



American Sons of Columbus
2415 Independence Ave
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Greetings friends in Bocce,

We are pleased to announce the 10th Annual Tom Gialde Memorial Bocce Tournament benefitting *Boy Scouts of America Troop 80* on August 2-4, 2024. We expect our biggest tournament to date allowing for 37 teams (25 men and 12 women) with players attending from throughout America. Should we sell out again this year, and to accommodate this field based on our four-court capacity, we have made some important changes. First, our tournament will begin promptly at 3:00pm on Friday, August 2. Also, should we reach more than 20 teams again in the men's draw, we will hold a single-elimination playoff. Nonetheless, all teams entered in the tournament (men and women) will be guaranteed **five games**.

All games (round-robin and playoff) will be played to 12 points on a 50-minute timer. Teams will receive a warmup (down-and-back) before their first game of the day. Championship games will be untimed.

As always, we strive to provide a first-class playing experience for our members and guests. Traveling players will have full access to our Colleoni courts throughout the day and evening on Thursday, August 1, as well as on Friday, August 2 until the Captains meeting at 2:00pm.

Listed below is a breakdown of our tournament format:

Men/Mixed- Teams will be divided into five groups of five teams for round robin matches. Then, all will be seeded based on record (points scored will be used as a tiebreaker) into a single-elimination bracket.

Women- Teams will be divided into two groups of six teams ensuring five round robin games. However, only the **top 3 teams** from each division will move onto a single elimination bracket. We will use USBF tiebreaker guidelines to settle ties.

Some playoff games will be played Saturday afternoon before dinner while the remaining games will be played on Sunday morning. Please see the attached entry form (with tournament schedule), sponsorship information, and hotel accommodations. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at ciao@americansonsofcolumbus.com or send a DM to our Facebook page.

Respectfully,

Jerry Cammisano, Chris Cardello, John Conforti, and Dr. John Liberto
Tournament Directors