

## Playing Bocce Ball

- What are the rules for Bocce ball? [Bocce ball is a relatively simple game](#), but it is important to understand the rules in order to enjoy the game to its fullest.
- Bocce Ball consists of a predetermined number of frames. Each frame is complete once all balls have been thrown and all points have been awarded.
- Bocce Ball can be played by two, four, or eight players on two teams (one, two, or four players per team). Each team throws four balls per frame.
- Frames are begun by one team tossing the pallino (a specially marked ball, sometimes called a jack) between the center and four-foot line within the playing area. Teams alternate tossing the pallino each frame, with the first frame determined by the winner of a coin toss.
- The team that tossed the pallino then throws their first bocce ball. Next, the opposing team throws their first bocce ball.
- After the first two bocce balls are thrown, the team with the bocce furthest away then throws all of their remaining balls, trying to throw each as close to the pallino as possible.
- The team that has not thrown their bocce balls now throws their remaining balls, again trying to get as close to the pallino as possible.
- Hitting either the pallino or either team's bocce balls is permitted. No penalty or bonus is awarded.
- After all bocce balls have been tossed, the team with the bocce closest to the pallino wins the frame. The score is tallied and the frame is complete. The winning team begins the next frame.
- Frames are played beginning from alternating sides of the court.
- The game is finished once one team reaches a pre-determined score (typically 12).