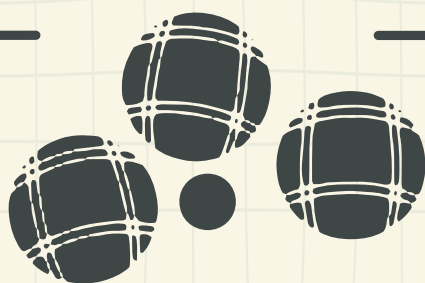




HOW TO PLAY

BOCCE BALL



The goal of bocce ball is to throw your bocce balls closer to the pallino (small white ball) than your opponent. The first team to reach 12 points wins (must win by 2).*

1

DIVIDE YOURSELVES INTO TWO TEAMS

Bocce ball is perfect for 2, 4, or 8 people divided into teams of 1, 2, or 4 persons each.

2

GRAB YOUR BALLS

Your bocce balls. Each team gets 4 same-colored balls, divide the balls equally between all players on your team.

3

DECIDE WHICH TEAM WILL GO FIRST

Some people flip a coin but we always encourage creativity.

TIME TO PLAY SOME BOCCE BALL

START

From behind the foul line, the first team tosses the pallino onto the court (at least across the center line) to begin the match. The same team throws the first bocce ball.

Your underhanded throw may be a toss, a roll, a bounce, a bank shot, or just about anything else.

PLAY

Players on teams then alternate throws, trying to land closest to the pallino, until all 8 balls have been played.

Under official rules players should alternate by allowing the team farthest from the pallino to continue to throw until they're the closest but in most friendly games players just alternate one team to the next.

It's ok – and even encouraged! – to “spock” an opponent’s ball AKA intentionally knock it out of play.

SCORE

Once all 8 balls have been thrown, only one team will get points determined by the number of balls they have closer to the pallino than the other team.

An extra point is awarded for any ball touching the pallino. This is called a “baci” or “kiss”.

If two balls are measured to be of equal distance from the pallino, no points are awarded to either team.

THE FIRST TEAM TO 12* WINS!

**The game is played until 12 points have been scored or to pre-determined points set by the players before the game starts.*