

On Monday, July 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., Kokosing will join Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther to wish members of the USA Paralympic Boccia from Columbus good luck at 2016 USA Boccia Nationals in Kansas City, July 21 to 24.

Boccia, a game that started in Italy, has been part of the Paralympic Games since 1984. It tests the athlete's coordination, accuracy, concentration and ability to strategize. Boccia is played indoors on a flat, smooth surface by individuals, pairs or teams of three. Athletes throw, kick or use an assistive device to propel leather balls as close as possible to a white target ball (jack).

Columbus Paralympic Sport Club, a program of Columbus Recreation and Parks, has been in existence since 2008 and Boccia was started in 2009. Columbus' Boccia Team started recreationally in 2009, competed nationally in 2010, and competed internationally in 2011.

Please join us to wish three of our best athletes' good luck on their way to the Nationals!

Cornelius Oatis ranked number one in the USA in classification BC1! He has been playing since 2010 and has competed internationally since 2011 in Ireland, China, Toronto, and Montreal to compete with Team USA!!!!!!

Jimmy Miranda is ranked fourth in the country in classification BC3. He has competed nationally for four years and hopes to start his international Paralympic journey in 2017.

Marck Harrison has been playing boccia since 2011. He has been on the USA Paralympic Boccia team since 2011 and is ranked number 2 in the country in classification BC2! Marck has competed internationally in Ireland, China and Toronto.

If you are interested in supporting our boccia program, please remit your check to Friends of Therapeutic Recreation. Therapeutic Recreation is a Columbus Recreation Council. It is a 501(c)3 organization; Federal Tax ID is 31-1167845. Donations can be sent to Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Attn: Mary Beth Moore/Luke Edelbrock, 1111 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205.



Cornelius



Jimmy



Marck