

ORIGINS OF BOCCE

Bocce (pronounced bot-chee) as the Italians call it, or Boules, the French equivalent, is one of the world's oldest games.

It resembles lawn bowls although it may have its origins in a game played at the time of the Pharaohs.

A similar game was popular in Ancient Greece and during the Middle Ages. Bocce was the game Sir Francis Drake was said to be playing in Plymouth when he refused to be interrupted by the arrival of the Spanish Armada in 1588!



OBJECT OF THE GAME

Bocce is played with two sets of four large bocci and one smaller target ball or pallino.

Bocce is played between two players or two teams of up to four players on a team.

The object of the game is to place your bocce closer to the pallino than your opponent.

The placement of the pallino is determined at the beginning of each round (or 'giro') by one team chosen at random bowling it into the 5m rectangle at the far end of the court.

Starting with the team which placed the pallino, each team then takes alternating turns to bowl their bocce toward the pallino in hopes of either:

- placing their bocce closest;
- moving the pallino closer to their bocce; or
- moving the opponent's bocce away from the pallino.



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THE GAME

A game of Bocce consists of a series of rounds or 'giros' that continue until a team wins by accumulating a number of points – usually 13 points when there are one or two players in each team or 18 points when there are more than two players in each team.

BASIC RULES

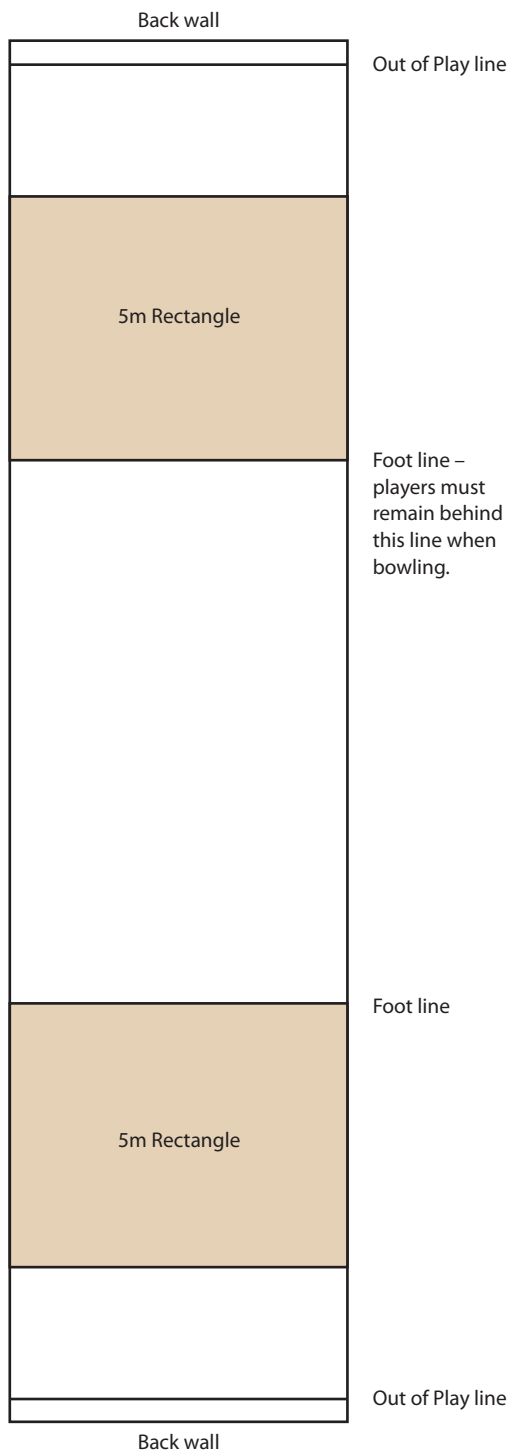
Tossing the Pallino

A team chosen at random must toss the pallino into the 5m rectangle or further at the other end of the court. The pallino must come to rest at least 30cm from the side rails and inside the Out of Play line at the back of the court. The player gets three tries to place the pallino properly. If this doesn't happen the other team gets a try, but the first team will always have the first throw.

Shooting

There are three different types of shot:

- The Punto* This is the basic shot. The player directs the bocce towards the pallino from a slight crouch with a soft release from an underarm bowl, to lie as close as possible to the pallino, and avoiding contact with any other bocci that may be on the court. A perfect punto is known as a 'baci' (or 'kiss') and occurs when the bocce finishes touching the pallino.
- The Raffa* A player throwing a raffa is not aiming at the pallino, but instead aims their bocce at the bocci of the other players, so as to move them out of the way. A raffa shot is usually used to move the opponent's balls further away from the pallino in order to maximise one's own score.
- The Volo* The volo is an aerial throw, where the bocce leaves the hand to travel high in the air, before landing at a designated spot on the court. It can be used when the player wants to target a specific ball or position on the court without disturbing any bocci that may lie in the way.



Volo shots are not allowed on Catherine Vale's courts for safety reasons and because it can damage the court surface.

Foul Lines

Players must remain within the 5m rectangle. Players should not step on or over the Foot line before releasing the pallino or bocce.

Balls hitting the back wall

If a bocce hits the back wall without first hitting another object, it is considered dead on impact and is taken off the court until the next giro.

Pallino hitting the back wall

The pallino remains in play if it hits the back wall after being struck by another ball.

Scoring

In each giro, one point is counted for each team's bocci that are closer to the pallino than any bocce of the opposing team. A baci, when the bocce is touching the pallino, scores two points.

Two bocce of opposing teams equidistant from the pallino cancel each other out, and no additional points are scored for those balls or any balls beyond them.

Only the winning team scores points in a giro.

Black scores three points. A bocce touching the pallino (a 'baci') scores two points. Two balls from opposing teams equidistant from the pallino cancel each other out, so no further points are scored after the second black ball.

