

# Bocce Ball Rules

## 1. Equipment:

- a. The rope court is approximately fifteen feet by fifty feet with a center rope at twenty-five feet.
  - i. For a younger player competition, the course will be shortened.
- b. There are 4 Red balls & 4 Green balls and the Pallino ball (little white ball).

## 2. Teams:

- a. There are two teams made up of 2 or 4 players on each team. (Normally 4).
- b. The balls for a team are either Red or Green.
- c. Two players from each team will be on each end of the court.
- d. The teams will be determined by lining up in two lines and the organizer will count off to determine who your teammates will be.

## 3. Playing:

- a. All balls will start on the same end of the court.
- b. To start playing a player will throw the Pallino out first. The ball must cross the center line and stay inside the rope course. If neither happens the player will throw the Pallino again, until the ball is legally in the other side of the court.
- c. The player that just threw the Pallino will throw a Red/Green ball and try to get it close to the Pallino. The ball must stay in bounds, also must cross the center line (too score, but is left in play on the course), if the ball crosses the out of bounds rope and comes back into the course that ball is still out of play and must be removed from the course.
- d. The other team will throw out the Red/Green ball and try to get the ball closer to the Pallino.

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- e. The players, by turns, attempt to toss their balls to the motionless Pallino, that lies in the middle of the court to make them (their balls) approach the Pallino and stop as near as possible to it.
  - f. The next turn is determined by the color ball closest to the Pallino, the other team will then throw.
  - g. If the Pallino has been knocked out of bounds that round ends and no team scores any points.
  - h. If a Red/Green ball has been knocked out of bounds, that ball is also dead.
4. Scoring:
- a. After all balls have been thrown, the color of the ball's closest to the Pallino each scores a point (up to four points can be scored), when other color ball is closer, then no other balls score.
    - i. Tape measure will be supplied.
  - b. Only one team can score points on the turn.
  - c. A game goes to 15 or 21 points or based on period allocated for the event and number of teams playing.
5. The next turn is determined by the team that scored the last turn and will throw out the Pallino to start then turn. Repeating steps 3b thru 4b until a team reaches the total points in the game (4c).
6. Tournament:
- a. A tournament bracket is single elimination.