

Tokyo Metropolitan Public Schools

Boccia Exchange Conference



The Tokyo Metropolitan Public Schools Boccia Exchange Conference was held for the first time to build friendships among special needs, elementary, junior high, and high schools in Tokyo, as well as to promote Paralympic sports.

Event Overview

Date July 29, 2017 (SAT)

Location Tokyo Metropolitan Fuchu Keyakinomori Gakuen

Sponsors Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
Tokyo Metropolitan Special Needs Schools Athletic Federation
for Physically Challenged Children



Results

Special Needs Schools League

Winner: Tokyo Metropolitan Murayama School for Special Needs Education, Team A

2nd Place: Tokyo Metropolitan Tama Sakuranooka Gakuen

3rd Place: Tokyo Metropolitan Komei Gakuen

Mixed Teams League

Winner: Tokyo Metropolitan Johoku School for Special Needs Education & Taito City Taisho Elementary School, Team A

2nd Place: Tokyo Metropolitan Shikamoto Gakuen & Edogawa City Shikamoto Elementary School, Team B

3rd Place: Tokyo Metropolitan Hachioji Higashi School for Special Needs Education & Hino City Hino the 3rd Elementary School, Team B

Moments from the Boccia Exchange Conference

※By clicking the picture, you can watch a short clip of the event.
(Japanese only)



Mixed Teams League

Students of special needs schools and elementary schools formed boccia teams. Students built friendships through practicing together and fighting the matches as a unit. Watch how students united for the event.



Making Ramps

Students from six technical high schools in Tokyo made boccia ramps for the Boccia Exchange Conference. This short clip shows the students of Tanashi Technical High School manufacturing the ramps.



Match Against the Governor of Tokyo

The winner of special needs schools league (Tokyo metropolitan Murayama School For Special Needs Education) played a game against a team consisting of Governor Koike and staff of the Paralympic Sports Department. Watch the thrilling game against the Governor of Tokyo.

Comments from Students

- Special Needs School

"I didn't know my team members before as they are from another school, but I'm happy we communicated with each other very well."

- Elementary School

"It was fun to participate in the Boccia Exchange Conference with students of special needs schools."

- Junior High School

"I couldn't contribute very much to the victory, but I feel happy about winning the match from the bottom of my heart."

- Technical High School

"I am happy to take part in promoting Paralympics in such manner (making ramps)."

"We made ramps carefully so that every player can safely enjoy the game."

Tokyo Metropolitan Public Schools Boccia Exchange Conference Implementation Guidelines

- 1. Purpose:** The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for students in special needs, elementary and junior high schools to interact with each other, as well as to encourage students to develop their understanding towards persons with impairments and parasports. Moreover, we aim at promoting boccia, a Paralympics sport, to Special Needs school, equipping students with sports event etiquette, and finally increasing interest in boccia through interaction with other players.
- 2. Title:** Tokyo Metropolitan Public Schools Boccia Exchange Conference
- 3. Date:** July 29, 2017 (Saturday)
10:00am Opening Ceremony, 10:30am Game Start, 15:30pm Closing Ceremony
- 4. Location:** Tokyo Metropolitan Fuchu Keyakinomori Gakuen
- 5. Sponsors:** Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education, Tokyo Metropolitan Special Needs Schools Athletic Federation for Physically Challenged Children
- 6. Hosts:** Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education, Tokyo Metropolitan Special Needs Schools Athletic Federation for Physically Challenged Children
- 7. Supporters:** Tokyo Metropolitan Special Needs School and High Schools etc.

8. Eligible Participants:

Students who belong to public special needs, elementary, junior high and high schools in Tokyo, and who have experience playing boccia in class or school clubs and know the basic rules of boccia. Students who are not able to play the game but are able to communicate their intention with assistance are welcome to participate in the event.

9. Method of Conduct:

The Match will have two leagues.

(1) A special needs schools league

(2) A mixed teams league made of special needs, elementary and junior high schools
(Non-mixed teams from elementary and junior high school can join this league.)

- 10. Prize:** We award certificates to teams from 1st to 3rd place.
For other teams, we grant consolation prizes.

- 11. Cost:** Free
The Tokyo Metropolitan Government will cover the cost of a charter bus for each participating special needs school. (The number of buses is negotiable.)

12. Other Notes

- (1) The Japan Sports Council's Mutual Aid Disaster Insurance will cover any accidents that occur in relation to the event including accidents during travel time.
- (2) Each participant must take care of his/her own health and security. If students get injured or sick during the event, the organizational body will treat students with first-aid treatment, and depending on the need, will take them to the hospital. Students who are constantly in need of medical care must be accompanied by their parents.
- (3) We ask participants for permission to photograph and video-record the event and to use in broadcasts or brochures.
- (4) We expect students to come to the event location by school bus, and we will cover the cost of a charter bus for special needs schools.
- (5) Other necessary guidelines will be decided by the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education and the Tokyo Metropolitan Special Needs Schools Athletic Federation for Physically Challenged Children.