

Bocce Ball Tournament



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Bocce Ball

Bocce, also known as Italian lawn bowling, is an ancient sport, played worldwide.

The object of the game is to get the Bocce (ball) as close as possible to the Pallina (jack; target smaller ball).






Basic Rules

- Bocce is played with eight (8) large balls and one (1) smaller target or object ball called a Pallina.
- There are four (4) balls per team and they are made of a different color or pattern to distinguish the balls of one team from those of the other team.
- The game is played with two (2) teams, with each team having four (4) players. For four (4) player teams, each player throws one (1) ball.



To Start a Game

- The team that wins the coin toss can choose to either have first toss of the Pallina or the color of the balls they will use.
- To start a game, the Pallina is rolled or tossed by a member of the team having won the coin toss. A player can toss the Pallina any distance as long as it passes the center line of the court and stays within the boundaries of the court.
- If the player fails to toss the ball properly into play, a member of the opposing team will toss the ball into play. If the opposing team fails to properly toss the Pallina into play, the toss reverts to a member of the original team.




How to Score Points

- Players or teams alternate tosses until all Bocce balls are tossed.
- Bocce balls that hit the back board are out of play and must be removed from the court before the next toss.
- Only one (1) team scores points in a frame and there is no score until all balls have been tossed.
- One (1) point is awarded for the ball that is closest to the Pallina and two (2) points for a “Kiss”.
- Scoring team begins the next frame.
- Games are played to 16 points with the first team reaching 16 points being the winner of a game.



Other Rules

- All balls must be thrown underhanded.
- A team has the option of rolling, tossing, bouncing, etc. its ball down the court provided it does not go outside the boundaries of the court or the player does not violate the foul line.
- A player should not step on or over the foul line before releasing any ball.
- Any ball that goes outside the boundaries of the court is considered a dead ball and is removed immediately from play until the end of a frame.



How to Win Bocce

One of the best bocce ball tips is to decide when to aim for the Pallina, and when to aim for previously thrown bocce balls.

Knocking another team's bocce ball further from the Pallina is a good strategy, especially if your team already has the closest bocce to the Pallina.

Winning the frame is more important than scoring additional points. You get zero points if the opposing team has the closest bocce to the Pallina.

A large, dark, irregular ink blot with splatters on a white background. The blot is roughly circular but has many jagged, feathered edges. Numerous small, dark ink droplets and splatters are scattered around the main blot, particularly towards the top and right sides. The overall effect is that of a fresh ink splash or a paint splatter.

Have Fun!