

**OFFICIAL BOCCE RULES**  
**ADOPTED FOR FESTA ITALIANA BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

1. Toss coin to determine serving team and color of balls. Winner of coin toss has choice of either selecting color or first serve. Who ever throws pallino throws first ball.
2. Server tosses pallino from behind line "A" (due to the shorter courts; players will toss from outside court) - It must pass line "B" but not go farther than line "C" - Failure to do so will result in loss of serve.
3. The team farthest from the pallino will continue to shoot until they can better the other teams' shot or they have run out of balls.
4. Each team player must throw two balls each frame in any rotation.
5. If the pallino is knocked off from the court, it will be placed in the center of line "A".
6. The team that scores will serve the next frame.
7. Measuring:
  - A team may not demand a measurement.
  - Officials will use their judgment and discretion as to whether a measurement is needed.
8. Scoring:
  - One point for each ball closer to the pallino than the opponents' nearest ball.
  - If two opposing closest balls are equal that frame will be replayed.
  - All games will be played to eleven with finals to be played to fifteen (If time is an element the committee may make exceptions).
9. A ball that has been thrown out of turn will be disqualified.
10. If the wrong colored ball is thrown, it will be disqualified and balls will be returned their previous position.
11. Players may not leave the throwing area at any time to check alignment of balls.  
\*\*\* This is prohibited in order to keep the game moving.
12. Players may ask the official how many balls qualify as points.
13. \*\*\* After all balls have been thrown, players must not leave the throwing area until summoned to do so by the official.

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**SIGN UP RULES**

1. Teams must consist of two players
2. It is permissible that a person may sign up twice provided it is with a different partner who has not advanced or has not participated in tournament
3. By round four such players referenced in #2 must designate themselves to only one team
4. It is permissible that a player change partners provided new partner has not advanced or has not participated in tournament up to round four
5. No player can enter tournament more than two times
6. No teams will be allowed to change partners prior to round four (beginning of double elimination)

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7. If a no show exists in round two - it will be permissible to accept an alternate team provided they have not participated; otherwise a forfeit will be awarded
8. The first and second place teams from the Open Tournament will represent the west Michigan Lodge (as long as one team member is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy West Michigan Lodge.

*\*\*\* These rules have been established by the bocce board of commissioners of lodge 2531 of the order of the sons and daughters of Italy to conform to the existing playing conditions as well as the time restrictions.*

*\*\*\* Please remember that the officials are volunteers and are provided to help make the game more fair and enjoyable for you. Please accept their decisions as graciously as possible.*

**GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION!**

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