



Greetings bocce players and supporters, from all of us on the bocce committee at the Methuen Sons of Italy. We are proud to announce that we have been selected to host the 2022 United States National Bocce Championships again, the 3rd time in 8 years. From Monday, June 20 – Sunday, June 26, 2022, players will compete in 8 events, 4 that will qualify winners to represent the USA in the 2022 PRV Bocce World Championships to be held in Turkey in the fall. This is only the 3rd time the Nationals have been played in New England and on the East Coast. Teams from CA, OR, WA, MI, MO, IL, NY, CT, RI and MA have already confirmed their registrations.

In early 2013 we completed construction of our 10,000' sq facility with 4 regulation-sized international bocce courts made with a synthetic/poly resin surface. We are proud of the courts Mike Grasser built for us because world class bocce players from IL, MI, CA, NY, CT, Italy, Canada and Brazil have told us they are some of very best courts in the USA. In addition, our building is equipped with a full-service kitchen and a bar with a full liquor license. Do you like Clam Chowder, Lobster Rolls and Sicilian style Rice Balls? We hope so, because we'll have them and plenty of other delicious foods for you. Want a beer, glass of wine or a martini? We have that covered, too. Also, one of the most important things is that dozens of friendly volunteers from our lodge have signed up to help make the 2022 US Nationals a memorable and successful event for you.

Many players who are coming in from out-of-state are planning on taking a few days of vacation either before or after the bocce tournaments. That's fantastic! Enjoy our proximity to Boston and other charming New England cities and the perfect weather in June that is typically between 75 and 80 degrees. These cities are popular with tourists from around the world for their rich history. Boston is only a 40 minute drive from our lodge. Our state capitol, Boston, and the surrounding areas have fabulous restaurants and tours including some buildings dating back to the 1600s. A tour of Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox is a favorite attraction. For your convenience, we have included some popular tourist attractions in this package.

It's extremely exciting to our Sons of Italy Lodge members for this unique opportunity, especially for the 200 bocce enthusiasts who play in our leagues. They are eager to see the best PRV players in the US and compete with them in Open and PRV events.

If you have any questions or need help, contact us. It's going to be an incredible week. Thank you for considering playing bocce with us on the East Coast!

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Schedule of Events

Monday 6/20/22:

Opening Ceremonies
USBF Open A Division – USBF Open Bocce Rules

Tuesday 6/21/22:

Women's Singles - Punto Raffa Volo

Wednesday 6/22/22:

Mixed Doubles – Punto Raffa Volo

Thursday 6/23/22:

Men's Doubles – Punto Raffa Volo

Friday 6/24/22:

Money Tournament Starts
Advanced and Social Divisions

Saturday 6/25/22:

Money Tournament Continues and possibly ends (based on the number of teams)

Sunday 6/26/22:

Money Tournament finishes midday (based on number of teams)
USBF Open B Division – USBF Open Bocce Rules

TBD:

Women's and Men's Precision Shooting during the week

Awards Banquet on Saturday Night:

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Cocktail Hour

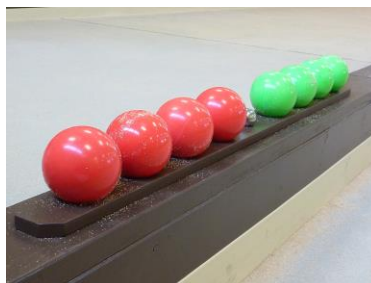
7:30PM

Dinner and Entertainment

* Awards Presentation after dinner and before entertainment

\$75.00

* Includes soft drinks, a glass of wine, coffee, appetizer, dinner, dessert



Travel Information:

Airports:

- Logan Airport - Boston, MA 40 minutes from Sons of Italy
- Manchester-Boston Regional Airport - Manchester, NH 35 minutes from Sons of Italy
- JetBlue and Southwest are very popular airlines with several flights to each airport.

Hotels:

Hampton Inn (1 mile from Sons of Italy)

- \$129/Night (weekdays) and \$149/Night (weekends) from Sat 6/18 – Mon 6/27
- Ordering code over the phone is BOCCE
- Cutoff date is May 21, 2022 for these rates

106 Bank Road, Haverhill, MA 01832

(978) 374-7755

- Complimentary Breakfast
- Pool
- Meeting Room
- High Speed Internet
- Fitness Center
- Pets Allowed
- Hot Tub
- Refrigerator

Double Tree Andover (10 min drive to Sons of Italy)

- \$149/Night - Available for the nights from Sat 6/18 – Mon 6/27
- Ordering code over the phone is BOCCE TOURNAMENT
- Cutoff date is May 18, 2022 for this rate

123 Old River Road, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 (978) 975-3600

- Heated Indoor Pool
- Jetted Hot Tub
- 24-hour Fitness Facility
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Lobby Bar
- Pool Table
- On-premise Restaurant
- On-premise Sports Bar and Club
- Pet friendly
- Coffee/Tea in Lobby

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BOSORDT&groupCode=CDTBOC&arrivaldate=2022-06-18&departuredate=2022-06-27&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Attractions and Places to Visit:

- Boston - Historic Tours of Faneuil Hall & The Freedom Trail, Duck Tours, MIT and Harvard, Boston Museum of Science, New England Aquarium (40 Min)
- Bocce in the North End overlooking Boston Harbor & the USS Constitution
- Possibly a Red Sox game or Tour of Fenway Park
- Downtown Newburyport - one of New England's oldest Fishing, Whaling and Ship Building villages, and the birthplace of the US Coast Guard (30 Min)
- Salem, MA - Historic Tours, Witch Museum, Peabody Essex Museum (45 min)
- Portsmouth, NH and Kennebunkport, ME (45 min)
- Berkshires in MA (1.5 hours)
- Portland, ME (1.5 hours) or Outlet Shopping in Kittery, ME (45 min)
- Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Plantation (1.5 hours)
- Providence, RI (1.5 hours)

Other Places to Visit that are little further away:

- Cape Cod (2 hours), Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket (3 hours with ferries)
- NH White Mountains (2 hours)
- Encore Casino (40 minutes)
- Casino Resorts in CT (2 hours): Foxwoods Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino
- NYC (4 hours)

Links to Attractions:

Freedom Trail: <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>

Boston Duck Tours: <http://www.bostonducktours.com/>

Boston Museum of Science: <http://www.mos.org/>

Boston Museum of Fine Arts: <https://www.mfa.org/>

Plymouth Plantation: <http://www.plimoth.org/>

Newburyport: <http://www.cityofnewburyport.com/>

Salem, MA: <http://www.salem.org/>

Salem Witch Museum: <http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/>

Peabody Essex Museum: <http://www.pem.org/>