



# BOCCE BALL RULES

**OBJECT OF THE GAME.** Play continues until one team/player reaches 15 points.

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## STARTING THE GAME

Bocce takes place in two teams of two players each. Each player has two large balls called bocce. A smaller ball called the pallino is the target. If played with one, then player has all four large balls.

## GAMEPLAY

The team going first throws the pallino and the place where it comes to a stop becomes the target. All players should then stand behind a line to make their throws. Generally, everyone agrees on where it is fair to stand. The team that threw the pallino throws the first bocce. Teams and players alternate throws until all eight balls have been thrown. Players try to make their team's bocce be the closest to the pallino. Play alternates from one team to the next.

**SCORING** Only the team with the closest bocce to the pallino scores any points. The team that is closest, or inside, gets a number of points equal to how many of their bocce are closer to the pallino than the other team's nearest bocce. If the player's bocce touches the pallino, it is called a baci and the team earns 2 points for that ball. A game of bocce is called a round and it lasts until a team reaches a predetermined point value. Any disputes can be settled using a tape measure or even a stick to check the distance from the pallino.

In the case of a tie, or any dispute that cannot be settled, no points are awarded to either team.

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Semi-Final over 3 legs.

Final over 5 legs.