

How to Play Bocce Ball



Players & Teams

- 2 teams of 2-4 players
- Each player uses 2 bocce balls
- A frame consists of 8 total bocce throws

Equipment

- 8 bocce balls (4 per team)
- 1 pallina (small target ball)



Starting a Frame

- One team throws the pallina to begin the frame.
- The pallina must travel a reasonable distance (about halfway)
- If the pallina is poorly thrown:
 - The same team may rethrow once, or
 - The opposing team may place the pallina

Gameplay

- Teams alternate throwing bocce balls
- The team farthest from the pallina throws next
- A team may throw multiple balls in a row until they have the closest ball
- All throws must be underhand
- Players may:
 - Hit other bocce balls
 - Move the pallina

Out of Bounds

- Bocce balls thrown clearly out of play are removed from the frame
- If the pallina is knocked out of play, place it back:
 - Where it exited the playing area, or
 - At an agreed-upon central spot

Scoring

- Scoring occurs after all balls are thrown
- Only one team scores per frame
- The scoring team receives:
 - 1 point for each ball closer to the pallina than the opponent's closest ball
- Measure distances only if necessary

Winning the Game

- The first team to reach 11 points wins
- Optional rule: teams must win by 2 points

Next Frame

- The team that scored throws the pallina to start the next frame