



Newsletter

From the Board

USA Boccia is asking for candidates for two (2) contributing organizational director seats on the board of USA Boccia. If you are interested in running for one of the seats, please answer the interview questions below and send it to cathy.drobny@gmail.com by October 28, 2024.

The 2024 USA Boccia Annual Assembly for members of USA Boccia will be held via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 12th at 8-9:30 pm Eastern.

Purposes:

1. To inform the members of the “State of USA Boccia”

The plan is for you to receive a letter by e-mail ahead of the meeting with a review of 2024 and plans for the future. And a short PowerPoint will be presented at the ZOOM meeting with the key points.

2. For membership to provide input to the Board of directors on important issues confronting the organization.

The Board encourages you to send your questions ahead of time, so they can be addressed by category. Send questions and comments to usaboccia@gmail.com

The Membership can also comment and question at the ZOOM meeting using the chat feature or by members directly stating their concerns.

A Zoom link will be emailed to each current USA Boccia member one week prior.

Hosting a Regional Tournament

The Regional Committee has created three levels of local tournaments. If you are interested in hosting an event please visit our website or click [here](#).

High-Performance

Cali Columbia, World Boccia Challenger:

The following 9 athletes recently participated as part of the Boccia United States National Team and combined to receive 6 medals in all: Dylan Schneider (BC2), Wyatt Struxness (BC1), Deja Barber (BC2), Natalie Chastain and Becky Prince (BC3), Calvin and Tony Blauert (BC3), Nick Taylor (BC4), Henry Sawyer (BC4). Deja Barber received an individual

silver medal, Wyatt Struxness received 4th in his division. Chastain, Prince, Calvin and Tony Blauert combined forces to capture the silver medal in pairs. Taylor rounded out the medals while receiving his first individual medal in World Boccia with a bronze. Congratulations to all the athletes!



Challenge Athletes Foundation Annual Grant:

Grants are now available for CAF grants for either equipment or travel. Don't delay in applying for this grant as the window is now *until December 6th*. You can apply for the grant [HERE](#)

Looking for a better set of balls? Thinking of working toward making the national team and competing in international events? World Boccia has now released the manufactures that have licensed balls for the next quadrennium (through LA Paralympics 2028). Click [HERE](#) to see the approved licensed manufactures. Remember that you do **not need to play with licensed balls** at regional or USA Boccia Nationals only international play.

**** Potential Timers needed for LA 2028

Want to learn the system that will be used for timing in LA 2028 and have the credentials to apply for timing at the LA games. Please fill out a [RESUME](#) to receive training. While at this time we are not responsible for securing timers for the 2028 Games, we do want to offer you this opportunity to become well skilled in timing when the opportunity arises in the future.

Save the Date: USA Boccia Nationals 2025: July 30th through August 3rd. Come compete where Team USA trains. Lakeshore Paralympic Training Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

Calendar

November 12 th	Annual Meeting - Zoom
December 3 rd	Giving Tuesday!
2025	
February 21 st -23 rd	Tampa, FL Regional
March 28 th -30 th	Long Beach, CA Regional
May 3 rd -5 th	Blue Valley Regional, KS
July 30th - August 3rd	USA Boccia Nationals Birmingham, AL
September. Tba	San Antonio, TX Regional

About USA Boccia

USA Boccia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with headquarters in Bay Shore, New York, whose mission is to provide an inclusive opportunity for all persons, especially those with physical disabilities the opportunity to play, learn, and compete in the sport of Boccia on the local, regional, national and international level. USA Boccia is the National Organization for the sport of Boccia. For more information about USA Boccia, visit us at:

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