



## NYSBCC - FAQs and Rules

Greetings bocce players and supporters, from all of us on the bocce committee at the Waterside Club, welcome!

The Waterside Club is pleased to announce the inaugural invitational 2023 New York State Bocce Club Championship (NYSBCC) - Open Rules, ambassador series event.

The details are as follows:

- **When:** April 21-22, 2023
  - Friday, 5:00p - Group Play
  - Saturday, 9:00a - Group Play continuation and single elimination knock out play
- **Where:** Waterside Club, 60 State St, Phoenix NY
- **Cost:** \$300.00 4-player team, **Alternate:** \$75.00 each
- **Registration Deadline:** Entries must be received by March 20, 2023
- **Format:** Each club will be represented by one 4-player team; no walk, two players on each end.
  - Blind draw seeding, group play followed by elimination knock out
  - Participating club will individually determine which players will represent their respective club.
  - Players “must” be local resident-member of registering club and are prohibited from playing on more than one team.
  - Non-resident members of participating club not allowed.
  - If a club opts not to register a team, player(s) from that club cannot roster on secondary club; irrespective, if they are members of more than one club. A player can only identify one “primary” club.

Roster discrepancies will be challenged/rectified by NYSBCC committee, primary and secondary clubs.

- **Balls:** Composition Balls (107mm diameter and 920 grams) Balls are provided or bring your own. Teams must play with same color balls, no mixed sets
- **Uniform:** Teams must wear matching shirts in both style and color
- **Rules:** Open Rules and Code of Conduct, including Waterside Club's, will be in effect and will be discussed at captain's meeting, e.g., sideboards, backboard dead, court delays and scorecard submission, etc.
  
- **Roster:** Each club will identify a captain, plus three players.
  - Teams are permitted to include one alternate with their roster.
  - An "Alternate" rostered player can ONLY enter at the beginning of any game. Once the match begins, the player who is substituted, before the start, cannot enter the game from which he or she is substituted out.
  - Written roster containing players name, cell phone and email required (see club registration form)
  - The alternate player is permitted to act as a coach for their respective team.
  
- **Referees:** Referees will be used for each game. A sign up sheet will be made available for players to sign up to referee one game.
  - Each team will be allowed three (3) technical timeouts, not to exceed one (1) minute in length, to huddle or meet to conference.
  - Designee referee shall begin stoppage once technical timeout is called by captain. Each court will have stopwatch available.
  - Excessive frame delay will be brought to the team's captain by the referee, consistent with the spirit of championship competition.

# NYSBCC - Schedule of Events

## Open Ceremony

3:30p Captain's Meeting & Draw

4:00p Introduction (Welcome Guest)

- Village Representative
- A word from Special Olympics (*few words about Unified Sports and Bocce*)
- Acknowledgements (*sponsors*)

4:30p Sponsor Charity Match

5:00p Draw Reveal - National Anthem

5:15p Play Begins

- Captain's meeting:
  - Captains will gather to review rules (tournament and house), conduct blind draw and group seeding
- The NYSBCC committee reserves the right to adjust format (number of teams in each group and number of teams advancing to knock out), starting times and schedule based on the number of clubs participating.
- Proceeds to benefit Special Olympics Unified Sports (Bocce).
- Bocce Broadcast Network (BBN) will broadcast games throughout the weekend including the quarter, semi and finals.
  - Please be sure to complete the BBN media request form. The information requested will aid the broadcasters, their guest and our online spectators. This is an excellent opportunity to promote awareness of the sport, your club and future events like a club tournament.



Waterside Club will open Friday, 12:00p, for teams looking to practice prior to the commencement of the event.

- Teams will register, in advance, for 1/2 hour block of time.
- Two teams per court will be permitted.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Cigar aficionados are welcome to bring their favorite Belvedere and enjoy the comforts of Waterside's cigar lounge.

Keep the balls rolling and find out which club will come out on top as the 2023 New York State Bocce Club Champion and earned the bragging rights!

