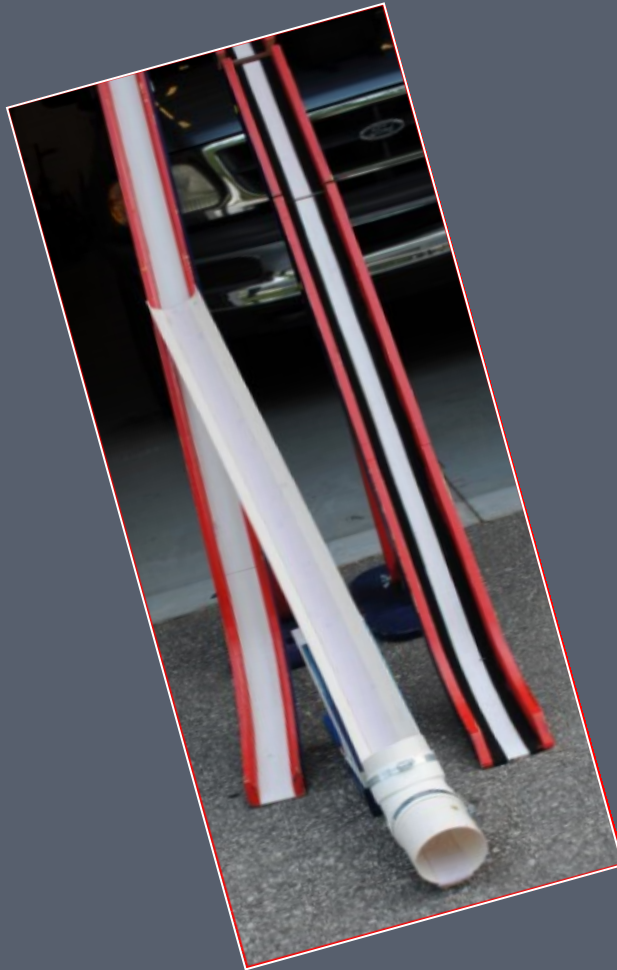
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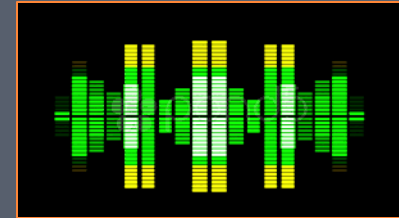
Amputee



# Accessibility – What is it?



- **EQUIPMENT**
- Soft Boccia Set: Recreational and Competitive
- Chutes
- Sound for those who are blind.



## TEACHING STYLE

Inclusive teaching styles create a climate and culture of participation for children and youth with and without disabilities.

### How do we change it up?

Play with non-dominant hand

Play blindfolded

Become a foot thrower

Use symbols, shapes, colors







## Everybody Plays NC

Bridge II Sport Goal is to develop clinics for Coaches, regional competitions, And statewide tournaments.

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# Resources

Bridge II Sports in NC – [www.bridge2sports.org](http://www.bridge2sports.org)

Athletics for All - <http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/athletics-for-all/>

USA Boccia - <https://usaboccia.org/>

Flaghouse – [www.flaghouse.com](http://www.flaghouse.com) \$122/set

Handilife - <http://www.handilifesport.com/en/Boccia> \$250/set

# Bridge II Sports Can Help

- Clinics regionally
- Adapted Sport Day for all students to try
- Building Infrastructure for communication –
- Please sign up
- Training Manuals
- Disability Etiquette
- Person First Language
- PEP Grant for adapted Equipment
- Resources for adapted equipment
- Apples Beta Test

# Questions

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