

# Rules of Bocce

## 1. Players

- a. One player per team = four balls per player.
- b. Two players per team = two balls per player.
- c. Four players per team = one ball per player.

## 2. Playing Bocce:

- a. Bocce can be played on most surfaces as long as they are fairly smooth and flat.
- b. A frame starts by a team tossing the pallino toward the opposite end of the playing court. The game (frame) is completed after the balls have been thrown and points awarded. Balls are tossed or rolled underhand.
- c. Whoever wins the coin toss will begin by tossing the pallino into the playing area. It must be thrown past the center line and not further than the four foot line. If it lands out of the designated space, the opposing team will throw the pallino into the playing area.
- d. Once the pallino is in position, the first team throws their bocce ball. Taking alternate turns, each team throws their balls toward the pallino in hopes of:
  - i. Getting their ball closest to the pallino.
  - ii. Moving the pallino closer to their ball.
  - iii. Moving the opponent's ball.
- e. The winning team begins the next frame. Frames are played alternately from one end of the court to the other.

## 3. Scoring

- a. In each frame, only one team scores. One point is given for each bocce ball that is closer to the pallino than the opposing team's bocce balls. The pallino distance marker can be used to determine which balls are closer.
- b. The game continues until 12 points have been scored.

