

Blue Valley USA Boccia Regional – Metro Kansas City May 6 & 7, 2023

Dear Boccia Friends:

On behalf of the Blue Valley/USA Boccia Planning Committee, Owen, Tim, Eric, Cathy, Mark, Rebecca, Lucy and me, I want to welcome you to our Regional Boccia Games. We are looking forward to meeting and seeing you. We hope that you have an enjoyable, safe and competitive tournament. Be sure to note that we have a new location – at Blue Valley NORTH High School.

Take care and we will see you soon. –Pat Dalton

Location : Blue Valley NORTH High School (new location)

12200 Lamar Ave, Overland Park, KS 66209

- Use the Main Entrance - There is a BIG Mustang Statue in the front of the building.
- Come through the Front Doors. Registration will be in the Entry. The Gym is to your left.

Schedule:

Friday, May 5

- 4:00-7 pm Classification is at Blue Valley NORTH High School

For Friday Classification – Use the Main Entrance and follow the signs to the Classification room.

If you have questions about classification, contact Tim Dalton timdalton@me.com

- 4:30 pm Referee Training starts (come as you are able!) contact cathy.drobny@gmail.com

Saturday, May 6

- 8:00 am building opens
- 8:30 am Call Room opens for the 9:00 am games
- 9:00 am-6:00 pm Tournament

Sunday, May 7 9:00 am -12 noon Tournament followed my Award Ceremony

Food:

- An award winning BBQ Lunch will be provided on Saturday - Opens at 11:30 If you are on court , be sure to send word to the kitchen to reserve your lunch!
- Snacks and bottled water are available Saturday and Sunday.
- You are welcome to bring your own food and water into the gym

Athletes registered at this point:

- **BC1-** Troy Berry, Ryan McHenry, Katy Miller
- **BC2 -**Deja Barber, Ryan Brooks, Michele Lynch, Dylan Schneider.
To be classified: Sarah Cromer, Trenton Robinson
- **BC3-** Olga Barth, Kalvin Blauert, Daniel Castillo, Laura Estrada, Daniel Garringer, Candice Gregg, Austin Hanson, Shavonna King, Sean Lewis, Steven Marrs, Anthony Randolph, Chad Simmons, Dustin Winfrey,
To be classified: Joshua Carel, Zack Winkle

- **BC4** – Nick Taylor
- **BC5** -Becca Payne, Alex Russo
- **Open** -Rose Ann Bolin, Jeremy Harry, Tempus Helton, Eric Hoerner, Lee Jennings, Erin Johnson, Keith Kern, Bryan Lohmeyer, Amanda Schratte, Darius Thompson, Pam Vest, Deb Young

To be classified: Cynthea Rockwell, Stephanie Smith, Harris Varickappallil, Rose Ann Bolin, Lee Jennings, Sarah Cromer, Trenton Robertson, Zack Winkle and Joshua Carl

Tournament Schedules:

- The tournament will be scheduled after Friday’s classification concludes
- You will find the LINK at www.usaboccia.com/Regional/BlueValleyTournament.
Scroll down to the Schedule and Results <https://www.allprosoftware.net/BVBocciaRegional2023/>
- Important: Final schedule could be posted as late as midnight on Friday May 5th.

The tournament will follow the BISFed International Boccia Rules 2021-2024 v.2.1

There may be both Female and Male divisions offered if there are at least 4 of each gender in a division. Otherwise Male and Female Athletes will be combined. Divisions are: BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, BC5 and Open

If the numbers in your division are small the tournament will combine divisions in order to give you at least 3 games.

Balls are not required to have an official stamp. Balls will not be weighed and measured in the call room. The on court 2 minute warm ups will be held simultaneously. If you wish to warm up separately, please let the referee know in the call room.

Rules to be featured at the Blue Valley USA Boccia tournament

- Call Room = a designated area where you gather before your match. You check in at the call room desk and then go to your court # that is posted IN the Call Room. Bring all you staff and equipment with you when you check in to the call room. The rule 7.4.1 For Individual Divisions, all Athletes must be registered between thirty (30) and fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start time of a match in which they are scheduled to participate.
- *The callroom rules will be lax and no games will be automatically forfeited.*
- 2.1 Coaches will be allowed in the call room and on the court per the rules. One Coach or one Coaching Assistant (CA) may accompany each side in all divisions to the Court. The coach/coaching assistant must sit in the designated area at the end of the court. If you wish to assist an athlete in between Ends, you need to come to the call room and accompany the athlete to court.
- The Coach may approach their athlete in between Ends AFTER the referee announces “1 minute”. The Coach should go back to their bench at the end of the court when the ref/or timekeeper calls 15 seconds. Sports Assistants and ramp Operators may talk to their athlete during the 1 minute session

between Ends. All communication must End (except by the athlete whose turn it is) when the referee presents the Jack (or begins the End)

- Out of the way Rule: 10.6.1 All Athletes must be “Out of the Way” to allow opponents free access to the playing area. Getting “Out of the Way” must be done quickly. In the BC3 Division ROs and equipment (including the ramp and RO’s chair) must be “out of the way”. An athlete is also allowed to ask their opponent to move. As we get used to this new rule, the refs at this KC tournament will ask you to move if you forget. **You need to move back when you are in the way of your opponent’s access to the court. You do not need to leave your box. For BC3 ramp players, your Ramp Operator can go into an open adjacent area.**
- 10.14 Dropped ball: If an Athlete drops a ball, it may be replayed. Balls that land in the playing area are "balls in play" Balls that stay on or behind the throwing line, even in the opponent’s throwing box, are "dropped" and may be replayed. There is no limit to the number of times a ball may be replayed and the Referee is the sole arbiter. In this case, time will not be stopped. ● As long as the ball is not fully grasped by the athlete (e.g. while picking up a ball from anywhere the ball is stored or while the assistant is giving the ball to the athlete, or while placing the ball on the ramp), any ball that drops is clearly dropped by accident and unrelated to throwing. The ball is returned to the athlete, regardless of where it lands. ● Once the athlete holds the ball and has started shot preparation and/or execution, if that ball is then dropped, it is only returned to the athlete if it has not entered the playing area.
- BC3 ramp players must do a two-way swing, 8” to the left and right, for Individual Competition
Rule: 4.1.6 1) After the Jack is presented and Before the 1st colored ball is played.
 2) In a tie-break, prior to propelling their first ball
 3) Before propelling a penalty ball
 4) After going out onto the court on their time to look at the balls, before they propel their ball.

If you don’t make the 2 way swing, the penalty is Retraction of the thrown ball.

- We will be using electronic scoreboards and timekeeping

There will be balls available to borrow in the call room. Let your referee know if you need to use tournament balls. If you bring your own balls into the call room you may not use tournament balls to replace any balls that you are missing.

There will equipment available for you to use to see if your personal Boccia Balls have the legal size and weight and density.

If you have questions about the rules, please contact Cathy Drobny, the Head Referee
cathy.drobny@gmail.com

There are 2 active gyms at this tournament.

- Be aware that 2 gyms are available for this tournament.
- Tournament courts and the Call Room are in the Main gym.

- Warm up courts are available in the auxiliary gym
- Pick up/Spontaneous Games are encouraged in the auxiliary gym

COVID Protocol:

- The present policy is Masks are optional.
- Hand gel will be available for everyone's use.
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged.