



American Sons of Columbus  
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Greetings Friends in Bocce,

We are pleased to announce our 11th Annual Tom Gialde Memorial Bocce Tournament benefitting The Boy Scouts of America Troop 80 on August 8-10, 2025. We are expecting our biggest tournament to date, so we are capping entries at 25 Open teams and 15 Women's teams.

We want to share some format changes. First, we will start the tournament at 2:00 pm on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> with the Women's Division round robin. The Open Division will begin on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> as the Women's playoffs begin. Round robin games will be played to 10 points on a 45-minute timer. As always, and at the conclusion of the round robin matches, **EVERY TEAM MAKES THE PLAYOFFS**. The Women's Division will move into a single elimination format while the Open will play a double elimination knockout round. Playoff games will be played to 12 points on a 55-minute timer (Open One-Loss playoff games will be played to 10 points on a 45-minute timer). A tournament schedule will be released once all teams have entered.

As always, we strive to provide a first-class playing experience for our members and guests. The American Sons of Columbus will be open all-day Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to midnight. We will continue open practice into Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> until 2:00pm. A Captain's meeting will also be held Friday at 1:30 pm. Regardless of your division, all teams are guaranteed a 5-game minimum (including playoffs). We have attached a corresponding entry form, sponsorship information and hotel accommodations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in August.

GOOD BOCCE.

Respectfully,