

# “All About Bocce”



Bocce is a popular sport that is similar to bowling. The game of Bocce started in the **Roman Empire** many years ago. Bocce ball has been changed in recent years in Italy. This form of Bocce is played by people from all around the world.

A Bocce match can be a competition between either individuals or small teams of 2 or 4 people. A match is started by throwing a small ball, called a **pallino**, to the other end of the court into a specific zone. The team that throws the **pallino** into the **zone** gets to **roll** the first ball. Once the first bowl has taken place, the other team or individual has the opportunity to **bowl**. Players are allowed to throw the ball in the air using an **underarm** action. This is generally used to knock either the pallino or another ball into a better position. From then on, the side which does *not* have the ball closest to the **pallino** has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining bocce balls.

The team with the closest ball or balls to the pallino is awarded one point for each ball that is closer to the pallino than the other side's closest ball. The match is won by the team or individual that scores **13 points** first.