

BOCCE PLAYING RULES 2021

1. Each team shall consist of four players. At least one player of each gender must be on the team. No team shall play with four players of the same gender. **A match will consist of the best two out of three games played. A point is awarded for each game won. The match is over when one team wins two games. The final score will be 2:1, or 2:0.**
2. **At the start of the Spring League, each player will pay \$10.00 for the Wednesday League and \$10.00 for the Saturday League, this money is for court maintenance. Any player who plays on both leagues will pay \$10.00 for each leagues maintenance costs. This process will be repeated for the Fall League. Each player must pay by the THIRD week of the scheduled first half. Bocce Picnic money will be collected at a later date. Captains will collect for their team, and turn it into the Bocce Coordinator.**
3. **Teams must have three players to play. Two must be regular team members.**
4. At the end of each game, each team will move to the opposite side. If there is a third game, then one member from each team from each side shall move to the other side.
5. If a team is playing with three players, one player will play alone and throw **three balls. The players will rotate after each game so each player plays alone for one game. No player will throw three balls for more than one game out of the two or three games played. Opposing team Captain will monitor this to ensure that this rule is followed.**
6. **One person from each receiving team must verify points scored and determine which ball is closest to the pallino. Players are not allowed to walk to the opposite end of the court after they have thrown their balls NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. **No practice** rolls may be done before game time. Games must start at their scheduled time.
8. If a team is 10 minutes late, they will forfeit the first game. If they are 20 minutes late, they will forfeit the match.
9. A player who arrives after a game has started, must wait until the next game to play.
10. Substitutes must be **lodge members**. No regular league player may substitute in their regular league. They may substitute for the other league.

If a player is a member of both leagues, said player cannot be a substitute. Substitutes will be allowed to play in the Championship match, and they must be on the sub list or have played in the league during the season.

11. On each play, team members must rotate when throwing the pallino.
12. If a player does not throw the pallino within the legal area three times, they will lose their turn and the opposing team will throw the pallino.
13. If a thrown ball hits the back wall of the court without touching any ball, it is considered a dead ball and **MUST** be removed from the court. If a ball hits any ball and then hits the back wall, it is considered in play.
14. If during play the pallino is knocked out of bounds by a thrown ball, it is a dead ball and the entire point must be replayed.
15. **If the winning point is made and the winning team still has balls to throw, the game is over.**
16. When two different team members are in the process of measuring the distance from the pallino to any ball and accidentally move any ball, the ball moved will be replaced as close as possible to its original location.
17. **If the game is not over and someone moves the ball out of play, the team that moves the ball forfeits any points for that roll and the opposing team will get 1 point for that roll regardless of the position of the remaining balls and that turn is over.**
18. Foul language will not be permitted during game play. No name calling or harassment will be tolerated.
19. The championship of each league will be decided between the first half winner and the second half winner of each league. A three game playoff will be held the week following the leagues last day or at a time agreed upon by the two team Captains.
20. The Wednesday and Saturday league champions will compete in a three game playoff during the bocce picnic. The winner of this match will become the lodge champions. **The names of the players on the winning team will be added to the large trophy in the lodge.**
21. **Missed matches must be made up within 3 weeks. If both teams do not want to play, the match is considered void, and no points will be awarded. (0:0). If one team can play and the other cannot, that team forfeits and the other team will be awarded the match win. (2:0).**
22. Team Captains cannot agree to waive the rules. Penalty: Disqualifications. Both teams will receive Zero points.
23. Players must be inside bocce court to throw the ball.