

# TENNESSEE GAME RULES

## “BOCCI BALL”

1. **LAY-OUT OF COURT:**

- a. A court is 45 ft. long and 15 ft wide. There are two courts one on each end. Each court is 15 X 15 ft. See court layout at the end of the rules.

2. **BOCCI BALLS:**

- a. There are eight (8) large balls. Four (4) of one color and four (4) of a different color. One color for each team. There is one (1) small ball called the Jack or Target Ball.

3. **OTHER RULES:**

- a. The game is played by two (2) teams of two (2) players each for singles or four (4) players for doubles. When played as singles each player plays with four (4) balls. When played as doubles each player uses two (2) balls. Either singles or doubles half of the team is on opposite ends of the court.
- b. The object of the game is to throw or roll the balls as close as possible to the Jack Ball or to knock the opponent's ball away from the Jack Ball or move the Jack Ball from the opponents ball.
- c. The game starts with any member of a team - rolling the Jack ball into the opposite court at least one (1) foot from any out of bounds line. If Jack ball stops out of play, it must be re-rolled into the playing area. Players then roll two (2) Bocci Balls as close as possible to the Jack ball. Player must not step into the playing area when rolling ball., but stepping on the line in not considered a foul. Opposing player then rolls two (2) balls in the same manner. In singles, the first player rolls his remaining two (2) balls, in doubles the second team mate rolls the remaining two (2) balls.
- d. When all balls have been rolled, the referee shall measure the distance from each ball to the Jack ball. In order to score a ball must be within three feet of the Jack ball, measured inside to inside of balls. All balls must be inside the court to count as a score. Each qualified ball which beats the opposing team's balls scores one (1) point for each ball. In case of tie between balls of opposing teams, they shall cancel each other and no score given for either.
- e. When scores are recorded, the players on opposite end of court starts the next frame or inning. The team who scored last, starts the play for the next frame or inning. Players may choose which team mate rolls first or they may rotate.
- f. A regulation game shall be 15 points.

