



NATIONAL
VETERANS
GOLDEN AGE GAMES



Tuesday, July 12, 2016



Competition Begins at the 2016 National Veterans Golden Age Games

The excitement ramped up Monday morning as official competition began at the 2016 National Veterans Golden Age Games!

Cobo Center was humming as hundreds of athletes converged on the convention center to take part in events like bocchia, shuffleboard, air rifle and more!

Monday evening was topped off with the official opening of the Games, the Parade of Athletes, which included a parade of flags and more!

“These games mean so much to you, and because of that, they mean so much to us, the staff of the Detroit VA,” said Detroit VA Medical Center Director, Dr. Pamela Reeves. We have worked very hard with the national team to host this week! “

Competition continues Tuesday morning with events at Cobo, Belle Isle and Wayne State University.



Veterans “Have a Ball” with Bocchia at the 2016 Games

It’s been part of the Golden Age Games for several years and it continues to make a hit! Bocchia is a game that has some interesting roots!

It’s a precision ball sport, related to bocce and bowling. The name "bocchia" is derived from the Latin word for 'boss' – bottia. It was originally designed to be played by people with cerebral palsy but now includes athletes with other severe disabilities affecting motor skills.

In 1984 Bocchia became a Paralympic sport, and in 2008 was being practiced in over fifty countries worldwide! Bocchia is governed by the Bocchia International Sports Federation, (BISFed) and is one of only three Paralympic sports that have no counterpart in the Olympic program.

“It’s really a perfect game for physical abilities as well as strategy,” said Maureen McDonald, Recreational Therapist at the Detroit VA. “Our Vets love it and we have more and more who would like to get involved!”



Information

Athlete Meals

Breakfast,
Monday–Thursday,
5:00–8:00 a.m.,
Marriott Ren Cen

Renaissance
Ballroom

Lunch, Dinner
Use your Debit Card
provided at
Registration!

Medical Suites:
Area outside of Cobo
Halls A & B

**Command Center,
Lost and Found:**
Cobo Center, Room
314, Motor City Room
313-576-2016

WEDNESDAY NIGHT!



**VCS
Bingo
7:00 pm.**

**Marriott Ren
Cen Hotel**

**Renaissance
Ballroom**



**For full
schedule and
more
information,
see your
official Games
program!**

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Air Rifle

Cobo Rm 310 A & B
7 AM-10 AM, 10:30 AM-
12:30 AM, 2 PM-5 PM

Boccia AMB

Single/Double
Cobo Hall B
7AM-11AM: 55-59
1 PM-5 PM: 85+, 80-84

Horseshoes AMB

Cobo Hall A
7AM-11AM: 60-64
1 PM-5 PM: 75-79

Nineball

Cobo Hall A
W/C 7AM-11AM: All Ages
AMB 1 PM-5 PM: 65-69

Table Tennis AMB

Cobo Hall B
7AM-11AM: 70-74
1 PM-5 PM: 55-59

Shuffleboard AMB

Cobo Hall A
7AM-11AM: 85+, 80-84, 75-79

5K Cycling

Belle Isle
7 AM-1 PM: All Ages

Exhibition Racquetball

Belle Isle
7 AM-3 PM: All Ages

Exhibition Rowing

Belle Isle
9 AM-1 PM: All Ages

Exhibition Blind Disc Golf VI

Belle Isle
7 AM-3 PM: All Ages

Health & Wellness Session

Cobo Rm 321
9 AM-11 PM
2 PM-4 PM

Swimming AMB

Wayne State Univ.
3 PM-7 PM All Ages

Monday Photo Album



Photos

Award ceremony photos can be downloaded at no cost
from **Shutterfly**.

<https://nvgag2016detroit.shutterfly.com/>

Official VA flickr page:

www.flickr.com/photos/veteransaffairs/albums

