

BOCCE RULES

- **THIS IS A SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT**

- All teams play a minimum of two games.

- Each team must consist of four players.

- All team members must be at least 19 years of age

- **A team must field four players within 5 minutes of the scheduled start of the game or forfeit the match.** No exceptions!

- Choose a spokesperson to call the coin throw.

- Ask the spokesperson to call heads or tails when you throw the coin in the air.

- The team that wins the coin toss may start the game by choosing the bocchini or allow the losing team to start by giving them the bocchini. The team without the bocchini chooses the color of the balls that they wish to play with.

- Players should know the basic rules of the game. The Bocchini must come to a stop beyond the halfway point. The player may not throw his/her bocce ball from any point ahead of the end line. If the bocchini goes into the "kitchen" at the opposite end it must be thrown again.

- Note the names of the teams and the time of the start of the match. All games will play to 15 points or **NO MORE THAN 30** minutes. At the 25 minute mark in the game, the referee will indicate that the last end is due to be played.

- There is a 10 minute break between games.

- Finals will be played to 15 points with no time limit.

- Points are counted and measured by determining which colour of ball has the greatest number closest to the bocchini inside of the opposing colour. IE: if there are two green balls right next to the bocchini and then one red ball slightly further away with a third green ball farther out again, the count will be two points for the green. The scoring team starts the next end.

- The referee will measure from the bocchini to the bocce ball to determine the closest ball when the point is in question. **Measurements will be made edge-to-edge to the inside.** Only team captains can be inside the pit during a measurement by the referee. **DO NOT TOUCH ANY BALLS UNTIL THE REFEREE GIVES THE GO AHEAD.**

- The referee will make the first move to conclude the end by causing the balls to be sent to the end of the pit (the kitchen) for the next throws. Only one team member is allowed on the pit at one time.

- The referee will note the score for each team and provide the team names and results to the scorekeeper in the center. The referee will pick up the bocchini at the end of each game and pass to the next referee as needed.

- **In the event of rain: Keep Playing!**

- There will be no "rain delays" or extensions to game play.

- If your team does not play or stops play then you **FORFEIT** the game.

- **The decisions of your referee are final.**

- ANY TEAMS ARGUING WITH THE REFEREE OR CAUSING A DISTURBANCE WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**

- **Play safe & have Fun!**