

HOW TO PLAY BOCCE BALL

Number of Teams/Players Needed:

- Two teams, with a minimum of 4 players to a team. They will be designated as Team #1 and Team #2, for the purpose of this tutorial.
- Two players from Team #1 will stand/play at the front end of the court and two players from Team #1 will stand/play at the far end of the court. The same for Team #2.

Begin Match:

- Match begins with a flip of a coin between a representative of each team.
- Winner of coin flip may choose the first toss of the pallino **OR** choice of ball color. The loser of the coin flip gets what the winner of the coin flip did not choose.

Object of Game:

- The object of the game is for each team to throw their bocce ball as close to the pallino as possible in order to score as many points they can, to reach 12 points. The first team to reach 12 points is the winner of the game.

Playing the Game:

- Every player gets two balls each to throw. A player may choose to throw their balls consecutively or alternately with their teammate.
- Play begins at the front of the court. A player of the team who chose the pallino begins the game. The player may throw their pallino any distance on the court, as long as the pallino crosses the red centerline of the court and does not hit the back board of the court.

If the player of that team fails to do this, the pallino reverts to the other team. Once the pallino is legally in play, the first bocce ball thrown reverts back to the team who originally won the pallino in the coin toss.

- If a bocce ball hits the backboard the ball is considered “dead” and the player of the team must roll again.

Note: The team whose bocce balls are closest to the pallino are called “inside” and the opposing team are “outside”. Whenever a team gets “inside”, they step aside and let the “outside” team roll. The team “outside” throws until it beats the opposing “inside” ball. This continues until both teams have used all of their bocce balls.

- Once all the balls have been thrown by both teams, the frame is finished. Scores are tallied for that frame, and the second frame begins from the other end of the court.
- This goes back and forth from one end of the court, until one of the teams reaches 12 points, and the game is over.