



Nationals 2022 Protocols

Protocol for Keeping our Boccia Family Healthy at Nationals:

- 1) Temperature checks will be taken each day at the venue

- 2) Masks and/or face shields are required in the venue except when eating or drinking.
 - a) Athletes may take their masks off while on court during their competition games
 - b) Ramp Operators, Sports Assistants, Coaches, Coach Assistants, PCAs, Game Staff, and Fans are to always wear masks in the venue, except when eating or drinking.
 - c) To request an exemption for wearing a mask,
 - i) The request must be for a medical reason
 - ii) Contact Tim Dalton in writing with your request usaboccia.president@gmail.com prior to the event
 - iii) You will be required to take a COVID test on the day of your arrival, (\$15)

- 3) All who are not within the 'same bubble' should socially distance 6 feet apart.
 - a) Oncourt in order to secure a proper distance, Athletes will move completely out of the players' box when it is the opponent's turn.
 - b) NOTE: Equipment only must be moved according to Rule 17.5 "Out of the Way" rule.
 - i) At BC3 competitions, the non-throwing side should remove its equipment only when it disturbs another athlete's throwing
 - c) So that the athlete is allowed their full time allotted per division/ end.
 - i) After an athlete has thrown, the referee shows the paddle to the side which is going to throw next.
 - ii) The referee waits until the side which is next to throw has all four wheels in their box the referee shows the paddle to the timer.
 - iii) Exception – Once the referee has shown the paddle to the side that has to throw,
 - (1) if this side decides to enter the court or in BC3 play,
 - (2) the side decides to orient the ramp from an empty box without first entering their throwing box,
 - (3) then the referee will show the paddle immediately to the Timer and not wait for all 4 wheels to be in the playing box.
 - d) COVID Assistant
 - i) A team or athlete may choose to bring a COVID Assistant whose purpose is to assist the player to move out of or into the box.
 - ii) The COVID Assistant does not need to register for the tournament, but will check to the Call Room with the athlete and request a COVID Assistant name tag for that game.



- iii) For BC1 and BC3 athletes, this additional movement could be done with their SA or RO
 - iv) In divisions that do not have a SA or RO, a coach or assistant coach could sit behind the athletes in order to assist with movement in and out of the box. That person would request a COVID Assistant nametag at the desk to wear in addition to their 'credentials'.
 - v) The referee or linesperson can assist with coming onto court
 - vi) A full document discussing what a COVID Assistant can and cannot do for an athlete will be created.
- e) At LUNCH, the 6-foot distance should be observed:
- i) We have a lot of room in the venue to spread out tables
 - ii) It is suggested to stay on one side of the table
 - iii) Eat in shifts when possible
 - iv) There might be a possibility of a private room for dining with your 'bubble'
- f) The Call Room will be enlarged to allow for social distancing.
- i) Masks are required (a list of those with exemptions will be at the call room entry desk)
- 4) Frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- a) There will be hand gel available throughout the arena.
 - b) Masks will be available at the information desk
 - c) USA boccia suggests you bring your own preferred masks, cleaning supplies, water bottle, etc.
- 5) Medal Ceremony
- a) USA Boccia suggests that the Athlete Medal Winners invite a team member (or family member) to present the athlete medal.
- 6) USA Boccia COVID official
- a) Tim Dalton:
usaboccia.president@gmail.com will act as the USA Boccia COVID official. If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or need clarifications, please bring them to Tim prior to or at the tournament.
- 7) Please be aware of safety practices during transportation, in the hotels and as you plan your evening meals.
- 8) Please watch for updates on the USA Boccia website.



- 9) If you have these symptoms, you need to notify the Tim Dalton and quarantine Tim Dalton (513) 374-6817
- a) Individuals meeting clinical criteria for COVID-19, defined as:
- i) Any one of the following primary symptoms:
 - (1) New cough
 - (2) New difficulty breathing
 - (3) New olfactory or taste disorder

OR

 - ii) At least two of the following secondary symptoms:
 - (1) Chills
 - (2) Congestion/runny nose
 - (3) Extreme fatigue
 - (4) Fever (equal to or greater than 100 degrees F)
 - (5) Headache
 - (6) Muscle or body aches
 - (7) Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - (8) Sore throat