

## **BOCCE BALL**

**COMPETITION DIVISIONS:** Bocce Ball is an individual age category competition which is divided into both men and women divisions.

**TOURNAMENT:** Bocce Ball is a competitive game accumulating points to win.

### **FORMAT:**

1. Fifteen minutes late for a scheduled match is a default.
2. Games will be run as a single elimination.
3. In preliminary rounds the winner is the first player to score nine points. In the finals, the winner is the first player to score 12 points. In both cases players must win by two points.
3. To start the game, the winner of a coin toss may decide to either throw the target ball, called a "Pallino," first or choose the ball color.
4. Each player on the initial throw must toss the "Pallino" past the center line, but not closer than five feet from the end of the court. If the "Pallino" lands closer than five feet from the end of the court or hits the back wall it is considered dead and the opponent will have a chance to put the "Pallino" in play. They only get one attempt. If both fail, the first person can try again.
5. The player that gets the "Pallino" in play tosses the first Bocce Ball trying to get as close as they can to the "Pallino." The other player then tosses until they have a ball closer to the "Pallino" than the starting person. Once the second player has a ball closer than the first or runs out of balls, play reverts back to the first player. Play goes back and forth from player to player each time they get a ball closer to the "Pallino" than their opponent until all balls are tossed.
6. If a ball bounces off the back wall and hits another ball the dead ball is removed and the ball that was struck is returned to its original position. The Bocce Ball striking the back wall should be removed before the next player tosses their ball. If the "Pallino" is knocked into the back wall by a Bocce Ball, it is still played where it lays.
7. Only the player with the Bocce Ball closest to the "Pallino" at the end of the frame scores. The player with the closest Bocce Ball to the "Pallino" scores points for any additional Bocce Balls that are closer than the closest of any opponents balls to the "Pallino" for a maximum of four points per frame.
8. If at the end of any frame, the balls are equal distance from the "Pallino" the frame ends in a tie and NO POINTS are awarded.

### **SCORING:**

1. The participants with the three highest scores will be winners for medals.
2. In case of ties, duplicate awards will be given.
3. Winners will be awarded and receive in each age category below the gold, silver, and bronze medals.

50-54 65-69 80-84 95+  
55-59 70-74 85-89  
60-64 75-79 90-94

**EQUIPMENT:**

1. Courts used in this competition measures 9' X 75'.
2. The game is played with nine balls: four green, four red, and a ninth small white ball called the "Pallino."

**OFFICIALS:** Any circumstances not covered in these rules will be ruled upon by the Event Coordinator.