

UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION QUARTERLY



JUNE 2024

2024 USBF NATIONAL BOCCE CHAMPIONSHIPS June 23 to 29 at the Italia-America Bocce Club in St. Louis

Bocce with the Best! [The Italia-America Bocce Club](#) in St. Louis is proud to be hosting the 2024 [USBF National Bocce Championships](#) June 23 – 29, 2024. This is our ninth time hosting the USBF National Championships and our club welcomes those who have been here before and those who have not yet participated or attended this great event. We hope you enjoy the club, our city, the competition, the camaraderie, and the sportsmanship of your fellow bocce players from across the United States.



For any additional information or questions feel free to contact me at 314-477-0154 or iabcstl22@gmail.com.

Robert Della Croce, Tournament Chairman



USBF NATIONAL BOCCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Scheduled Practice

Saturday, June 22: 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

Sunday, June 23: 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

Others practice times: TBD

Registration Check-in

Sunday, June 23, 2024: 4:00 - 8:00 pm: IABC Dining Room

During the week, please check-in at the score table.

Welcome Reception

Sunday, June 23, 2024: 6 -8:00 pm IABC Dining Room, wine/spirit tasting, food samples, and music.

Opening Ceremony

Monday, June 24: 8:00 am

Women's and Men's Doubles

Monday, June 24: 9:00 am to 8:45 pm

Women's and Men's Doubles Semi's and Finals

Tuesday, June 25: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Women's and Men's Singles

Wednesday & Thursday, June 26 & 27

Round Robin Women's and Men's Singles

Wednesday Afternoon & Thursday, June 26 & 27

Mixed Doubles Semi's and Finals

Wednesday Evening, June 26

Round Robin Men's Singles Elimination, Semi's and Finals

Thursday Afternoon and Evening, June 27

Women's Precision Shooting

Friday, June 28: 9:00 am

Men's Precision Shooting

Friday, June 28: 12:00 pm

Open A Money

Friday Night and Saturday Morning, June 28 and 29

Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 29, 2024: 7:00 pm IABC Dining Room

For more information visit www.usbf.us



Bocce Broadcast Network is proud to be the broadcast partner of the 2024 USBF National Bocce Championships in St. Louis, MO at the Italia America Bocce Club. BBN is the biggest platform for Bocce in the U.S. and exists to advance our sport through high quality, accessible broadcasts.

The BBN YouTube Channel will be live Monday the 24th through Saturday the 29th, to broadcast every event. We hope you are able to tune in for some top-notch competition. Broadcast links for each individual event will be available only after the event has gone live.

All events will be available, both live and indefinitely afterwards, at www.youtube.com/@boccebroadcastnetwork. For more information on BBN, visit www.boccebroadcast.network or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). See you next week!

LETTER FROM THE USBF PRESIDENT

The National Bocce Championships are fast approaching! I have been fortunate to see the growth of our sport and the passion shown by many new groups. We need to thank the [American Bocce Co.](#), [Bocce Broadcast Network](#), the [Dallas Bocce Club](#) organizers and especially the Ohio group for putting on so many terrific tournaments.



The goal of the USBF has been and always will be the promotion and exposure of bocce.



While many still discuss the difference between Open Play and International Play, one thing is sure, it really doesn't matter which modality you play but simply the fact you are showcasing the sport. The boost we have received with live streaming is incredible! By being on You Tube the events are available to watch all over the world. Moving forward I ask everyone's help in soliciting young players especially under 21 men and women so we can keep pace with the rest of the countries.

CBI [Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale](#) has become more active and is hosting a World Championship of some style every year. We need to have players ready to compete. I suggest starting club events or after-school parties and getting them playing open rules. This is part of the reason we have Directors in every sector. There are many events scheduled for 2024 and participation and support of these events is most important.



Our very important National Tournament will be held in June at the IABC of St. Louis. The IABC has hosted several times and really know what they are doing. This will be a qualifying event meaning players will have the opportunity to participate in the World Championships if they win. Not all the events will be qualifiers but expect some stiff competition regardless. More details will be sent out soon and posted on our website as well.

2024 is an election year so if anyone is interested in running for any officer position feel free to let our current Secretary Teresa Rae know. Please include a short bio and let us know your interest and ideas to help improve the USBF.

In closing, I want to thank Natalina Bernardi, Margaret Shindelus, Nancy Mueller and Joe Quarterone for the constant support and assistance. Please keep playing and enjoying the camaraderie.



See you in St. Louis!

Danny Passaglia, President USBF

Mario Massa NIASHF Induction

The Highwood Bocce Club's own **Mario Massa** once again made history, this time posthumously becoming the first bocce player and/or dignitary inducted into the [National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame](#). Congratulations to Mario, and thank you to the NIASHF President Ron Onesti and the entire NIASHF board for honoring



this giant of the game, and including the sport of Bocce.



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