

Name: Stephanie Blauert

Please share the highlights of your Boccia and Job career history

Education:

University Of Colorado – Colorado Spring – Bachelor of Arts 1998

Major – Organizational Communications

Minor – Leadership/Human Resources

Job career history:

The Navigators – Human Resources Specialist 1998-2001

The Navigators - International Ministries Administrative Assistant 2003-2012

Interim Home Healthcare – C.N.A. 2009-2024

MGA Home Healthcare – C.N.A. 2024-Current

Boccia:

Local:

Therapeutic Recreational Program of Colorado Springs 2008-2022 – Volunteer, Coach

USA:

Mid-America Games and Regionals 2017-Current – Coach, Ramp Operator

Nationals 2019-Current – Coach

International:

Cali World Boccia Challenger 2022 – Coach, PCA

Croatia World Boccia Challenger 2024 – Coach, PCA

Cali World Boccia Challenger 2024 – Coach, PCA

Santiago World Boccia Challenger 2025 – PCA

Cali World Boccia Americas Regional Championships 2025 – PCA

Coimbra World Boccia Cup 2025 – Coach, PCA

Montreal World Boccia Cup 2026 – Ramp Operator, PCA

Birmingham World Boccia Challenger 2026 – Coach, PCA



How have you been connected with Boccia?

My son, Calvin, started playing Boccia in 2008 when it was introduced to our local community. I helped the participants at the weekly sessions during the Fall and Spring sessions. During this time, I learned that Boccia is an extremely adaptive and competitive game. Calvin was a thrower when we started with Boccia. In 2016, a severe illness took the last bit of arm strength he had, and to continue playing Boccia he had to transition to using a ramp as a BC3 athlete. I then learned how different the game of Boccia can be based on classification. I was so thankful that he still had the opportunity to continue to play! We as a family have spent hundreds of hours rolling balls and

watching film to learn this strategic game and improve ourselves. We are thankful that we can train at the USOPTC in Colorado Springs. We are honored that we have been able to represent Boccia United States at several international tournaments. I have the privilege of wearing different hats on this Boccia journey. Mom is the best title, but I also serve as gopher, cheerleader, videographer, notetaker, PCA, coach, and Ramp Operator. Whenever Boccia camps are held, I help wherever I can. I was able to be an athlete in 2024 as a Ramp Operator for Austin Hansen and in 2026 for Natalie Chastain. It was an incredible experience. It gave me even more appreciation and awe in how competitive Boccia athletes are. Boccia has created a purpose for not only my son, but for our whole family. Boccia has introduced us to incredible people and has taken us to amazing places. The memories we have made thus far, and the dreams Boccia has given (ones we didn't even know we had) will always be cherished. We plan to be involved with Boccia one way or another for the rest of our lives. We want to share our love of Boccia with others, so they too can experience this beautiful game and all it has to offer.

What are your strengths to bring to the Board to advance the sport?

The strengths I have to offer to the Board are my organizational and communication skills as highlighted by my education and work experience. These skills, along with over 10 years as a PCA, coach, and Ramp Operator give me a wealth of experience with the game. It is an honor to be able to share my joy and love for Boccia. I want other individuals and families to know about and be able to experience Boccia.

Please send a photo to add to your interview.