

You can reserve a Bocce Ball Court and check out the equipment at the front desk. Bocce is fun for the entire family!

BASIC RULES OF BOCCE BALL*

OBJECT... For one team to get as many of their bocci (balls) closer to the pallino (small ball) than the opposing team's closest bocce (ball). Games can be to 9, 11, 15 or 21 points.

Play may be 1 game or best 2 of 3 games.

Players... The game is played with 2 teams of 1, 2 or 4 players.

With 1 player teams the players' throw 4 balls from each end in a Frame. All of the throw must be from behind the line.

With 2 player teams each player throws 4 balls from their designated end in a Frame (the players' designated ends are fixed for a game).

With 4 player teams each player throws 1 ball from their designated and fixed end in a frame.

START OF PLAY... The toss of a coin or "throwing fingers" (rock, paper, scissors) determines which team will start a game.

The starting team picks their bocci color.

The starting team tosses the Pallino to establish the initial target position. The Pallino must be past the center line or the starting team must rethrow.

The starting team rolls the first bocce to get as close as possible to the pallino.

The opposing team is then challenged to roll their first bocce closer to the pallino than the starting team's first ball. The opposing team continues to throw their balls until one is closer to the pallino or they've thrown all 4 balls from their end.

(NOTE: I use the term "throw" meaning any one of three types of tosses or rolls... a throw intended to score a point {PUNTO} a throw intended to move the pallino and / or an opponent's ball {RAFFA} and an aerial toss for any purpose {VOLO})

Throughout a Frame throwing order is determined by closeness to the pallino with the "away" team throwing the next ball.

(NOTE: "Closeness" is determined by using the designated measuring aid as agreed to before starting play. For example, from center of the pallino to the edge of the bocce in question or from edge to edge when measuring between 2 bocce).

SIDEBOARDS / BACKBOARD... Both the sideboards and backboards are in play and may be used in a team's strategy.

SCORING... Only one team can score points in a Frame. The scoring team may get 1-4 points depending on how many of their balls are closer to the pallino than the opposing team's closest ball to the pallino. If both teams' closest balls to the pallino are equidistant there will be no score for the Frame. The scoring team will throw the pallino and their first ball to

start the next Frame.

*** These "Basic Rules" are intended to avoid the mind numbing rigidity of both "Championship" and "Tournament" Bocce Ball (Google bocce ball rules). Sideboards and Backboards go a long way towards making this format so much more fun than the more "traditional" Lawn Bowling (Bramhall / Willow St. Park).**