



## 2024 Rule Change Summary

### Bocce

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Old Formatting	See date change at footer to reflect September 2024
<p>Section 4 Rules of Competition –</p> <p>4.1 Divisioning</p> <p>4.1.1 It is suggested that, before competition begins, the Tournament Director ensures that divisions are appropriate. Athletes may be divisioned based on previous experience or, in the case of larger competitions, modified games. The modified game procedure below will provide a score that will help place athletes in the most equitable divisions possible.</p> <p>4.1.2 Each modified from 3 distances. athlete should play three modified games, called a set. The athlete should alternate from each end of the court and play the following allotted balls. The athlete should not surpass the foul line when he/she plays the allotted balls.</p> <p>4.1.3 The referee will place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 9.15-m (30-ft) line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.4 The referee will then place the pallina at a marked spot in the center of the court at the 12.20-m (40-ft) mark, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest</p>	<p><b>CHANGE:</b></p> <p>4.1 Divisioning</p> <p>4.1.1 It is suggested that, before competition begins, the Tournament Director ensures that divisions are appropriate. Athletes may be divisioned based on previous experience or, in the case of larger competitions, modified games. The modified game procedure below will provide a score that will help place athletes in the most equitable divisions possible.</p> <p>4.1.2 Each <b>competitor should play a</b> modified <b>frame</b> from 3 distances. The athlete should not surpass the foul line when he/she plays the allotted balls.</p> <p>4.1.3 The referee will place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 9.15-m (30-ft) line, and the player should play <b>four</b> balls. The referee will <b>measure the distance to the pallina of each ball and record these distances</b> in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.4 The referee will then place the pallina at a marked spot in the center of the court at the 12.20-m (40-ft) mark, and the player should play <b>four</b> balls. The</p>



<p>three balls and record their distance in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.5 The referee will then place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 15.24-m (50-ft) line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.6 During the divisioning process, if the pallina is moved from its spot at 9.15-m (30-ft), 12.20-m (40-ft) or 15.24-m (50-ft), it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken. If the ball comes to rest on the spot where the pallina is placed prior to it being thrown, then the pallina should be back on its original spot and the ball should be placed directly behind and touching the pallina. The remaining ball (s) would be played and measurements would be taken. If the ball is still next to and touching the pallina, then that measurement would be entered as zero.</p> <p>4.1.7 Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements, the sum of which becomes the athlete's divisioning score.</p>	<p>referee will measure <b>the distance to the pallina of each ball and record these</b> distances in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.5 The referee will then place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 15.24-m (50-ft) line, and the player should play <b>four</b> balls. The referee will measure <b>the distance to the pallina of each ball and record these</b> distances in centimeters.</p> <p>4.1.6 During the divisioning process, if the pallina is moved from its spot at 9.15-m (30-ft), 12.20-m (40-ft) or 15.24-m (50-ft), it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken. If the ball comes to rest on the spot where the pallina is placed prior to it being thrown, then the pallina should be back on its original spot and the ball should be placed directly behind and touching the pallina. The remaining ball (s) would be played and measurements would be taken. If the ball is still next to and touching the pallina, then that measurement would be entered as zero.</p> <p>4.1.7 Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of <b>twelve</b> measurements, the sum of which becomes the athlete's divisioning score.</p>
<p>4.2.1 A coin toss by the referee will determine which team has the pallina and choice of ball color.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE:</b></p> <p>4.2.1 A coin toss by the referee will determine which team has the pallina and will throw out the first ball.</p>