

## **COURT LAYOUT**

-5 lines( center, 2 foul lines, 2 Pallino(small ball) out-of-play lines)

## **TEAMS**

- Try to have 5-7 players on team to cover absences, though flexible. Only 4 play in each game. Those not playing can be a SCAM(Scorekeeper, Coach and Measurer.)
- Select a team Leader who will decide who will play in each game. Every player must play at least one game,
- Each player will toss 2 of 4 team balls. Order of the tosses can be decided by players on each side of the court.

## **BASIC BOCCE RULES**

1. Flip coin or other method to see which team is first to roll the Pallino.
2. Pallino must travel beyond the center line at 30 feet but no farther than the line 1 foot from the end of court(okay if on either line.) If Pallino doesn't land in targeted area the Pallino is returned to the other team to toss.
3. The team who successfully rolled the Pallino throws first Bocce ball and is designated as Team A. Objective is to get as close to Pallino as you can.
4. Team B rolls their Bocce balls *until they have one closer to the Pallino* than that first ball rolled by Team A. Once Team B has one closer, play continues for Team A to get closer to the Pallino than the closest Team B ball and so on.
5. After all 8 Bocce balls are rolled, the only team that gets points is team with bocce balls closest to the Pallino. If ball "kisses" pallino, 2 points are awarded for that ball. The team scoring points also has control of the next pallino roll.
6. Note: A Bocce ball that is rolled all the way to the back wall, *without first hitting another Bocce Ball or the Pallino*, is removed from the court.
7. When measurements result in a tie, the team gaining the tie continues to deliver balls until they get closer to the pallino. If the frame (game has frames) ends in a tie, no points are scored for either team. The team that started the tied frame shall begin the next frame.
8. Only the player, who will be rolling the next ball, may go down the court to judge the position of the balls.
9. Play continues until a team scores enough points to end game. The number of Points required will be communicated by Scheduler prior to team play, as it could vary depending on number of teams playing that night in the Round Robin. Team that wins game rolls the Pallino in next game.

## **OTHER RULES**

10. Bocce balls bouncing out of court are “out of play” (dead).
11. If a bocce ball knocks the pallino out of the court, the Pallino is returned to court by placing it on “the center of the 1’ foul line” and play continues. The next team to throw will be the team not closest to the newly positioned Pallino.
12. When a bocce ball is delivered out of turn, the offending side will lose that ball. Any balls repositioned as a result of this offending ball will remain as they are.
13. If a team delivers a ball of the other team, it loses a ball and the delivered ball will be returned to the opposing team for play. All ball movement caused by the ball thrown in error stay as they are.
14. Only league balls shall be used for all league games. Mixing plastic and different size balls with the league resin balls can damage balls and cause inconsistent play.
15. Measure from the edge of bocce ball to the center top of Pallino using tape or cup. If the measurers or a player on the court inspecting the balls layout inadvertently move any bocce balls or the pallino, the leaders have the option to reposition the moved balls and continue. If the leaders can’t agree on a repositioning, then the frame (game has frames) shall be void. Balls are sent to the other side and the team that started the voided frame shall begin the frame.
16. Balls are rolled not lofted into the air. Lofting causes small craters in court and can be dangerous. Any severely lofted ball will be removed from court.

## **BOCCE ETIQUETTE**

1. Be prompt for the day’s scheduled start times. In Round Robin play, succeeding games play can begin immediately after both teams in their bracket are ready.
2. Be ready when it’s your turn to roll.
3. Good manners are common sense and a courtesy
  - Have a positive attitude, Have Fun!
  - Learn and Play by the rules
  - Treat all with respect. Do not criticize, tease, taunt or bully
  - Take pride in winning but don’t rub it in
  - In general, be helpful to teammates and competition. “Helpful Hints” on play details is best offered only when asked.
  - Avoid profanity
4. After a frame is complete, those responsible for measuring should roll balls to the area of the balls holder. Those, whose turn it is to play, should return balls to the holder.
5. Cell phone calls should be taken away from the playing area.
6. Keep materials in Bocce Container in good order: One bag(yellow/blue balls/pallino), other bag(green/red balls/pallino), measuring devices, etc.
7. Do not play when courts have standing water. Okay to play if damp to touch.