



Xoso Coed Bocce Ball Rules

Honor Code

Xoso Coed Bocce Ball is played on the honor system. It is important to remind yourself and your teammates that everyone in the league is here to have fun and meet new people. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

1. This is an adult SOCIAL league - relax, have fun, and don't be too serious!
2. All players must be registered, paid, and at least 21 years of age. Only paid Xoso league members are allowed to play. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any team using a player not on their roster who did not register as a sub will forfeit their game. Subs can register at <http://www.xososports.com/page/sub-registration>
3. By registering and signing the Xoso Release of Liability form, players agree that Xoso and its staff will not be held responsible or liable for any injuries occurring as the result of participation in any Xoso Activity.
4. All players must wear their Xoso t-shirt to play.
 - a. EXCEPTION: Each team has a 1 match credit during the season to bypass the above rule. Once anyone on the team uses that credit, all players on that team must wear their shirt for the remainder of the season if they wish to participate.
 - i. Remember, you wouldn't show up to your baseball game without your glove, or your basketball game without your jersey.

Game Play

1. The game shall begin with rock-paper-scissors between the captains. The winner of rock-paper-scissors may have the first toss of the pallino OR choose the color of the balls
2. A player may toss the pallino any distance so long as the pallino passes the center line of the court and does not leave the court on the sides or on the end. If a player fails to validly toss the pallino after two attempts, the opposing team will have a chance to toss the pallino and put it in play.
3. When the pallino has been properly put in play, the first bocce ball will be thrown by the team who tossed the pallino.

4. The team who tosses the pallino throws the first bocce ball, then steps aside and does not roll again until the opposing team has either gotten one of its bocce balls closer to the pallino or has thrown all of its balls. The team whose bocce balls are closest to the pallino is called “inside” and the opposing team “outside.”
Whenever a team gets inside, it steps aside and lets the outside team roll. The team outside throws until it beats (not ties) the opposing ball. This continues until both teams have used all their bocce balls (a total of 8, 4 from each team). The team who scored last, throws the pallino to begin the next frame.
5. No one player can throw more than two (2) bocce balls in a given set.
6. If a ball is tossed and comes to rest out of bounds without touching another ball that is in play it is considered a dead ball and is not scored. If this ball is the first one tossed during the round, the other team throws the next ball.
7. A ball that lands on the boundary line is considered in play.
8. If a ball is knocked out of bounds by another ball, the ball out of bounds is considered dead and is taken out of the field of play.

9. Illegal Tosses –

- a. If a player rolls the wrong colored ball, simply replace it with the correct color when the ball comes to rest.
- b. If a player rolls out of turn the opposing team may leave everything, including the thrown ball, exactly where it is or may return any moved balls to their approximate original positions and remove the thrown ball from play.

10. Scoring:

- a. The first team to score 15 or more points at the conclusion of a round wins the game (there is no win by 2 rule), or the team that is winning after 45 minutes of play. If the winning team finishes the round with a score of more than 15 points, their score will still be recorded as 15.
- b. For every bocce ball your team has closer than the other teams your team will be awarded a point. The most points possible per turn is four.
- c. If at the end of any frame the closest ball of each team is equidistant from the pallino, the frame ends in a tie and no points are awarded to either team.
- d. Players can also knock the pallino, however if the pallino goes out of play then the set will restart and the team who originally threw the pallino will throw it again.

Foul Line:

Player's movements are limited to one step over the end line onto the court while throwing.

Measurements: Tape measures will be provided for each game, and players are responsible for measuring in case of any disputes. All measurements should be made from the inside dimensions of the bocce ball to the inside dimension of the pallino. If both teams agree on which team has the point(s) and it is later determined that a mistake has been made, all balls played are valid.

Forfeits: Don't do it! Your teammates and opponents expect you to show up, so please make sure at least two players from your team attend. Games start right on time, so we recommend coming 10 minutes early. Teams need two (2) players to avoid forfeiting and a forfeit will be declared after five minutes. Two forfeits mean your team is ineligible for the playoffs or championship game.