

USA Boccia Nationals 2024 Tournament Information

This packet includes information to assist you with all aspects of the tournament. A separate Competition Manual contains information on the competition details, so please review that document. You will also receive a separate email from the Head Referee regarding clarification of rules and updates.

Tournament Location

Iowa West Field House
5 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Tournament Schedule

Wednesday, August 7th

Registrant Check-in	10:00 am-6:00 pm
Registrant T-Shirt Pickup	10:00 am-6:00 pm
Classifier Panel	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Equipment Checks:	1:00 pm-6:00 pm

Thursday, August 8th

Individual Competition	9:00 am – 7:00 pm (tentative)
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Friday, August 9th

Individual Competition	9:00 am – 7:00 pm (tentative)
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Saturday, August 10th

Individual Competition	9:00 am – 11 am (tentative)
Awards (Individual)	12:00 pm (tentative)
Pairs & Team Competition	1:30 – 7:00 pm (tentative)

Sunday, August 11th

Pairs & Team Competition	9:00 am – 1 pm (tentative)
Awards (Pairs & Team)	2:00 pm (tentative)

Communication

For updates during the tournament regarding schedule and transportation, all communication will come from Becky Prince at beckyp@wdsra.com. Information will also be posted at Tournament Central.

Game Schedule

Before the start of the competition you will receive a link to the game schedule. This schedule link will also be posted on usaboccia.org. **This schedule is not final until you receive an email from Becky Prince on Wednesday night.** There will also be QR codes throughout the venue to access the schedule.

Transportation

If you have not registered for transportation and need a ride to and from the **airport to the hotel**, the cost is \$50.00, and you need to email Melanie Yules myules125@gmail.com by July 20th.

If you need transportation to and from the **hotel to the venue**, you MUST stay at one of the hotels listed below. You will not be provided transportation if you are not at one of these hotels. If you did not register for transportation to and from the hotel to the venue, you must contact Melanie Yules by July 20th

Holiday Inn Express, Holiday Inn and Suites, Hampton Inn, Springhill Suites, or the Microtel Hotel,

Transportation Schedule to/from Airport—If you have not done so, you must email Melanie Yules your flight information (airline, flight number, day and time of arrival and departure). Once she receives this information, she will correspond with you regarding your pick-up and return to the airport.

Transportation Schedule from Hotel to Venue

If you use transportation to and from the venue, your schedule will be sent the night before competition day. We will only run shuttles in the morning to get athletes to the venue and then in the evening. **We will not be providing rides outside of the schedule.** The schedule is also created to ensure athletes with the first round of games are transported first. Athletes will not be allowed to ride the shuttle outside of their scheduled time. Becky Prince will email the transportation schedule from beckyp@wdsra.com, which will also be posted at the venue.

Coaches Meeting

A coaches meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 7th, through Zoom. We encourage anyone who has questions to attend this meeting. At the time of the meeting, we will have the first two rounds of games scheduled to allow you to prepare your athletes. The individual schedule will be posted online by the end of the evening on the 7th. This meeting is open to coaches and athletes

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86031260964>

Team/Pairs Competition

The team and pairs competition will be held after the individual competition. The format of the team/pair will be based on the number of teams/pairs we have and the timeframe available. We will guarantee two games, and medals will be awarded.

To register your team/pair (**even if you have previously submitted your team/pair**), please pick up a form from the call room and return the form to the call room by noon on Friday, August 9th. The schedule will be completed by the end of Friday's competition.

Rules

We will follow the current World Boccia rules, found [HERE](#).

Lunch—There will be no lunch break in the schedule. All food is to be purchased at the Field House Café. Here is a link to their current menu. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED.** You can bring a water bottle and refill it at the refillable water stations.

Medical

There will be medical onsite on Saturday and Sunday. The nearest urgent care is

Urgent Care Center
1720 N 16th St Suite F, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Classification

If you stated at registration that you need classification, Dr. Kathy Brinker will contact you regarding the process. Below is the information sent from Dr. Brinker. Any questions regarding classification should be directed toward her.

Classification is a procedure in which medical and technical classifiers assess your physical function and place you in a "class" or division of BC1, BC2, BC3, or BC4, which are the paralympic boccia classes. If you receive an "NE" and are not eligible for these classes, the athlete will then meet with the USA Boccia Assessment Team to place you in the division of BC5 or BC6 (Open).

All classifications will take place Wed. August 7th between 10-4 at the Nationals Venue Iowa West Field House 5 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Once at the tournament venue, follow the signs for Classification. If you receive an NE, find the signs for the Assessment Team room. Please bring a paper copy of your authorization and diagnosis forms with you for the Assessment Team.

Who needs to be classified? All new athletes to nationals, any athlete that does not have a confirmed status.

How do I sign up to be classified? Please complete both the authorization and diagnosis FORMS for classification by Thursday, August 1. Please scan these forms and return them in an email to Dr. Kathy Brinker, HP consultant to Boccia United States, kathyb@bocciaunitedstates.org. When you return the email, please ask for a window time for classification on Wednesday, August 7th, between 10 and 4 (for example, say in the email I could be available between 10 and 1). We will do our best to accommodate your request.

What happens next? Once your email is received, you will receive a confirmation email from Kathy stating your classification time and further directions for classification.

Athlete List

BC 1		BC 2		BC 3		BC 5		Open / BC 6		To be Classified	
Troy	Berry	Abdallah	Anwar	Joseph	Avellone	Bob	Arciola	Johnnie	Baylark	Cheryl	Gerdes
Elizabeth	Flora-Swick	Deja	Barber	Kalvin	Blauert	Adam	Burnett	William	Brooks	Evan	Hinrichs
Will	Gallup	Ryan	Brooks	Joshua	Carel	Rafael	De Jesus	Aaron	Carr	Charlie	Krupka
Keith	Haarmann (t)	Marck	Harrison	Daniel	Castillo	Stefan	Freeman	Melissa	Gaskins	Richard	Lagunas
Elianna	Horner	Michele	Lynch	Natalie	Chastain	Lee	Jennings	Nook	Gustamante	Paulina	Slonka
Cornelius	Oatis	Patrick	Parkes	Daniel	Dalton	Steven	Lewis	Jeremy	Harry		
Wyatt	Struxness	Dylan	Schneider	Steven	Dell	Cara	Liebowitz	Eric	Hoerner		
TJ	Zweidinger	Sara	Steimle	Charlie	Fleisch	Becca	Payne	Bryan	Lohmeyer		
		Brian	Zacarias	Candice	Gregg	Brian	Richard	Irma	Pennington		
Haarman to be classified	Jessica	Witek	Austin	Hanson	Chris	Rodgers	Amanda	Schratter			
				Matt	Keil	Alex	Russo	Darius	Thompson		
				Shavonna	King						
				Steven	Marrs						
				James	Miranda						
				Chris	Sawka						
				George	Shepherd						
				Sean	Walker						
				Zack	Winkle						

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