

BOCCE

(Lifetime Sports)

Only one team scores in a frame. One point is given for each ball that is closer to the pallino than the closest ball of the opposing team. If at the end of any frame the closest ball of each team is equidistant from the pallino, NO POINTS are awarded to either team and the game resumes from the opposite end of the court with the same team tossing the pallino. Game is to 16.

A player may toss the pallino any distance as long as the pallino passes the centerline of the court and does not go out of bounds.

- **If a player fails to toss the pallino properly the opposing team will toss the pallino and put it into play.**
- **The first ball will be thrown by the team who originally tossed the pallino.**
- **Whenever a team gets a ball closer it steps aside and lets the other team roll until they are "in" or have thrown all balls. This continues until both teams have used all of their bocce balls.**
- **A team has the option of rolling, throwing, or bouncing the ball.**
- **The side whose bocce is the closest to the pallino is called the "in" ball and the opposing side the "out" ball. Naturally, when a team gets "in" it steps aside and allows the "out" team to throw.**
- **Players may step on but not over the foul line before releasing the pallino or their ball.**
- **If the pallino is knocked out of bounds, or in front of the centerline, the frame will end and play will resume from the opposite end of the court, with the same team tossing the pallino.**
- **Team captains may measure any balls at any time.**
- **If a player rolls the wrong colored ball, replace it with the correct color when the ball comes to rest.**
- **If a player rolls out of turn the opposing team may leave everything including the thrown ball, exactly where it is or may return any moved balls to their approximate original positions and remove the thrown ball from play.**

Live ball - any ball in play or waiting to be thrown.

Dead ball- a ball that has been disqualified if it has gone out of court, come in contact with a person, object or thing which is out of the court

Pointing - a ball thrown or rolled to obtain a point closest to the pallino.

Frame - the period in the game in which balls are played from one side of the court to the other and points awarded.