HOST CITY:
The 11th IBSA General Assembly will be hosted by the United States Association of Blind Athletes in Fort Wayne, IN at the Hilton Convention Center from July 3rd – July 6th. Fort Wayne, Indiana’s second-largest city, is delighted to be hosting the 2019 IBSA Goalball and Judo International Qualifier. In addition to the amazing event venues at Turnstone and Indiana Tech University, we offer countless activities, restaurants, and special events to enjoy while you are here. Discover nearby hotels, restaurants, shopping, and entertainment! Located in the heart of the Midwest, Fort Wayne is just a one-day drive from 12 other major metropolitan areas. Thinking of extending your trip to find out what the rest of the country has to offer? You can easily drive to a dozen cities nearby or fly anywhere in the country from the Fort Wayne International Airport.

TIME:
Fort Wayne is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone, 5 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

LANGUAGE:
English is the primary language of the United States. Spanish is understood and spoken by many.

CURRENCY:
The U.S. currency is the United States Dollar (USD).

ELECTRICITY:
Electric power is set at 110 Voltz and 60 cycles.

VISAS:
A Tourist B-2 visa is required for anyone traveling to the U.S. from a nation not listed in Addendum 1. Read more about the Tourist B-2 visa on the U.S. Department of State travel webpage: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html#overview

The visa application process varies depending on the country in which you are applying. Start by looking up your country’s U.S. Embassy locations for the application process you must follow: https://www.usembassy.gov

The process to secure a Tourist B-2 visa to enter the U.S. may require a visit to your nearest consulate office and an in-person interview. The timeline varies for each embassy office depending on the number of requests they receive and can take months in some cases. We recommend beginning this process as soon as you know you will be attending the tournament. Should you require a letter of invitation or proof of event, the organizing committee is happy to provide these documents and assistance in applying for U.S. Tourist B-2 visas. For questions regarding visas, contact: ibsa2019@turnstone.org
COSTS:
Each member will be charged a registration fee of $900 dollars. The entry fee includes room and 3 meals per day from July 3-6, 2019, ground transportation to/from approved airports to the official hotel and competition venues. All rooms for General Assembly will be single occupancy.
For payment and registration, please visit: https://usaba.fusesport.com/registration/772/?userid=2104

Deadline: Registration for the event will close March 31st, 2019.

Please note that only IBSA Members in good standing (paid the IBSA 2019 Membership Fee) can attend the 2019 General Assembly.

Proposed Agenda:

Wednesday, July 3  Arrival of delegates  Evening Reception
Thursday, July 4  IBSA Conference  Evening Reception
Friday, July 5  IBSA General Assembly  Evening Reception
Saturday, July 6  Departures

ADDENDUM 1.
Nations that may NOT need a visa for the United States for short-term TOURIST purposes:

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Canada
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom

For more information about traveling to the United States without a Visa, please visit https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/travel-without-a-visa.html
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July 3 – July 6
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mandate Form

Name of IBSA member organization:

Country:

Type of organization:  □ NPC   X Blind Sports Federation   □ Other

Address:

E-mail:

Name of delegate with full voting rights:

If your organization is represented by two or three persons at the General Assembly, names of second and third delegates:

The second and third delegates may vote only in the absence of the first delegate.

This mandate form must be signed and stamped by either the President or Secretary General of the IBSA member organization:

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Position: President / Secretary General

Signature and stamp:

To be completed and returned to the IBSA Assist office by Sunday, March 31st, 2019

to: ibsaassist@ibsasport.org