

Hi Senior Bocce League members,

The Senior League Coordinators are in the process of updating our rules, a process that is not quite completed. So we wanted to summarize the most important changes because they are in effect this new season.

1. When the pallino is tossed at the beginning of a frame, it must pass the half court line, but it may not go past the last line. This will keep us consistent with United States Bocce Federation (USBF) rules. This rule will not apply to courts 3 and 4, the short courts, where the rule shall remain as before. (Please be advised that this a Senior League rule but does not apply to the Campo di Bocce evening leagues.)
2. If the pallino is knocked off the court, or if it is knocked in front of the center line, the frame will start over at the same end of the court. Again, this keeps us consistent with USBF rules.
3. As a courtesy, the balls should be racked off the court at the beginning of each frame. This is a safety issue, particularly because many of our players are in their 80's and 90's. However, we recognize that on the outdoor courts there is not room to rack all the balls without creating another safety risk (people bumping their heads on the very solid wooden counters that protrude into the back of the court). Any balls remaining unracked on an outdoor court should be placed where they minimize the risk of someone tripping on them, away from where people step onto the court. Let's do what we can to protect one another.
4. A new frame may not begin once the clock reaches 11:45 (any smart phone should provide accurate time). This is to give Campo di Bocce adequate time to make the courts ready for the next round of customers at 12 noon. A frame beginning before 11:45 may be completed, but without undue delay.
5. If a game is tied when the clock reaches 11:45, a one ball roll off shall determine the outcome. The roll off shall begin at the end of the court whose turn it would normally be. Either of the two players at that end may be designated to roll for their team. The designated player for the team that scored in the previous frame shall roll first. The pallino shall be placed on the white dot at the far end of the court, and the first player shall lag as close to the pallino as possible. The distance between the ball and pallino shall be determined by measurement, written down, and the ball shall then be removed from the court (and the pallino replaced on the white dot if it was moved). The designated player for the other team shall then lag as close as possible, and the distance determined by measurement. The team whose ball was lagged closest to the pallino shall be awarded a point, breaking the tie, and deciding the outcome of the game.

Please contact Mike Schmidt if you need further clarification.

Thanks,
Senior League Coordinators