

Dear Boccia Family,

On behalf of the USA Boccia Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to the 2022 USA Boccia National Tournament. So many of our faithful volunteers have worked in coordination with our Executive Director Eric Pfeifer to make this tournament special. I am excited to see you all on the court enjoying this incredible sport.

This has been a great year for me because I have seen and visited with many of you at one of our regional tournaments and I look forward seeing everyone together at Nationals. I wish you all safe travel and success on court.

Sincerely,

Tim Dalton

USA Boccia Board President

Message from our Competition Manager: Becky Prince

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Sport Assistants, Ramp Operators

I suggest you review the material to be aware of the procedures.

Just a reminder – classification will end at 7:00 pm on Thursday. I cannot create the schedule until I have the updated list of individual classifications. My goal is to have the schedule out to everyone by 9:00 pm. You will receive an email from me from the beckyp@wdsra.com email account, so please make sure you add me to your safe sender list.

We have heard from many athletes expressing the need for more games while at Nationals. This year we will guarantee a minimum of four games for each athlete in individual play. We will need close to two full days to complete the individual tournament to accomplish this goal.

With the extended length of the individual competition, we will have limited time to complete a round-robin with advancement into single elimination for Team/Pairs. We wanted to prepare everyone that we will have a modified Team/Pair tournament based on the timeframe. We will try to get each team/pair two games, but I cannot guarantee that. We appreciate your understanding as we try to increase the number of games for individual play.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Becky Prince at beckyp@wdsra.com

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you on the court!

Competition Information:

- The Final Nationals Competition Manual is posted on our website
- Rules: BISFed International Boccia rules 2021-2024-v.2.0 on website
- Instructions from Head Referee are posted on our website
- COVID Protocol
- Link to Games schedules and Results
- **Meet & Greet:**

Saturday evening after last game on arena floor. We look forward to providing an informal update of the year's activities, plans for the future and take questions for everyone's education.

Dates:

USA Boccia National Championships will be August 3-7, 2022

Host City & Venue:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Alliant Energy Powerhouse Arena,
370 First Ave NE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Schedule:

Wednesday, Aug 3

- Installing Sport Court Floor 8:00am-finish
 - Seeking More Volunteers
- Laying Down Court Lines Following Floor Install
- Referee Refresher Course 1pm-8pm

Thursday, Aug 4

- Laying Down Court Lines 8am-11am
- US Team Training 9am-5pm
- Introductory Outreach Clinic noon-2pm
- Registration 3pm-7pm
 - *If your travel is delayed and you cannot check in by 7 pm, please call to Register-*
 - *Eric Pfeifer- 770-714-8212*
- Equip Check 3pm-7pm TAFT Room
 - All athletes are to report to equipment check.
 - Coaches and Assistant Coaches must present electronics used on court
 - Classification: 1pm-6pm Show Room

2:00 PM	Cara Liebowitz
2:30 PM	Kalvin Blauert
3:00 PM	Cassie Mitchell
3:45 PM	Daniel Castillo
4:15 PM	Chris Rodgers
4:45 PM	Mark Peters
5:15 PM	Ryan Brooks
5:45 PM	Dylan Schneider
6:15 PM	Slawomir Jedryczka

Coaches' Meeting is being handled by written communication please check the website for documents from Competition Director, Becky Prince and Head Referee, Louis Mitchell

Friday, Aug 5

- Individual Competition

Saturday, Aug 6

- Individual Competition (Possible start of Team and Pair Competition)
- Meet & Greet Meeting (At Venue following last games of the day)

Sunday, Aug 7

- Team/Pair Competition
- Medal Ceremony for All Events
- Court Breakdown
- Floor Breakdown

Note about Equipment Check:

At Equipment Check on Thursday, Aug 4th:

- Wheelchair heights are checked,
- ramps are measured,
- headsticks, and other pointers are logged,
- gloves, splints, any assistive devices, or electronic devices that will be on court should be presented.

Note that staff who wish to use electronic devices on court must present them at Equipment Check. Items will be stickered to show that they have passed through equipment check.

Note about balls:

This is the first US Nationals that balls will **NOT** be weighed and measured at Equipment check.

There will be stations in the arena where balls can be weighed and measured by athletes and their staff.

If athletes need to borrow a full set or a partial set of balls, this is done with their referee in the call room. They are returned after each game

Call room Ball Procedure in regard to balls:

- a) Per the rules in Section 8, referees will weigh, measure and inspect balls as part of the Call Room process.
- b) Balls that do not comply with the standards will be removed from the game and the athlete will play with their remaining balls only. Only the Jack will be replaced. The failed Jack will be replaced by an equivalent competition jack ball selected by the referee. Confiscated balls can be reclaimed at the end of the full tournament.