

10th Anniversary USA Boccia National Championships

Tournament Information Packet

July 30 - August 3, 2025

- This packet includes information to assist you with all aspects of the tournament.
- A separate Tournament Structure Manual that contains information on the competition details. The document will be posted on the USA Boccia website.
- As we approach the competition date another communication from the Head Referee will be posted on the USA Boccia website regarding clarification of rules and updates.

REGISTRATION

Registration is a two step process

STEP 1

You must be a 2025 member of USA Boccia to register. To become a 2025 USA Boccia member

click here [Club | USA Boccia Membership | Bay Shore, NY](#)

AFTER you have completed your membership go to Step 2 to register for the tournament.

STEP 2 (please read this whole packet, especially hotels, transportation, Whats app and lunch before you register)

Complete the tournament registration form. [10th Anniversary USA Boccia National Championship 2025](#)

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Tournament Location

Lakeshore Foundation
4000 Ridgeway Drive
Birmingham, AL 35209

Arrival Day Schedule

Wednesday, July 30th

Registrant Check-in packet and T-shirt pickup *	12:00 pm-6:00 pm
* If you are delayed and cannot make registration call (757) 652-9123	
Informal practice times on any available court	12:00 pm-6:00 pm
Classification and Assessment	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Equipment Checks (Call Room Area):	1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Zoom Informational Meeting	7:00 pm

*After receiving your credentials at registration you must have your credentials on your person when you enter the venue. Non-credentialed guests will be asked to sign in.

Tournament Schedule

Thursday July 31st

Individual Competition

9:00 am – 7:00 pm (tentative)

Friday, August 1st

Individual Competition

9:00 am – 7:00 pm (tentative)

Saturday, August 2nd

Individual Competition

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (tentative)

Awards (Individual)

After Competition

Pairs & Team Competition

1:30 – 7:00 pm (tentative)

10th Anniversary Celebration at the venue during Pairs and Team
“Let Them Eat Cake”

Sunday, August 3rd

Pairs & Team Competition

9:00 am – 2 pm (tentative)

Awards for Pairs & Team

After Competition

Registration Fees

Categories

Athlete - \$425.00

Coach, Team Leader, Ramp Operator, Sport Assistant - \$125.00

Refund Policy:

1. An 85% refund (of registration fee only) prior to July 1.
2. There will be NO refunds after July 2.
3. All of our event expenses have already been incurred and contracted.

If a verifiable medical situation occurs, at the discretion of the Tournament, a prorated refund of the registration fee MAY occur up to 50% upon a written petition to the National Office.

Communication during the event

This year we are using What's APP to communicate any timely information about the competition. These messages will go to the registered person from your team you identify as Head Coach and/or Team Leader. If you are an independent athlete (not associated with a team) and would like to receive What's App text alerts, please check the box on the registration page that says “ I am an Independent athlete and would like to receive What's App alerts during the event”

Tournament updates will also be posted on usaboccia.org , lakeshore.org and on Lakeshore's social media channels.

Game Schedule Communication

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 . There will also be QR codes throughout the venue to access the schedule.

Informational Zoom Meeting

An informational meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 30th, through Zoom. The individual schedule will be posted online by the end of the evening on various websites and on What's App. This meeting is open to coaches, athletes, and anyone wanting information about the tournament.

A Zoom Link for the Informational Meeting will be posted on the USA Boccia website.

Pairs/Team 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 1st. The schedule will be completed by the end of Friday's competition.

Rules

We will follow the current World Boccia International Boccia Rules 2025-2028 - v.1.1, found on this link

[World Boccia Rules 2025-2028 v1.1](#)

BISFed World Boccia licensed balls are NOT required. The Individual Competition is Mixed and the male/female rule is NOT required for Pairs and Team. More rule info in the Head Referee Letter

NOTE

USA Boccia does not require boccia balls to have a World Boccia stamp. However the balls must weigh and measure according to the rules.

