

Blue Valley USA Boccia Regional 2025

Dear Boccia Family, New and Old,

We welcome you to this celebration of Boccia. This is a USA Boccia sanctioned tournament and participation will add to your national ranking points.

Location : Blue Valley NORTH High School
12200 Lamar Ave, Overland Park, KS 66209

- Use the Main Entrance (on 123rd St.) - There is a BIG Mustang Statue in the front of the building.
- Come through the Front Doors. On site registration will be in the Entry. Athletes, Coaches Ramp Operators and Sport Assistants, be sure to 'check in' at the venue.

Schedule:

Friday, May 2nd

- **4:00-6:00 pm Assessment**, which is to place you in your competition group is at Blue Valley NORTH High School.

Use the Main Entrance, take the hallway and follow the signs to the Assessment room.

If you do not have an official USA Boccia Classification or are in 'Review status', you must attend Assessment on Friday, May 2nd. If you haven't been assigned a time and If you haven't been placed in a Boccia Group by an assessment team or if you are up for review...schedule your Assessment time by contacting Cathy Drobny cathy.drobny@gmail.com
Please download 2 forms from the USA Boccia website (link below).

Bring them filled out to Kansas City for Friday's Assessment. **Assessment Schedule at the bottom of this document.**

<https://usaboccia.org/classification-forms/> Bring these filled out to Assessment on Friday.

Saturday, May 3

- 8:00 am building opens
- 8:25 am Call Room opens for the 9:00 am games (due to close at 8:40)
- 9:00 am-6:00 pm Tournament

Sunday, May 4 9:00 am -3:00 Tournament, followed by the 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.

The Link for the tournament schedule and results will be finalized after classification on Friday night and will be available by clicking on this link. In the meantime, click on the OTHER INFORMATION tab to see who is registered!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15aO6fqy0dHoDsYoLZNI9vbPq9W7OtZFKemfNDoQgiEw/edit?gid=1554965322#gid=1554965322> Please contact Kevin if you see a problem with the athlete list or cannot attend the tournament, kevinberryusaboccia@gmail.com

The tournament will follow the BISFed International Boccia Rules. [World Boccia Rules 2025-2028 v1.1](#)

Male and Female Athletes will be combined. Divisions are: BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, BC5 and BC6 (formerly 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 randomly be weighed and measured in the call room.

There will be a set of ball measuring equipment in the gym for you to test your equipment.

The on court 2-minute warm-ups before a match will be held simultaneously.

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 your staff and equipment with you when you check in to the call room. The rule 7.4.1 For Individual Divisions, all Athletes must check in at the Call Room between **thirty five (35) and twenty (20)** minutes before the scheduled start time of a match in which they are scheduled to participate. Once in the call room you do not leave until your referee leads you to court.

- *The call room rules will be relaxed, and no games will be automatically forfeited if you are there in a reasonable amount of time.*

- 2.1 One Coach may accompany each athlete in all divisions to the Court. The coach will 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 with the athlete and accompany the athlete to court.

- The Coach may approach their athlete in between Ends AFTER the referee announces, "1 minute." The Coach must go back to their bench at the end of the court when the ref/or timekeeper calls 15 seconds. Coaches, 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: 10.8 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.

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.

- For Individual Competition Rule 4.1.6 BC3 ramp players must do a two-way swing, 8" to the left and right,
 - 1) After the Jack is presented and before the release of the Jack.
 - 2) In a tie-break, prior to propelling their first colored 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.
At this tournament, we will use the same time per end from the former rules
BC1, 5 mins/end,
BC2, 4, 5 and 6; 4 mins/end and
BC3, 6 mins/end

NOTE: in the Rules v. 1.1 the times per end have been changed. These will be enforced at Nationals 2025. **BC1**, 4.5 mins/end, **BC3**, 6 mins/end (same), **BC2, 4, 5 and 6**; 3.5 mins/end

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 only use tournament balls to replace any balls that you are missing.

If you have questions about the rules, please contact Micah Flora-Swick, the Head Referee. mfloraswick49@gmail.com

There are 2 active gyms at this tournament. Your game may be in the adjoining 2nd gym

Assessment Schedule:

4:15 Tulsa Twisters: Keith Kern, Victoria Jennings, Brian Lohmeyer, Sue Ide, Melissa Gaskin
5:15 Jaxon Bowen
5:30 Amy Bruder
5:45 Brian Richard
6:00 Bunny Miller
6:15 Rupert Shamique
6:30 Michael O'Brien
6:45 Susan Russell
7:00 Tony Waterhouse-Leal

We look forward to seeing you at Blue Valley North!

Let's Play Boccia!