

## **RETREAT BOCCE BALL RULES:**

1. Each team will appoint a captain. The 2 captains flip a coin to determine who goes first. Every player must stay behind the white line when throwing.
  2. The winning captain will roll the Pallino (small white ball) to just passed the half court line (mid-line) and not to go past second white line (white flag). If ball fails after two attempts to be within the 2 white Lines , the opposing team throws the Pallino ball.
  3. The winning captain (or teammate) will then roll his first regular ball.
  4. The opposing captain (or a teammate) will then roll a ball attempting to get closer to the Pallino than the original captain's ball. If successful, the original captain (or a teammate) will attempt to get closest to the Pallino. A team continues to roll until it is closest or has used its 4 balls. If the Pallino gets knocked out of the court by a thrown ball, this frame is cancelled without points. This frame must be replayed by the same players that knocked the pallino ball out.
  5. Points are scored when each team has rolled their 4 balls. If a team has the closest ball to the Pallino, they score 1 point. If they have the 2 closest balls they score 2 points. If the 3 closest—they score 3 points and if the 4 closest, they score 4. If ball kisses pallino—team awarded 2 points.
  6. The team that scores the point starts the next frame of game.
  7. On a 2 person team, each player throws 2 balls from the end of the court.
  8. On a 3 person team, 2 players will start at one end of court and third player at other end of court. Two players will throw 2 balls each from one end and 1 player will then join third player and both will throw 2 balls. Each player will take turns to rotate one entire game out of a three game set, so as not to have the same player throwing all three games.
  9. On 4 person teams each player can roll 1 ball from the end of the court **OR** 2 players roll 2 balls each from the end of the court; and the other 2 players on other team roll 2 balls each from the end of the court. Each team determines the order in which they roll.  
**AT NO TIME WILL A PLAYER BE ALLOWED TO THROW 4 BALLS FROM THE SAME SIDE OF THE COURT.**
  10. The whole court is in play. If a regular ball leaves the court it is not replaced. If a regular ball hits the back wall (since the whole court is in play)—that ball is still in play.
  11. A game will be played to 10 points. The winning team must win by 2 points.
  12. Alternates and any residents of the Retreat can be use as substitutes. **Members of existing teams are not allowed to substitute.**
  13. Playoffs: Two highest teams in each division will playoff with teams ranked by highest number of points. The playoff format will be teams 1 and 4, and teams 2 and 3. These teams will play best 2 out of 3 with winners advancing to over all championship. If there are ties within each division, there will be a 1 game elimination to advance to the playoff format.
- TO KEEP OUR BOCCE BALL COURTS IN GOOD CONDITION: Please do not walk on courts when switching sides. Walk on courts only when necessary. There is a walkway in-between to be used when switching or going to the other side.**