Classification

All athletes that have never been to a USA Boccia Nationals or who are in a "review" status will be notified the week of July 7th. Any questions regarding classification should be directed to Dr. Kathy Brinker; HP consultant to Boccia United States at kathyb@bocciaunitedstates.org

Classification is a procedure in which medical and technical classifiers will assess your physical function and place you in a "class" or division of BC1, BC2, BC3, or BC4, which are the Paralympic classes for boccia. 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 Wednesday, July 30th between 10-4 at Lakeshore Foundation 4000 Ridgeway Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209.

Once at the tournament venue, follow the signs for Classification. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. If you receive an NE from the classification team, 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 and is in "review".

How do I sign up to be classified? Please complete both the authorization and diagnosis forms for classification [Classification Forms - USA Boccia](#) no later than Monday July 1st, 2025. Please scan the forms (into one PDF) and return them in an email to Dr. Kathy Brinker, kathyb@bocciaunitedstates.org. When you return the email, please ask for a window time for classification on Wednesday, July 30th, between 10 and 4 (for example, say in the email I could be available between 10-1). 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 (kathyb@bocciaunitedstates.org) stating your classification time and further directions for classification. Please bring all equipment you use on court, including your competition wheelchair, scooter, etc to Classification or Assessment.

Host Hotels

A block of rooms is reserved for USA Boccia participants at the four (4) host hotels listed below. Lakeshore will provide transportation only if you are staying at one of these four host hotels. Other non-host hotels are listed on the USA Boccia website, but transportation IS NOT provided if you stay at a Non-Host Hotel. Please go to usaboccia.org for hotel registration information. You must be signed up for a host hotel and for transportation by June 30th. Please go to the USA Boccia website for a full list of hotels.

Embassy Suites Hotel Birmingham

2300 Woodcrest Place Hollywood
Birmingham, AL 35209
(205) 879-7400

Host/Primary Hotel for Boccia Nationals 2025

We are honored you have chosen the Embassy Suites as your host hotel! Please let us know how we can be of assistance, we are looking forward to working with you! There are 2 king accessible rooms and two double bed accessible rooms at this property.

Hotel offering your special group rate:

- **Embassy Suites Birmingham 129.00 USD per night + taxes-**
- **Last Day to Book: July 1, 2025**
- **Rate includes breakfast, wi-fi and parking**

Here's your link to make reservations:

RESLINK:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BHMWCES&groupCode=CESBLF&arrivaldate=2025-07-29&departuredate=2025-08-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Home 2 Suites Birmingham (Colonnade)

3920 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-7631

All rooms feature kitchens with full-sized refrigerators/freezers and microwaves. A complimentary on-the-go breakfast is served daily from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Additional amenities at this hotel include complimentary wireless internet access, a business center, a picnic area, and barbecue grills. Free self-parking is available onsite.

- **Home2Bham Colonnade/Grandview for \$169.00 USD per night plus taxes**
- **Last Day to Book : July 2, 2025**
- **The rate includes breakfast, wi-fi and parking**

Accessible rooms at this property include:

5 – (NKJQG) King Hearing Accessible Rooms w/ stand up shower w/ bar

3 – (1 NQJQB 2 NQJQD) Queen/Queen Seat/bars in Tub Rooms connects to a QQ standard room with regular bath/shower combo.

3 – (Q2) 2 Queen beds connecting standard rooms

One 1-bedroom King Suite (NKSQE) with Roll in Shower connects to a King hearing accessible studio suite

1- (NKJ) King connecting standard room

3 – King Accessible Studio Suites (with stand up shower no tub).

Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BHMHTHT&groupCode=CHTBOC&arrivaldate=2025-07-29&departuredate=2025-08-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Springhill Suites Colonnade/Grandview

3950 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-8099

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

Click here: [**Book your group rate for Boccia 2025**](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event. Please call the hotel directly at 205-969-8099 if you have any questions.

Hotel offering your special group rate:

- **SpringHill Suites Birmingham Colonnade/Grandview for \$179.00 USD per night + taxes**
- **Last Day to Book : Tuesday morning, July 08, 2025**
- **Rate includes breakfast, wi-fi and parking**

The hotel has two rooms with roll-in showers and other accessible room types available.

