

SPECTATORS GUIDE TO BOCCE



Key Words

- **Team Roster** – Minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 players composed of a proportional number of players with and without intellectual disabilities.
- **Team line-up** – 8 athletes (4 players with disabilities and 4 without disabilities)
- **Pallina** – Small ball (yellow or blue)
- **Bocce Ball** – Larger balls (red or green) that are tossed at the pallina.
- **In** – The bocce ball nearest to the pallina.
- **Out** – The bocce ball that is furthest from the pallina.

The Game:

- **Start of a Game:** The match begins with the flip of a coin between the captains from each team. The winner of the coin flip may have the first toss of the pallina and choose the color of the balls (red or green).
- **Start of Play:** The team chosen to have first toss of the pallina has three tries to toss the pallina past the center line. Whether successful or not, they also roll the first bocce ball.
 - In indoor bocce, if the pallina stops 12 inches or less from the side wall, the official will move the pallina 12 inches from the sidewall. This is the only time an official will move a pallina.
 - The team whose bocce ball is closest to the pallina is called "in" and the opposing team "out." Whenever a team gets "in", it steps aside and lets the "out" team roll. The "out" team rolls until it beats (not ties) the opposing "in" team's ball. This continues until both teams have used all their bocce balls.
 - Each participant delivers one ball.
- **Scoring:** Only the "in" team scores. One point is given for each ball of the "in" team that is closer to the pallina than any ball of the opposing team.
 - If at the end of any frame the closest ball of each team is equal distance from the pallina, the frame ends in a tie and no points are awarded to either team.
 - The game will resume from the opposite end of the court with the same team tossing the pallina.

Start of the Next Frame: The team, who scored last, throws the pallina to begin the next frame.

End of a Match: The first team to score 16 points or the team with the most points at the end of the scheduled time (30 minutes wins minutes) wins the match.