



## Bocce Playing Guide

### Starting the Game

- Team winning the coin toss rolls the pallina and chooses the color of the ball they want to throw.
- Coin toss winning team will have three (3) attempts to place the pallina
- Pallina must roll past or touch the mid-line and not cross the foul line at the other end.
- If not successful, the opposing team will have one opportunity to place the pallina. If they are unsuccessful, the referee will place the pallina, in the center of the foul line opposite of where they are throwing on the court.

### Game Play

- The player who initially rolled the pallina rolls the first ball after the pallina is set. (Even if the opposing team successfully places the pallina.)
- The coin toss winning team MUST establish the initial point (ball must roll in play).
- The opposing team then rolls their bocce ball(s) until they either get one closer to the pallina than their opponent's closest ball or they roll all four of their balls.
- The nearest ball determines the sequence of play. The team whose ball is closest to the pallina is the **"in"** team and the opposing side is the **"out"** team. Whenever a team gets **"in"**, it steps aside and allows the **"out"** team to roll a ball.
- Two-player team – each player is allowed to play two balls ONLY.

### Scoring

After both teams have thrown all their balls, points will be counted as follows:

- The team with the closest ball to the pallina will win the frame. A team can score up to four (4) points per frame. Multiple points are awarded for each ball closer to the pallina than the closest ball of the opposing team (measure!!!).
- In the event of a tie, the last team to throw will continue to throw until they run out of balls or if the tie is broken. If there is a tie at the end of a frame, no points will be awarded.
- The scoring team will win the tossing of the pallina for the next frame.
- Game is - **12 points or Time Limit**, whichever occurs first. Listen for announcement from official.

### Definitions

- Live Ball – any ball that has been released from the player's hand and crosses the foul line from which they are throwing.
- Dead Ball – any ball that has been disqualified by:
  - 1) Result from a penalty or going out of court
  - 2) Coming in contact with a person or object, which is out of the court

### Other Information:

- It is ok to hit the pallina
- It is ok to hit the opponents ball