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Fairfield Inn Colonnade/Grandview

3930 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-7630

Fairfield Inn and Suites

Lakeshore will be offering a scheduled shuttle from this property

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Hotel offering your special group rate:

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites Birmingham Colonnade/Grandview for \$179.00 USD per night plus taxes**
- **Last Day to Book : Tuesday morning, July 8, 2025**
- **The rate includes breakfast, wi-fi and parking**

The hotel has one room with a roll in shower and a number of other accessible rooms.

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Please go to the USA Boccia website for other hotel options that are located close to the venue.

NOTE: Transportation will not be provided to these hotels.

Transportation

Lakeshore offers free transportation from the airport (and venue) to the four (4) Host Hotels. You must register for transportation when you register for the tournament. Your registration for the tournament and transportation, if needed, must be completed before June 30th.

Airport transportation is available ONLY from Birmingham Airport on July 29 & 30 and August 2 (after individual competition), 3 & 4

Transportation is only available if you are staying at one of the four host hotels.

Embassy Suites

The Home 2 Suites Birmingham (Colonnade)

The Fairfield Inn Birmingham (Colonnade/Grandview)

The Springhill Suites (Colonnade/Grandview)

If you are flying into Birmingham Airport and require transportation to your competition approved hotel, you **must send your flight information** (airline, flight number, day and time of arrival and departure) to Melanie Yules - myules125@gmail.com BEFORE June 30th. Once Melanie receives your email you will be contacted with further instructions..

Transportation Schedule from Hotel to Venue - If you signed up for transportation to and from the venue, your schedule will be sent the night before competition day. Lakeshore will only run shuttles in the morning to get athletes to the venue and then in the evening. **Lakeshore will not be providing rides outside of the scheduled times.** 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 times. Lakeshore's transportation lead for the event will email the transportation schedule. The schedule will also be posted at the venue as well as at the four competition hotels where transportation is being provided.

Lunch

Lakeshore has its own kitchen and its own dining services program. Lakeshore will provide people who register for the competition with a full lunch each day of competition. The cost of the prepared lunch is included in the registration fee. If you have people traveling with you who are not registered, you may purchase lunch tickets for them when you register for the tournament. The Lunch Tickets are sold as a package for the four days of competition (July 31 – August 3). \$15 per day x 4 days = \$60 per person. The lunch menu will be determined before the competition and will be posted online. Those people who do not purchase lunch tickets in advance can buy lunch items (cash or credit) at the venue concession stand. Additional snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the competition at the concession stand.

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First Aid Station

First aid will be available at the venue. A certified athletic trainer will be available

These medical facilities are near the venue

Urgent Care Facilities

American Family Care Homewood

Address: 471 Green Springs Hwy, Homewood, AL 35209

Areas served:

Homewood and nearby areas

Hours: Closes 7 PM

Phone: (205) 285-3553

Southern Immediate Care - Homewood, AL

Address: 1944 28th Ave S, Homewood, AL 35209

Areas served:

Homewood and nearby areas

Hours: Closes 8 PM

Phone: (205) 409-2794

Highlights: Accepts walk-ins · X-rays

MedHelp Lakeshore - Homewood Urgent Care
1 West Lakeshore Drive Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
(205) 930-2950

Hospitals

Baptist Health Brookwood Hospital
Address: 2010 Brookwood Medical Center Dr, Birmingham, AL 35209
Phone: (205) 877-1000
Hours: Open 24 hours
Emergency room: Open 24 hours

Birmingham VA Medical Center
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233-1927
Main phone: 205-933-8101
VA health connect: 855-679-0214 VA health connect Mental health care: 205-933-8101, ext. 335508

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Address: 1802 6th Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233
Phone: (205) 934-3411
Hours: Open 24 hours
Emergency room: Open 24 hours

Storage

Athletes will be able to store competition equipment on site for the duration of their competition.

Locker Rooms

There are two main locker rooms at Lakeshore adjacent to the competition space, each with five accessible showers, two private changing stalls and four accessible restroom stalls. There are several other restrooms and assisted dressing room areas throughout the facility.

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