



2025 BUGBEE SUMMER GAMES

Bocce Ball

August 29, 2025 at 10AM

Venue: Lyman Point Park

Rules

The goal of Bocce is to roll your team's bocce ball as close to the pallino (the smaller ball on the court) as possible. Whichever team has the most bocce balls closest - wins!

1. To start the game, the ref will determine which team initially rolls the pallino (coin toss).
2. Teams of two will play against each other.
3. Each team starts with four bocce balls.
4. The player tossing the pallino must deliver the first ball. If the ball lands outside of the boundaries of the court, that team must roll again until the first ball is put into play. Otherwise, that player steps aside and the opposing team will then deliver their balls until one of its Bocce balls is closer to the pallino or has thrown all its balls.
5. The "nearest ball" rule governs the sequence of thrown balls. The team whose ball is closest to the pallino is called the "in" ball and the opposing team the "out" ball.
6. Whenever a team gets "in", it steps aside and allows the "out" team to deliver. The other team throws until it gets its ball closer (not ties) to the pallino. This continues until both teams have thrown all their Bocce balls.
7. After both teams have exhausted all their balls, a frame is over and points are awarded. The game resumes by teams throwing from the opposite end of the court. The team that was awarded points in the previous frame begins the next frame by tossing the pallino into play.
8. Players must roll their bocce balls behind the foul line.
9. Balls must be thrown underhand.
10. There are no rules against hitting any balls on the court.

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11. At the end of each frame, points will be awarded. Only one team scores in a frame.
12. One point is awarded for each ball that is closer to the pallino than the closest ball of the opposing team. In the event that the closest ball of each team is the same distance from the pallino, no points will be awarded and the pallino returns to the team that delivered it.
13. Only balls which are distinguishably closer to the pallino than any of the opponent's balls are awarded points. All measurements should be made from the center of the pallino to the edge of a Bocce ball. Games are played to 16 points with the first team reaching 16 points being the winner of a game.