

## **BOCCE – Open**

Rules being played are similar to LAWN BOWLS.

1. Teams consist of FOUR (4) players. Each player has ONE (1) shot per end and should play in the same order for the entire game. (not competition)  
**(General Rule 1.1, 1.2 & 1.3 apply)**
2. Each game is on a time limit. Teams and players should be ready to start and finish the game as quickly as possible on the sounding of the whistle.
3. Team to commence the game is the team mentioned first in the fixture book.
4. On the first end the winning team throws the jack (small white ball) and delivers the first ball. Teams will then play alternate balls until all have been played.
5. On all ends the jack must be delivered within the playing area and at least half the distance of the rink. The Jack will be centred at the distance delivered. If this distance is not reached the opposing side will deliver the jack; however, the original team will play the first shot.
6. Balls can be rolled, thrown or bounced underarm provided they remain in play (not out of bounds). You can “Spook” (kill) any ball or the jack whilst in play to try and get extra shots or kill the end.
7. At the end of each end (when both teams have played all their balls) the team Captains will determine the number of shots to be scored on that end. One point is gained for each ball that one team has closer than your opponent. If you are unsure of the score or it is too close refer to one of the helpers.
8. Scores for each end are aggregated for the game score. Refer to the sample scorecard for correct scoring.
9. The winning team on each end delivers the Jack to start the next end.
10. In the case of a drawn end the side who delivered the Jack on that end commences the next end.
11. If a ball goes out of bounds (rink) in any direction it is considered Dead and removed from the game for that End.
12. If the Jack goes out of bounds (rink) in any direction the End is declared dead you commence another End in the normal way.
13. FOULS – (a) Jack delivered too short refer to Rule 5.  
(b) Jack is killed in any direction by “spooking” refer to Rule 12  
(c) Ball goes out of bounds in any direction refer to Rule 11.
14. Delivery must be from outside (end) of rink area. No Penalty will be given for a Foot Fault. But we are to enjoy our game and you should not take advantage of this.
15. The winning team is the team with the highest score.
16. Scoring – Winner (2 points) and points for and against.  
Loser (0 points) and points for and against.  
Draw (1 point each) and points for and against.

## **Equipment**

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