

BOCCE

Bocce will be offered only during the Summer season for athletes of all ages.

The following events will be offered at State level competition. Counties/areas may offer additional events at their competitions.

Regular Events

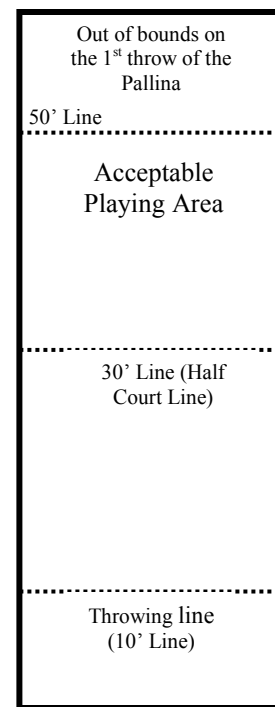
Singles	Team Competition
Doubles	Unified Sports® Team Competition
Unified Sports® Doubles	

Athletes may enter two events (singles and **EITHER** doubles or team competition).

Special Olympics Inc. rules, (January 2009 - Official Special Olympics Summer Rules Book) will be followed for all training and competition.

BASIC RULES

1. The object of the game is for a player or team to get as many of their balls closest to the pallina as possible.
2. A Frame will consist of 4 balls rolled per player/team. For doubles competition, each player must roll 2 balls each frame.
3. A coin toss will determine which player/team throws the pallina, can choose which color of ball to use and then has the first roll.
4. The player/team throwing the pallina will have 3 attempts to play the pallina within the marked, acceptable playing area. (Figure 1) If the 3 attempts are not successful, the opposing player/team will have 1 opportunity to place the pallina. If that attempt is unsuccessful, the referee will place ball at the mid-point of the 50' line. The team that earned the "pallina advantage" still has the first roll.
5. The player/team who has won the "pallina advantage" (via the coin toss) will roll the first ball. An opposing player/team member will then roll their balls and try to get closer to the pallina than the first player. That player/team must continue to roll its balls until it beats the point of the opposing player/team (has a ball closer to the pallina, than the opposing player) or until all four balls have been played, at which time, the first player/team will roll its balls until the "point is taken".
6. When all balls have been played, one team is awarded one point for each of its balls, which are closer to the pallina than any of the opponent's closest balls.
7. If the closest ball of each team is equal in distance from the pallina, no points are awarded for the frame.
8. The player/team that scores in a frame has the "pallina advantage" for the next frame. If the frame ends in a tie, the "pallina advantage" for the next frame stays with the player/team from the previous frame.
9. It is permissible for a player to play his/her ball in order to knock away an opponent's ball. Likewise, he/she may play the ball so as to move the pallina toward another of his/her team's own balls.
10. The game is won by the first player/doubles team/4 person team scoring 12 points. There is a 30 minute time limit per match. If the time limit is reached, the player/team with the highest score wins.
11. All balls must be delivered (rolled) with an underhand motion.



(Figure 1)

DIVISIONING ROUND

Each athlete should play three modified games, called a set. The athlete should alternate from each end of the court and play the following allotted balls; the athlete should not surpass the foul line when he plays the allotted balls:

1. The referee should place the pallina at the 30 foot line and the player should play 8 balls. The referee will measure the closest 3 balls and record their distance in **centimeters**.
2. The referee will then place the pallina at the 40 foot line and the player should play 8 balls. The referee will measure the closest 3 balls and record their distance in **centimeters**.
3. The referee will then place the pallina at the 50 foot line and the player should play 8 balls. The referee will measure the closest 3 balls and record their distance in **centimeters**.

Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina, for a total of 9 measurements.

GAME FORMAT

1. Singles/Doubles/Unified Sports® Doubles – Athletes begin at one end of the court and walk back and forth after each frame.
2. Teams/Unified Sports® Teams – 2 athletes from each team remain at each end of the court throughout the game (they do not change end of the court). For Unified Sports® teams, one athlete and one partner are at each end of the court.

UNIFORMS/APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

1. There are no specific uniform rules for Bocce.

REQUIRED FORMS FOR STATE GAMES ENTRY

- ◆ Athlete Sports Entry Form (for individual/2 & 4 person team athletes)
- ◆ Bocce Divisioning Sheet

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA
BOCCE – DIVISIONING SHEET**

COUNTY: _____

Court Surface: _____

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Singles __ Doub __ U.Doub __ Team __ U.Team __

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All distances measured in Centimeters

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4. During the divisioning process, if the pallina is moved from its spot at the 30 foot line, 40 foot line or 50 foot line, it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken.
5. Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements, the sum of which becomes the athlete's divisioning score.
6. For Doubles and Teams, the sum of the athletes divisioning score shall be the Doubles and Team's divisioning score
7. These divisioning procedures comply with the Special Olympics honest-effort rule.

BOCCE SCORESHEET

Time Start: _____ Time Finish: _____ Court: _____

Singles: _____ Doubles: _____ Team _____ Unified Sports® Doubles: _____ Unified Sports® Team: _____

DIVISION: _____ Game # _____

EACH BOX IS A POINT

Athlete	County	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

- To mark points won, in alternating frames, mark the box from the top left to bottom right and top right to bottom left.
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- When all of the balls have been played in a frame, one athlete/team will be awarded one point for each of it's balls which are closer to the pallina than any of the opponents balls
- The game will be won by the first player/team to score 12 points.
- There will be a 30 minute time limit to each game. If a game has reached the 30 minute time limit, the player/team with the high score will be declared the winner.