



And

The Arizona American Italian Club
Are very proud to host
3rd Annual Arizona International Open Bocce Tournament
October 17, 18, & 19, 2008
7509 N. 12th Street--Phoenix, AZ 85020
www.boccearizona.net

Bocce Arizona extends their warmest welcome to you and your team for joining us in the 3rd Annual *ARIZONA INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOCCE TOURNAMENT*, **October 17-19, 2008**.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2008

Thursday night, October 16th at 7pm, the Arizona American Italian Club will host a reception for team captains to explain the rules and conduct the draw. It is expected that all team captains (or a designated representative) be present. This will give you an opportunity to meet/greet other captains in attendance.

A free continental breakfast and **free** coffee will be available each morning of the tournament. For your convenience, a box lunch will also be available at additional cost to all in attendance each day of the tournament. Water will be available at the courts and beverages can be purchased inside the bar located in the club. Only club members can purchase from the bar. **Please contact us if you wish to join the Arizona American Italian Club!**

Sunday at 6pm (after the tournament), tournament participants and guests will be treated to a buffet dinner at the club, where awards will also be distributed. There will be an additional cost for guests, players will dine for free.

Enclosed is a summary of the (house rules) tournament regulations and etiquette, tournament structure and registration form.

We are very excited to work with the **Arizona American Italian Club** to present a truly special tournament. We are expecting teams from Italy as well as from all over the United States and Canada. This will be an opportunity to bring many nations together and for Italians, Americans, and Canadians to celebrate a grand sport!

Respectfully yours,
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When: October 17-19, 2008 (Friday through Sunday)
Where: AZ American Italian Club—7509 N. 12th Street Phoenix, AZ 85020
Time: Check-in begins at 8:00 AM at the club on Friday October 17th.
Play starts at 8:30 AM each day

Rules: See attached
Double elimination, one division of play.
Four-man teams (\$65 per player registration fee)
One substitute per team (\$45). Substitute cannot play unless a team member is unable, in which case the substitute will complete play for the remainder of the tournament.

Prize money & medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams , but may be adjusted based on the actual number of teams participating.

1ST PLACE TEAM: \$2000
2ND PLACE TEAM: \$1000
3RD PLACE TEAM: \$600

Team Name & Captain: _____

Captain's address/city/state/zip: _____

Captain's Phone: _____

Captain's email: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

Player #4: _____

Substitute (\$45): _____

❖ **Best Western Inn Suites (1 mile from the courts) – 1615 East Northern Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona**
(800) 752-2204 or 602 997 6285 for reservations—mention "Bocce Arizona". **Continental breakfast included.**

Registration fee (per player \$65): x (# of players) =(substitute is \$45) _____

100% cotton Bocce Arizona t-shirt (\$12 x # of shirts) = _____

Shirt size (circle one): M L XL _____

TOTAL: _____

***** Make checks payable to Bocce Arizona *****

******Please mail this form with payment no later than October 1, 2008!!!******

Mail check and registration form to:

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Phoenix, Arizona 85050

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND ETIQUETTE

The **2nd Annual Arizona International Open Bocce Tournament** will be played according to the freestyle league regulations. Teams will be comprised of four (4) players + one (1) substitute. No changes in team rosters will be made after the beginning of the first match.

1. Teams will play double elimination. Games will go to 11 points each.
2. Teams arriving late for tournament play will lose one point for every five (5) minutes. After one hour, the entire match will be forfeited.
3. Teams may practice before each game of a match. Practice will consist of players rolling appropriate number of balls one time from each end of the court.

4. A Neutral Official will judge each match. Final game will be observed/officiated by tournament directors.
5. Only the players may enter the court during tournament play. Time outs may be called during a game only by the team captain. Time outs may not exceed two (2) minutes. No more than two time outs may be called by a team in any one game.
6. Team captains are responsible for signing score cards and returning those cards and all equipment to the tournament official after every match.
7. Team captains are responsible for the actions of their players. Drinking and smoking are not permitted on the court. Players wishing to leave the court momentarily must first notify the opposing team captain.
8. Players may not apply any foreign substance to the balls.
9. Courtesy and respect should be displayed at all times. When a player is about to play his ball, all others should remain silent. Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct are not permitted. Violations will result in a warning by the official tournament referee to the player and the team captain. Severe violations or a violation after a warning has already been given will result in the player's expulsion from that game by the official tournament referee.
10. Any ball that touches the back board is then considered "dead," unless another ball (or pallino) makes contact, then the ball is still in play.
11. No substitutions allowed once the game starts. If a substitute must replace a regular team member, they will replace regular team member for the remainder of the tournament.

12. If a team does not have a substitute, the tournament director will select one if needed for that team.
 13. All teams will play double elimination.
 14. All teams will play a partial round.
 15. All games will be played to 11 points.
 16. The championship game will be played to 13 points.
 17. Team rankings will be based on total wins. Ties will be broken (first) by total points, (second) by points scored against and (last) by coin toss.
 18. Losers of the semi-final will play for third and fourth place. Winners will play for first and second place.
 19. The team who wins the toss will have two chances to throw the pallino. After throwing twice, the opposite team will be allowed to throw the pallino; and the team who initially won the toss will be allowed to throw the first ball.
 20. When the pallino returns from the center of the course, the same team starts again.
 21. Tournament directors reserve the right to use discretion on modification of any of the above to ensure a fun, safe, and competitive tournament.
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