

Tieton Cider Works

HOW TO PLAY

Bocce

TEAMS

Teams will be comprised of one, two or four players. If four players, two are stationed permanently at each end of the court. At the end of each frame the game resumes at the opposite end of the court.

Begin the game with the flip of a coin.

The winner gets to toss the pallino _____ (small target ball) and their choose their ball color.

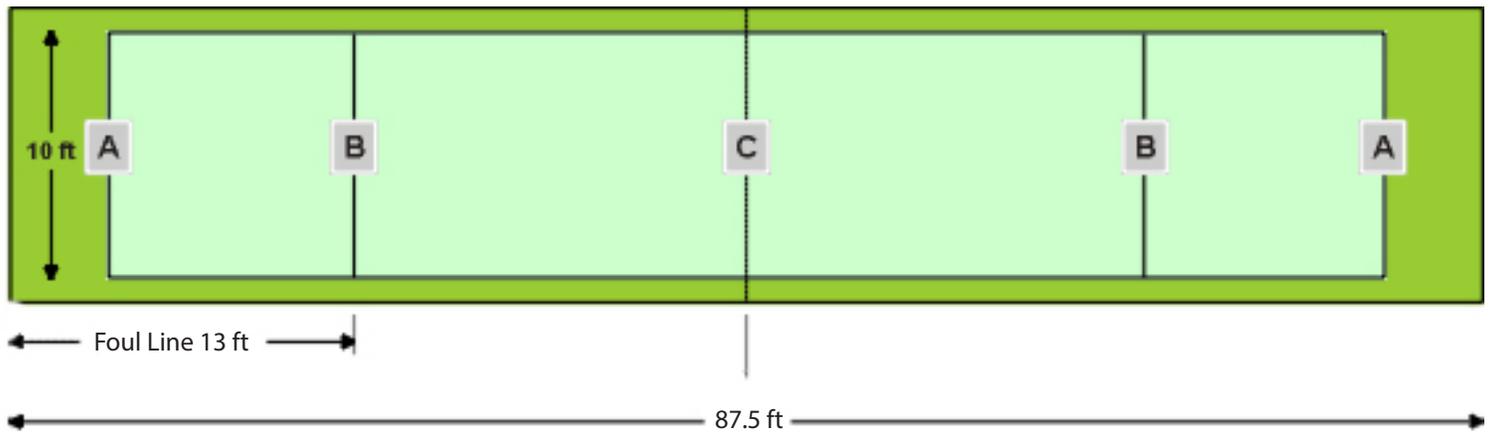


TOSSING THE PALLINO

A player may toss the pallino any distance, so long as it passes the court center line and does not hit the back wall. If a player fails to toss the pallino properly, then the opposing team will toss it and so on until the pallino is legally positioned. Any time a player is rolling, the opposing players must remain outside the court.

STARTING THE GAME

The first ball is to be thrown by the original winner of the coin toss. Once they have put a ball in play, they step aside and do not roll again until their opponent has either rolled one of their bocce balls closer, or has thrown all of their balls. Whenever a team gets close, they step aside and let their opponent roll. That team rolls until it beats (not ties) their opponent's closest ball. This continues until both teams have used all their bocce balls. The team who scored last, throws the pallino to begin the next frame. This is referred to as the "pallino privilege". Players may use the side walls at any time. If a player rolls the wrong colored ball, simply replace it with the correct color when it comes to rest.



FOUL LINES

Players may step on, but not over the foul line before releasing the pallino or their ball.

SCORING

Only one team scores per frame. One point is given for each ball that is closer to the pallino than the closest ball of the opposing team. If at the end of any frame the closest balls from each team are tied, no points are awarded and the game resumes from the opposite end of the court with the team who last threw the pallino, throwing it again. Games are normally played to 15 points. This number varies but should be determined before the start of play.



BALLS HITTING THE BACK WALL

A ball hitting the back board is dead and must be removed from play unless it first hits another ball, in which case all balls are valid. If a thrown ball does not first touch another ball and hits the back board and then strikes a stationary ball, that stationary ball shall be returned to its approximate position. The thrown ball is then removed from play.

PALLINO HITTING THE BACK WALL

Once the pallino is in play, it remains in play even if it hits the back board during the game. However, if the pallino is knocked out of the court, or is knocked in front of the center line, the frame ends and play will resume from the opposite of the court, with the pallino privilege in effect.

Enjoy the Game!