



OFFICIAL RULES FOR GOOD SAM'S OF FLORIDA, INC. SAMBOREES & RALLIES BOCCE BALL

- The size of the court shall be approximately 12' x 40'
- Each player may play only on one team
- Players must remain at the pitching line
- Where available, yellow benches are for players only
- Spectators are to remain outside string boundary
- Each team is assigned a number. When your number is called report immediately to the designated court
- Failure to report after 3 calls will result in that team's forfeit and that team will be eliminated from the tournament
- The opponent will be declared the winner and will advance to the next round
- There will be 2 teams of 4 persons per Bocce Set
- Two persons from each team will throw their balls from opposite ends of the court
- All balls must be thrown from behind the starting line
- A ball may be thrown from any angle or position so long as the player is behind the starting line
- Each team must alternate throws with no one person throwing two balls in a row
- If a ball is thrown out of turn, the ball will be removed from play, but all other balls will not be moved, even if affected by the incorrectly thrown ball
- Game will consist of 3 complete rounds
- Each team will throw down and back 3 times unless one team is so far ahead that is not possible for the opposing team to catch up
- When play begins at the opposite end of the court, the team that scored last plays first
- If tied at the end of 3 rounds, one additional complete round will be played

BEGINNING PLAY

The starting team will be decided by a flip of a coin.

- Winner will throw the red balls and loser throws the green balls
- To begin play, one person from the Red Team throws the small pallino (jack ball).
 - The jack ball must go past the half-way mark of the court and be in bounds
 - If not, the jack ball will be thrown again, by the same person, until it does
 - The person tossing the Jack Ball will throw the first Red Ball
 - The Green Team then throws the second ball

SUBSEQUENT ORDER OF PLAY

- Each team's *closest object ball* (large ball) to the jack ball will be used to determine the subsequent order of play after each object ball has been thrown
- The team furthest from the jack ball always throws the next ball
- Out of bounds balls are excluded
- Object (large red & green) balls do not need to pass the center line to be in play
- After each ball is thrown, the same criteria will determine which team throws the next ball, even if it is the same team
- If one team's balls have all been thrown, the opposing team continues to throw their balls, alternating players

IN-PLAY RULES

- If the jack ball touches the boundary line or knocked out of bounds during play, it will be placed in bounds 12" perpendicular to the boundary line at the point it was knocked out
- Object (large red and green) balls may touch the boundary line

- Object balls that go past the boundary lines are out of play
- If any part of the object ball touches the ground past the boundary, it is considered out of play
- Object balls that go out of bounds and come back in are still out of play

SCORING

- Only balls within 36" of the jack ball are considered for scoring
- The team with a ball closest to the jack ball (and within 36") receives one point for that ball plus one point for each additional ball closer to the jack ball (and within 36") than *any* of the balls belonging to the opposing team\

FIXED BOUNDARY RULES (Okeechobee)

The following rules apply to locations with fixed boundaries:

JACK BALL

- If the jack ball is thrown closer than 12" from a side or back boundary, the referee will move the jack ball 12" perpendicular from the boundary
- During play, if the jack ball is knocked closer than 12" from a side or back boundary, the referee will move the jack ball 12" perpendicular from the boundary - even if it changes which object balls are closest to the jack ball

OBJECT (RED AND GREEN) BALLS

- If an object ball hits a side boundary, it remains in play
- If an object ball hit's the back boundary, it is considered out of bounds and is removed from play

THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE IS FINAL