**National Championships 2021**

**Competition and Registration Information**

**Online Registration**

* Opens: by August 1, 2021
* Closes September 1, 2021

**Venue**:

New Century Fieldhouse, 551 New Century Pkwy, Gardner, KS 66031

[Facilities • Johnson County Park & Rec, KS • CivicEngage (jcprd.com)](https://www.jcprd.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/New-Century-Fieldhouse-27)

**Host Hotels:**

1. Headquarters Hotel: Hampton Inn, Gardner, KS

151 S. Cedar Niles Rd. Gardner, Kansas 66030, USA

Room Rate: $125.00 plus tax

Room Block Reservation Email: [Stacy.Jacobson@Hilton.com](mailto:Stacy.Jacobson@Hilton.com)

Stacy Ann Jacobson: Phone: 913-856-2100

# Secondary Hotel: Super 8 by Wyndham Gardner

2001 E Santa Fe St, Gardner, KS 66030 (NOT roll able to HQ hotel)

Room Rate: 69.00 PLUS TAX.

Room Block Reservation Email: [gardnersuper8@gmail.com](mailto:gardnersuper8@gmail.com)

Mention USA Boccia Room Block

Valerie Peters, Sales Manager: Phone: 913-856-8887 or CELL: 913-388-8208

**Tentative Tournament Schedule:**

Thursday, Oct 7 = ALL at Headquarters Hotel: Hampton Inn

* Arrival
* Registration
* Equipment Check
* Classification
* Informational Mtg for New Athletes & Veterans

Friday, Oct 8

* New athlete orientation @ New Century Field House Venue
* Team and Pair and then proceeds to Individual Competition @ New Century Fieldhouse

Saturday, Oct 9

* Competition @ New Century Field House Venue
* Meet and Greet during Evening @ Hampton Inn

Sunday, Oct 10

* Competition @ New Century Field House Venue
* Medal Ceremony @ New Century Field House Venue
* Departure

**Registration Insights**

**Who needs to register?**

* All Athletes, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Sport Assistants.
* All Athletes, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Sport Assistants need to be current USA Boccia Members. Membership Website: [www.usaboccia.org](http://www.usaboccia.org)
* Only current USA Boccia classified Athletes can sign up for Team and Pair competition.
* Arrange your Team members or Pair members before you register.
* When you register, place your Teammates or Pairs partner names (you don’t have to repeat your name on the Team or Pair list.)
* Please keep Teams to 3 members and Pairs to 2. This allows more Teams and Pairs to be formed and compete.

**Classification:**

If you are NEW to the USA Boccia tournament, you will select “YES” to be classified in the online registration. This year you will play in the Individual Division only.

A panel will review and determine your competition “classification”. This will determine your assigned competition division.

Classification will be Thursday October 7th starting at 1:00 at the host hotel, the Hampton Inn, Gardner, KS.

We’ll contact you to find out when you are arriving and assign you a time for your classification.

**Veteran Athletes:**

**If you are a veteran** and you would like to apply for a scholarship**,** please contact Lee Graybeal at [usaboccia@gmail.com](mailto:usaboccia@gmail.com) **first**, **before you register**. The USA Boccia VA Grant scholarship pays $425 for registration. Additional benefits MAYBE available, stay tuned.

**Lunch:**

Each registration for an Athlete, Coach, Assistant Coach or Sport Assistant includes lunch at the tournament venue. Additional lunch tickets for a PCA or family members are $60 each which provides lunches for Fri-Sunday at the venue.

**Reminders:**

* When you make your airline arrangements, be sure the airlines know the dimensions and weight of your wheelchair.
* Be sure to request an aisle chair if you need that to transfer to the airline seat.
* Make sure you have adequate layover time to make connecting flights

**Transportation note:**

There will be a box to check in the online registration form if you wish information on area options for transportation.

* You are responsible:
  + To arrange your own transportation between the airport and the hotel.
  + Responsible for this cost. Gardner KS is 50 miles from the airport, so this could be in the range of $91-$155 each way

There will be a 2nd box to check if you need daily transportation between the HQ hotel and the venue. By checking the 2nd box, the transportation chair will arrange a shared ride between the host hotel and venue. The route between the host hotel and venue is not safe to walk.

Feel free to e-mail the transportation Chair, Melanie Yules, for advice. myules125@gmail.com.

**Other Registration Information:**

We are highly recommending you have received your COVID-19 vaccination. When you register you will be asked to enter the date of your final vaccination.

Lunches are included in your registration fee. \*\*\*

The EXTRA lunch fee is $60 for the tournament to be paid at registration \*\*

**Boccia Rules:**

* For the 2021 tournament-Individual divisions, Team divisions and Pair divisions will follow the 2018 v3 rules. This means that Male and Female athletes will compete against each other in the individual divisions, as usual.
* Team and Pairs there will **NOT** be a limit to the number of Males or Females on the Team.
* The online registration form will ask you for the names of the members of your Team or Pair.
* Only athletes with a current USA Boccia classification can sign up for Team and Pair.
* From old rules: Balls will be weighed and measured, as usual.
* Licensed balls will not be required.
* From the 2021 New Rules, we plan to 1) allow Coaches in the court coaching box during Individuals and use the new dimensions of the Center Cross box.
* As we continue to review the new rules, we may incorporate other new rules.
* We will notify you of additional rule changes that will be included in the 2021 tournament.

**For Your Tournament Registration to Be Complete:**

1. Online Tournament Registration
2. USA Boccia membership:
   1. 2020 membership is valid through Dec. 2021
   2. If you were not a 2020 membership OR are NEW, then your membership is effective for a full year from when you purchase it.
   3. Membership Link: [www.USABoccia.org](http://www.USABoccia.org)
3. Coaches, Assistant Coaches and BC3 Sport Assistants, review the new BISFed rules. Certification Tests will be available online in September. You’ll need to be certified to complete your registration and have access to the court and call room. 2021 certification will be valid through 2024.

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| **For Nationals Questions Please Contact as Indicated Below:** | | |
| Cathy Drobny | cathy.drobny@gmail.com | Event staff, Officials, Classification & Rules |
| Lucy Berry | zanywoman64056@yahoo.com | Food & Local information Q’s |
| Melanie Yules | myules125@gmail.com | Transportation Q’s |
| Becky Prince | beckyp@wdsra.com | Sport Engine Registration & Competition Q’s |
| Lee Graybeal | lagraybeal2@hotmail.com | Veteran Mentoring & Q’s |
| Eric Pfeifer | eric.pfeifer@usaboccia.org | Sponsorship, COVID details, Hotel & Other Q’s |