

Selection for Boccia United States National Team A and B

Many of you have asked about the selection process for the **2026 National Team**. We are pleased to share that the official standards will be announced in **mid-October, 2025**.

- **Round 1 (Standards Submission):** Opens on the date the standards are released and closes on **Friday, December 19, 2025**. The standards (once open) will be posted on Boccia United States Webpage at <https://www.lakeshore.org/activity/boccia-united-states/>
- **Round 2 (Selection Event):** Invitations for eligible athletes will be notified no later than **Friday, January 2, 2026**. Selection event will take place at the **United States Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (Colorado Springs)** from **Wednesday, March 4 – Sunday, March 8, 2026**.

The official opening date for standards will be posted in the USA Boccia Newsletter and via an email blast. If you have not contacted us or want to make sure you are on the email blast please contact: *Kathy Brinker* – kathyb@bocciaunitedstates.org

Selection for the 2026 World Challenger Event

Separate from National Team selection process, there will also be a selection process to determine which athletes will represent the U.S. at the **June 2026 World Challenger**, hosted by Lakeshore and Boccia United States.

To be considered for selection, athletes **must** submit required data through 2026 National Standards that will be announced Mid-October, 2025. The standards (once open) will be posted on Boccia United States webpage at <https://www.lakeshore.org/activity/boccia-united-states/>.

- The formal selection procedures for the 2026 Challenger Event will be posted in **early November** on the Boccia United States website.
- **Invitations for Selections to the 2026 Challenger:** Eligible athletes will be notified no later than **Friday, January 9th**.
- **Selection Event to the 2026 Challenger** will take place at the **United States Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (Colorado Springs)** from **Thursday March 5– Sunday, March 8, 2026**.

We recognize that the standards are rigorous, and not all athletes may be able to achieve every standard. We encourage all interested athletes to complete the standards to the best of their ability and submit those standards even if you did not meet standards for National A or B team. Athletes may be invited to the selection camp for the 2026 Challenger based on submitted scores and other factors.

Determinations of those selected and inevitably invited to participate in the 2026 Challenger, will occur by a multitude of factors. At minimum these include data results comparative to others within sport classes, gender, and sport class-specific team needs

for the Challenger.

****On Wednesday October 29th 7pm CST there will be an informational meeting online regarding the selection process for both National team and the 2026 Challenger team. To be invited to that meeting you will need to fill out your resume (in the standards process once released) by October 27th. ****