**Wandsworth School Games Mini Boccia Festival 2019**

**Boccia is a Paralympic** sport for people with Special Educational needs or disabilities and is played using hand-sized leather balls. The object of the game is for players to position their **Boccia** balls as close to the white target ball (or jack) as possible.

The Wandsworth School Games Mini Boccia Festival is a pan disability event and for players with physical impairment, sensory impairment, learning difficulties and special educational needs. Students are invited from Special Schools, specialist units and mainstream schools with an SEN statement.

**Team Requirement**

* Teams can have a maximum of 6 players, 3 of whom shall play each in each game.
* Both male and female players are encouraged to make up a team.
* Players can be rotated throughout the competition however not during live game play.

**Player Eligibility**

* Special school Primary Year 4,5 & 6 pupils
* Mainstream Primary Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils on SEN Register

**Event Format**

* The event will follow a round robin league format.
* Schools can enter a maximum of two teams.

**Sports Rules**

* The game is played with two teams, the red team and the blue team.
* The 3 Players from each team are seated alternately and have two balls each.
* Players must remain seated and behind the throwing line at all times.
* The aim of the game is for one team to get as many of its coloured boccia balls as close as possible to the white target ball (jack).
* First person with red ball on the right starts the match by throwing the jack ball.
* The jack must cross the ‘v’ line to be in play.
* The same player propels their red ball aiming for the Jack
* Then is it the blue teams turn. They select a player to throw blue ball.
* The next throw is determined by which team is closest to the Jack.
* The team not closet to the Jack must now play until they get closer to the jack or run out of balls.
* The end is completed when all the balls from both teams have been played.
* The referee will decide which colour ball(s) is/are closest to the white target ball.
* The end is scored by awarding one point for every ball of the same colour closest to the Jack than the nearest opposing coloured ball.
* The next end is started with the blue team throwing the Jack and first ball.
* At the completion of the designated number of ends, the team with higher accumulative points are the winners.

Please note: some players may need assistance of a ball-sending ramp to enable them to participate. A helper may hold the ramp in place, but the player must release the ball themselves. The helper may not face the court until being instructed by the referee.