



For full official rules, please go to [Bocce \(specialolympics.org\)](http://Bocce(specialolympics.org))

Bocce competition is offered in singles, traditional doubles and Unified doubles.

Athletes in singles may enter into doubles with a partner.

Partners in Unified Doubles may only enter into doubles, not singles.

4-person team will not be offered.

Equipment:

The weight of the bocce balls should be the standard size (2lbs).

Attire:

Athletes should dress in collared type shirts, or nice shirts with county logo on them.

No t-shirts with other logos, sayings, etc. allowed.

Bottoms should be khaki type bottoms, pants, shorts, or skorts for women.

NO JEANS ALLOWED FOR COMPETITION – athletes in jeans will be asked to change or forfeit games.

Rules for Divisioning:

- Each athlete should play three modified games, called a set. The athlete should alternate from each side of the court and play the following allotted balls. The athlete should not cross the foul line when he/she plays the allotted balls:
- The referee should place the pallina at the 30-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in CENTIMETERS.
- The referee will then place the pallina at the 40-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in CENTIMETERS.
- The referee will then place the pallina at the 50-foot line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in CENTIMETERS.
- Measurements will be taken from the center top of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements. (Do not average).
- Add all nine measurements up for one cumulative score in centimeters. These divisioning procedures comply with the Special Olympics honest-effort rule.
- **Submit 3 measurements with registration (from 30ft, 40ft, and 50ft lines) in CENTIMETERS**

Competition:

- Game is played to 12 points, or 15 minutes, whichever comes first.