

# SIMPLIFIED BOCCE RULES

## Object of game

- ❖ The goal in bocce is to get your colored ball closest to the target “pallino” ball, which is the small white ball.
- ❖ This might require simply rolling the ball toward the pallino, knocking an opponent’s ball out of the way, or precisely aiming your ball between the other balls in play without moving them.

## Team

- ❖ A team consists of four (4) members with two on each side of the court

## Start

- ❖ Coin toss
- ❖ Winner can choose either taking the pallino and throwing first or the ball color
- ❖ The pallino must go past the white line
- ❖ The pallino cannot go past the red line
- ❖ The pallino must be at least 12 inches from the side
- ❖ If the pallino doesn’t pass the white line, goes past the red line or is less than 12 inches from the wall, the other team gets to throw the pallino

## Scoring

- ❖ One point is awarded for your team’s ball(s) closest to the pallino (max of 4 points)
- ❖ If it cannot be determined by visual inspection which ball is the closest, a measurement is done
- ❖ The first team to score eleven (11) points wins

## Court

- ❖ Only two on the court (one from each team) at any time for measuring
- ❖ Opposing team shooter may stand on the court behind the shooter if there is no objection from other team
- ❖ Shooter, only, may cross the white line if he/she cannot see where the pallino is

For more comprehensive information on the rules, you can go to the documents section of the SCA Bocce web page