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BOCCE 100mm GAME RULES

GOSPORTS™ PRO 100mm BOCCE SET INCLUDES:

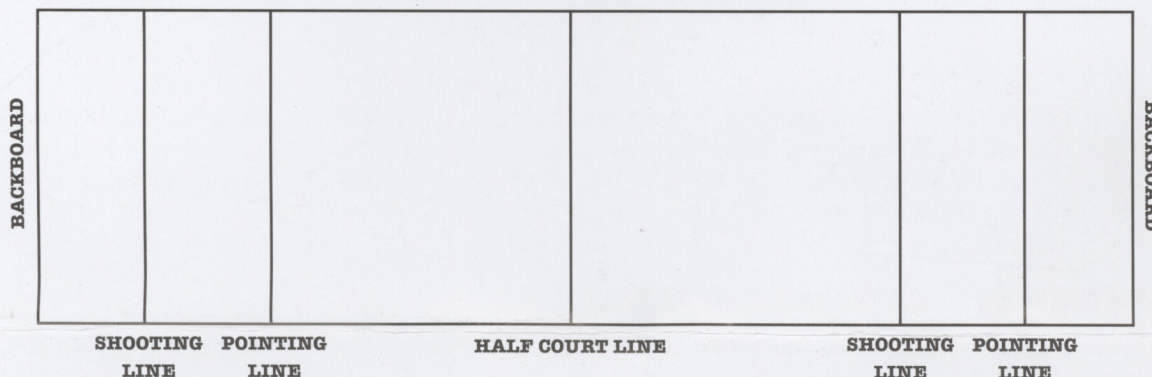
- Eight (8) 100mm Bocce Balls: 4 Red and 4 Green (4 Square Cut and 4 Circle Cut)
- One (1) 50mm White Pallino (Jack Ball)
- Distance Marker, Rules and Carrying Case.

COURTED BOCCE RULES

If you do not have access to a Bocce Court - see the Open Bocce Rules on the back. The overall objective is to have your team's balls closest to the Pallino once all the balls are thrown.

GAME SETUP

Bocce Courts vary in size and surfaces, but they all follow the same general layout below.



GAME PLAY

Games are played with 2 teams with 4 balls to a team. Teams can consist of 1 player (4 balls each), 2 players (2 balls each) or 4 players (1 ball each). A coin flip decides which team throws the Pallino (small white ball) first. Throws must be underhand and players can toss, roll or bounce balls down the court (see shooting vs pointing).

- To be in play, the Pallino must pass the center line and not bounce off or touch the back wall. The same player that tosses the Pallino rolls their ball first.
- If a player's rolled ball hits the backboard before hitting another ball or the Pallino, it is an illegal play and the ball should be removed from the court. If this occurs on the first throw, the same team replays until a ball is established 'in-play'. If this illegal play happens later in the game and the thrower's ball hits other in-play balls on the rebound from the backboard, the in-play balls should be placed back in their original position.
- Once a ball is in-play, it becomes 'the point', or the closest ball to the Pallino.
- The other team then plays their balls until their player's roll finishes closer to the Pallino and becomes the point, in which it is now the other team's turn. Teams alternate in this fashion until all balls are played.
- Side boards can be used to play bank shots and distances can be measured to determine the point at any time.
- The Pallino ball is a valid target and can be moved by a player's roll, unless the Pallino crosses back over the center line in which case the frame is void and teams start over on the other side.
- Shooting versus Pointing (both lines should be clearly marked on your court):
- Shooting, or Raffa, is done from on or behind the 'Shooting Line' and is a forceful throw (rolled, tossed or lobbed) designed to move the Pallino.
- Pointing is done from on or behind the 'Pointing Line' and is a finessed precision shot designed to position your balls in a desired area.

SCORING

Only one team scores in each frame. One point is given for each ball that is closer to the Pallino than the closest ball of the opposing team. If the teams 2 closest balls are the same distance, the frame ends in a 0-0 tie. Games are usually played to 12 points.

OPEN BOCCE RULES

Open Bocce is the version of Bocce that many people are more familiar with. The rules and setup are much simpler than Courted Bocce, although the objective and scoring are the same.

SETUP:

- Open Bocce can be played between 2 and 4 teams. For example 2 teams would use 4 balls each, and 3 or 4 teams would use 2 balls. For 3 or 4 team play, teams need to choose Circles or Squares to differentiate the same color balls.
- Open Bocce does not have a court at all, but is played on any soft surface (grass, turf, sand, clay etc). The starting team can throw the Pallino where ever they want (within reason), and the other players must follow suit. The Pallino can be hit in any direction and still be in play.
- Unlike Courted Bocce, teams always alternate throws until all balls are thrown, regardless of which team's ball is closest to the Pallino.

GAMEPLAY:

- A coin flip decides which team throws the Pallino (small white ball) first. Throws must be underhand and players can toss, roll or bounce balls.
- Once the Pallino has been thrown, the same player that threw the Pallino throws their Bocce ball. Teams then alternate throwing until all balls are thrown.
- The Pallino ball is a valid target and can be moved by a player's roll. The Pallino's final resting place once all Bocce Balls are thrown determines the scoring (see below).

SCORING:

- Only one team scores in each frame. One point is given for each ball that is closer to the Pallino than the closest ball of the opposing team. For example if the Red Team has 2 balls closer to the Pallino than Green, they are awarded 2 Points. If Red has the closest ball and Green has the 2nd closest, Red is awarded 1 point and everyone else gets 0. If the teams 2 closest balls are the same distance, the round ends with no points awarded. Games are usually played to 12 points, but can be adjusted as desired.

GOSPORTS™ BOCCE CARE

- Like all Bocce Balls, these balls will wear over time, especially on harder surfaces. Scuff marks are only superficial however and will not affect game play at all.
- Prolonged sun exposure will cause the colors to fade, so if that matters to you, store them when not in use.

SAFETY WARNINGS

- Bocce Balls are heavy projectiles and are meant only for the playing of Bocce. Players need to exercise extreme caution while playing to avoid injury to themselves and others.
- This game is recommended for ages 12+ and children should ALWAYS be closely supervised while playing.
- Make sure the outdoor court and throwing area are clear of people, pets or obstacles prior to each throw and never stand in an area where the balls might land. Never play indoors.
- Be safe, play smart and have fun.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding your GoSports Bocce Set, please reach out to us at info@pandpimports.com and we will do our best to assist you.