

Newsletter

September 2025



10th Anniversary USA Boccia National Championships

The National Championship, held at Lakeshore in Birmingham Alabama from July 30th through Aug 1st was a huge success! A BIG thank you goes out to Lakeshore for hosting the event and especially to all who attended (athletes, families and friends) and volunteers! This would not have been possible without you.

Please help us congratulate this year's medalists.

2025 USA Boccia Nationals Individual Medalists

BC1

1st Place – Elianna Horner

2nd Place - Cornelius Oatis

3rd Place – Wyatt Struxness

BC2

1st Place - Braden Murphy

2nd Place - Patrick Parkes

3rd Place - Brian Zacarias

BC4

1st Place – Nick Taylor

2nd Place - TJ Sikora

3rd Place - Heather Champlin

BC5

1st Place – Adam Burnett

2nd Place - Henry Sawyer

3rd Place – Anthony Radano

BC6

1 st Place – Kalvin Blauert / Tony Blauert	1 st Place – Jeremy Harry
2 nd Place – Joshua Carel / Jennifer Carel	2 nd Place – Bryan Lohmeyer
3 rd Place – Natalie Chastain / Becky Prince	3 rd Place – Nook Gustamante

2025 USA Boccia Nationals Team/Pair Medalists

BC1/2 Team

1st Place – Buckeye Kings (Cornelius Oatis, Marck Harrison, Braden Murphy)

2nd Place - Rollin Thunder (Jim Thomson, Brian Zacarias, Abdallah Anwar)

3rd Place – T-Rex's Trio (Wyatt Struxness, Patrick Parkes, Dylan Schneider)

BC3 Pair

1st Place – Boccia United States

(Kalvin Blauert / Tony Blauert and Natalie Chastain / Becky Prince)

2nd Place – DASA Bulldogs (Zack Winkle / Stan Winkle and Michael Humphrey / Kris Humphrey)

3rd Place – Narwhal – Thunderbolts

(Sean Walker / Maddi Steimle and Daniel Dalton / Hector Perdomo)

BC5 Pair

1st Place – BC4 – 2 – 5 (Adam Burnett and Henry Sawyer)

2nd Place – No Sweat (Tommy Sullivan and Josh Roberts)

3rd Place – Odd Couple (Irma Pennington and Chris Rodgers)

BC6 Pair

1st Place - Miami / San Antonio (Raul Acosta and Nook Gustamante)

2nd Place – Pokemon Pros (Jeremy Harry and Jaxon Bowen)

3rd Place – Lakeshore Legends 2 (Dennis Palmer and Mike Neville)

National Rankings have been updated to include the National results points.

Ranking List can be found at www.usaboccia.org /Tournaments Tab/ National Rankings

Direct Link: Boccia National Rankings.xlsx - Google Sheets





Volunteers Needed. We need your help! Our organization is looking for volunteers to fill its many committee roles. A strong volunteer base and the organization's committee work are the life blood of our organization and what make USA Boccia run and grow. If you can spare some time to help out, we would be greatly appreciated. Even just a few hours a month can make a big difference.

Please see the list of committees and their descriptions below. For more information and to let us know if you're available, contact the office by emailing us at <u>usaboccia@gmail.com</u>.

Nominating and Governance Committee - Identify, vet and nominate individuals to serve on the board of directors and the organization's various committees.

Ethics and Judicial Committee - Oversee the implementation of and compliance with the USA Boccia Code of Ethics, the various USA Boccia Codes of Conduct, the Conflict-of-Interest Policy, and other policies. Also, review and investigate matters as they pertain to complaints under the USA Boccia Complaint Procedures.

Finance Committee - Provides financial analysis, advice, and oversight of the organization's budget and ensures the organization is operating with the financial resources it needs to meet the organization's mission and provide programs and services.

Development Committee (fundraising) - Draft annual fundraising plan and assist with the implementation of fundraising activities.

National Championship Search Committee - Seeks venues and organizations for future National Championship tournaments

National Tournament Committee - Plan the National Championships Tournament for July 2026 in Council Bluffs, IA.

Referee Committee - Discuss rules, keep a database of national referees, and conduct regional and national referee training annually.

Assessment Committee (for sport classes BC5 or BC6) - Gather people who are interested in and learning about boccia sport divisions and develop descriptions of boccia sport divisions and create informational training for members.

Coaching Support Committee - Develop a virtual coaching mentorship nationwide and compile coaching resources.

Military Outreach Committee - Develop network to recruit veterans to the sport of boccia.

Technology Committee – Assist with website development and explore tools that can be used to strengthen the organization.

Social Media Committee – draft an annual social media plan to increase visibility, membership, tournaments and the USA Boccia brand, monitor social media tools, and develop posts and messages.



Join the USA Boccia Facebook Group!

The new USA Boccia Athletes Facebook group is a way for athletes to connect and stay in touch outside of competitions. To join the group (you must have a Facebook account):

- 1) Go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/963355958954484 or search Facebook for "USA Boccia Athletes".
- 2) Click the "join" button.
- 3) A moderator will approve your request to join.

We hope to see you all on Facebook soon!





Did you know that you can double or even triple the impact of your latest gift to USA Boccia for free?

Your gift to USA Boccia could be matched dollar for dollar by your employer! Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions or volunteer hours made by their employees, retirees and/or employees' spouses. Let your friends and family know or contact your employer today!

There are two ways to initiate a matching gift contribution:

1. If your company uses an online matching gift portal

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USA Boccia Calendar

September 27th and 28th

Name: Chicagoland Boccia (USA Boccia Level 3 Sanctioned Regional Tournament)

Dates: September 27& 28, 2025

Place: Elmhurst, IL (Elmhurst University)

Registration: https://rb.gy/fztchr

October 14th

Mark your calendars. The **USA Boccia Annual Assembly** will be held again this year by Zoom on October 14th. All members will receive an invitation to attend. Anticipated start time is 7 pm Central Standard Time. Prior to the meeting, members will have an opportunity to send their questions to the Board of Directors and/or suggestions for the organization.

October 17-19

Name: Bridge II Sports Southeastern Boccia Regional Tournament

Dates: Oct 17th - Registration/Check-in & Referee Training

Oct 18th & 19th - Tournament Play

Contact Info: Boccia Tournament Registration Link

Email - events@bridge2sports.org

Phone - (866) 880-2742

<u>January 24-25, 2026</u>

Name: PVA USA Boccia Sanctioned Regional Tournament

Dates: Jan. 24-25, 2026

Place: Wesley Chapel Recreation Complex, Wesley Chapel, Florida

Registration: https://event.racereach.com/boccia-tampa26



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Founded in 2015, USA Boccia's mission is to provide athletes with physical disabilities with the opportunity to compete and excel in the sport of boccia on local, regional, national and international completion levels. Our goal is to increase participation of athletes, awareness, education, involvement, and competition in the adaptive sport of boccia. USA Boccia's objective is to bolster existing boccia programs, expand developing programs and develop new programs in cities where we have identified a leader. We do this by conducting outreach, clinics, and competitions, providing referee training, and providing equipment from a managed loan bank program.