

HerrinFesta Italiana Bocce

Rules- 2008

Games will be played according to Herrin Bocce Club, Inc. rules except where superseded by the following rules:

- Winner of coin toss will get pallina and choice of color
- Initial toss of pallina must **stop** 1ft from each wall (including back wall) and may not touch the back wall
- One substitute per game will be allowed. Substitutes must be taken from team roster submitted prior to tournament. Once a substitution has occurred, the player may not return to that game but remains eligible for future games within this tournament.
- Players may not be listed on the roster of more than one team in any one tournament. If a player substitutes for more than one team, each team will be disqualified from the tournament and forfeit all games.
- Substitutions will only be allowed at the conclusion of and prior to the beginning of a frame.
- If, in the opinion of the official, the game is intentionally delayed without a valid reason, the official may give a one-minute warning. If play is not resumed, the delaying team will forfeit the match.
- Players may only proceed to the half court mark (to review positions of previously played balls) before delivering their ball.
- Only team captains may call for a measurement.
- Only team captains may proceed to middle of court to assist with and observe measurement.
- Players are responsible for returning balls to the end of the court following the frame. **We ask that players attempt to avoid walking on the playing surface whenever possible.**
- In order to protect the playing surface and minimize maintenance:
 - Following a frame, balls should be picked up and carried to the end of the court. Kicking, rolling & throwing of balls are not permitted.
 - Shoes must be worn at all times
 - Players will not be permitted to wear shoes that may damage the playing surface.
- A game is not over until all balls have been played. Each player may only throw two balls per frame.
- When attempting a “hit” shot, the ball must be thrown with sufficient force to either hit the target ball or hit the back wall of the court. Failure to do so either will result in removal of ball from court and all balls returned to original position.
- It is the responsibility of each team’s captain to sign the scorecard following the match. Signed score cards cannot be disputed. We strongly urge captains to review the scorecards for accuracy prior to signing.
- All “hit” shots must be declared prior to shot.
- Sportsmanship is to be observed at all times.
- Tie Breakers are as follows
 - Head to Head is first tie breaker
 - In the event of three way tie—the team with most points scored advances. If two teams are tied with points scored, then we will go back to head to head competition between **those two teams only.**
 - Final tie breaker (if needed) is points given up.
- **In all rule interpretations—the Judge’s decision is final**
- **Any other disputes will be decided by the Tournament organizers and are considered final.**