



2026 Interscholastic Unified Sports Bocce State Championship

PARTNERSHIP WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA AND PIAA



Interscholastic Unified Sports is a fully inclusive high school program with teams comprised of a proportional number of students with and without intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. These student athletes train and compete together as equal peers, and proudly represent their school like other varsity teams. There were 490



Unified bocce teams from 325 high schools that played throughout the winter season in 926 competition matches. Teams advanced through league playoffs and regional championships to get to the state championship.

There are eight teams which have emerged for the opportunity to win the 2026 State Championship! Last year's state champion was Blackhawk High School from Beaver County. Special Olympics Pennsylvania proudly partners with more than 570 schools in 63 counties throughout the state through the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) program. Additionally, Special Olympics Pennsylvania is grateful for its valued partnerships with the PIAA and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education.



WHAT IS BOCCE?

You may know it as an Italian game, but internationally it is a very popular sport for Special Olympics. This is because of its ability to accommodate a wide range of athletes and skill levels. At the high school level, the bocce teams consist of 6-8 players with two alternates. Four team members are positioned on two sides of a 60 foot long court and compete against another team. In each frame a small yellow ball, called the pallina, is rolled out. Each member of a team must then toss a red or green ball and attempt to get their ball as close to the pallina as possible. Each team has four balls to roll. Points are awarded in each frame to one team. One point is given for each ball of the same color closer to the pallina than any of the opposing team's bocce balls. The team members at the opposite end then begin a

new frame. The game is complete when a team scores 16 points or the designated time frame of 30 minutes elapses. This is a truly inclusive game where each team member plays a meaningful role.

Play Unified with



Bald Eagle Area High School

Autumn Yoder	Junior
Bridget Dechow	Sophomore
Kendyll Crane	Sophomore
John Stover	Senior
Coen Wasson	Senior +
Kaleb Irion	Senior
Jackson Nyman	Sophomore
Carson Shope	Junior
Stephanie Cooper	Junior
Molly Gilbert	Head Coach
Rhonda Ternent	Asst. Coach

Bristol High School

Kenny Brown	Sophomore
Sylis Rogers	Junior
Brandon McNally	Junior
Christopher Chapman	Junior
Grace Boyle	Senior
Karly Oxford	Sophomore
Olivia Page	Sophomore
Aliiyah Barreto	Sophomore
Jimmy Vroman	Senior +
Jayson Delgado	Senior +
Dave Chichilitti	Head Coach
Joe Ricci	Asst. Coach

Blackhawk High School

Will Brown	Senior
Lucas Nitsche	Sophomore
Max Sprinker	Senior
Elise Hanna	Junior
Sean Korff	Sophomore
Savannah Greene	Sophomore
Jeremiah Prejean	Senior
Jaheim Prejean	Senior +
Anthony Lansberry	Freshman
Kylie Greer	Freshman

Mariah Brown Head Coach

Chartiers Valley High School

Luke Waldron	Sophomore
Benjamin Heinzl	Senior
Boburkhon Sagdullayev	Freshman
Sofia Bragano	Senior
Anthony Montana	Sophomore
Amanda Wyandt	Senior +
Katie Daley	Sophomore
Logan Vaites	Junior
Adil Hussain	Senior

Vickie Cushey Head Coach
Mary Ellen Peduzzi Asst. Coach



Clarion Area Jr/Sr High School

Jack Staley	Freshman
Marley Kline	Senior
Jake O'Neill	Sophomore
Amerie O'Neill	Sophomore
Gabe Anderson	Sophomore
Carter Hindman	Sophomore
Malachi Carrico	Junior
Kara Wilson	Sophomore
Nico Stefanos	Senior
Jeffery JJ Moll	Freshman
Jill Babington	Head Coach
Julie Johnson	Asst. Coach

Haverford High School

Collin Dunlavy	Sophomore
Charles Hatton	Junior
Micah Tyson	Junior
Dominic Moiani	Senior
Elizabeth Gondek	Senior
Stephanie Gondek	Senior
Kevin Carter	Sophomore
Ryan Cleary	Junior
Kennedy Brooks	Junior
Kayla Carroll	Head Coach
Lauren Herbert	Asst. Coach

Schuylkill Haven Area High School

Jayden Brossman	Junior
Thomas Adams	Senior
Grayson Fessler	Junior
Haidyn Neifert	Junior
Bryce Delpais	Freshman
Faith Krammes	Senior
Reaghen McCulloch	Sophomore
Cooper McCartney	Senior
Ed Andrescavage	Head Coach
Stacey McClusky	Asst. Coach

Shippensburg High School

Izaya Clark-Kharigub	Junior
Grace Binder	Senior
Daunte Barker	Sophomore
Elijah Davis	Junior
Carmella Carbo	Senior
Addison Mowery	Junior
Calura Krall	Junior
Shyrinkha Bista	Senior
Rowan Burns	Junior

John Klenzing Head Coach
Jennifer Flinchbaugh Asst. Coach

