

BOCCE BALL RULES

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1) TEAM COMPOSITION & POSITION

- a.) A team shall have 2 players. Each player will be given 2 bocce balls.

2) GAMEPLAY

- a.) The first throwing team will be decided by Rock-Paper-Scissors.
- b.) At random, choose a player on the starting team to throw the pallino (the smaller ball of the set). The pallino must go at least five yards from the throw line.
- c.) After the pallino is thrown, the same player will throw his/her first bocce ball. Players are trying to get the bocce balls as close to the pallino as possible.
 - 1.) Throws must be done with one hand. Throws must be underhand. Throws can either be tossed or rolled.
- d.) After the first player has thrown his/her first bocce ball, he/she is considered "inside" because his/her ball is closer to the pallino than any of the competitor's balls. The opposing team players are considered "outside." Whenever a player is considered "inside," he/she AND his/her teammate will forfeit their turns throwing bocce balls. All "outside" players will take turns throwing their bocce balls until one of theirs gets closer to the pallino than the "inside" player.
- e.) If none of the opposing team's balls land closer to the pallino, the "inside" team may throw the rest of their bocce balls.
- f.) A player may knock opponent's bocce balls out of place and may also knock his team's bocce balls into a different position. A thrown bocce ball may also move the pallino to a new location.

3) SCORING

- a.) After all players have thrown their bocce balls, the player that is "inside" will be awarded points. One point will be awarded for each ball that is closer to the pallino than his closest competitor's ball. A measuring tape will be available on request to determine who is closest. If there is contention between teams, and intramural sports employee will make the final decision.
- b.) To start a new frame, the person/team with that is "inside" at the end of the previous frame will throw the pallino and the first bocce ball.
- c.) A game is won when a team reaches 13 points.