

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
SUMMER SPORTS – BOCCE**

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 2 (Line Width)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: Section B.1.c. Lines measuring 50 mm (2 inches) in width should be marked on all courts for the following:</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p>
<p>Comments: Approved</p>

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 3 (Wall Height)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: Section B.1.c. The end walls should be at least 304 mm (12 inches) high.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p>
<p>Comments: Approved</p>

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 4 (Scoring)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

The present Rule C.1.n. should be directly after the current Rule C.1.l. as it relates to the actual scoring options of a game. In its present place it comes after the Rule re the actual Scorecards. It is now disjointed and to bring continuity and flow to the rules it should be moved to be after winning scores and before rules re scorecards.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Switch placement of C.1.n. with C.1.m.

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 5 (Protests)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

The present rule Section C.6.a.4) should have the last sentence removed and it then placed in the rule directly preceding it. So Section C.6.a.3) now reads: Protests — Any protest to an official's or Tournament Director's decision must be made by a Special Olympics certified bocce coach within 15 minutes of the completion of any game or the decision made by the official or Tournament Director will be considered as accepted. Protests will be acknowledged and judged on the basis of merit in circumstances not specifically proved for hereunder.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Add – 'Protests will be acknowledged and judged on the basis of merit in circumstances not specifically proved for hereunder.' to C.6.a.3)

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 7 (Physical Makeup)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

The Event Manager/Tournament Director shall have the discretion to allow for certain modifications/interpretations of the current technical rules based upon a physical disability characteristic. Such interpretation shall be requested and ruled on prior to the athlete's participation in a competition and shall not give advantage over another athlete. Delivery action interpretations will be concerned with the action a limb(s) is performing a throw or roll.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Add as C.1.f.1)

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 8 (Other Terms)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

D.3.a. Hitting is sometimes known as shooting. A delivery which is thrown with sufficient velocity that it would hit the backboard if it missed the target. The shooting line will be used to determine a foul.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Change D.3.a.

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 10 (Mec Aids)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Mechanical Aid — If due to a medical or physical condition an athlete requires the use of a mechanical aid to spot the position of the pallina, then discretion can be given to the Event Manager/Tournament Director for this to be permitted. Items such as a bell or bright colored cone for a visually impaired athlete are examples of this type of mechanical aid. If a cone is used as a mechanical aid it should be placed as close as possible to the pallina, usually behind, and removed from the court once the Bocce ball is released from the athlete's hand. If a bell is used it should be rung while held over the pallina.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Add C.8.d.

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 11 (Footwear)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.9.c.2) Footwear — Players will not be permitted to wear shoes which may damage or disrupt the court surface. It is recommended that all players will wear close-toed shoes.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Change C.9.c.2)

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 13 (Measuring)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: E.2.e. Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Approved: Change E.2.e. AND New reference in C.1.i</p>

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 14 (Declining Penalty)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: C.6.a.1) Determination — Immediately upon determination by the official that a foul has been committed, the official will notify the captains of both teams and inform them of the penalty imposed. The team fouled against has the option to decline any penalty imposed by the official and accept the lie of the ball(s) and continues playing. The ruling of the official is final, except as otherwise provided for hereafter.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Approved: Change C.6.a.1)</p>

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 15 (Checking Points)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.5.d. Checking position of points — One player from each team may proceed down the outside of the court before delivering his/her ball and the player must remain outside of the court while checking the position of points.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.5.d

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 16 (Moving the Balls)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.1.i. Scoring—At the end of each frame (when both teams have exhausted all balls), scoring will be determined as follows: points are awarded to the team whose balls are closer to the pallina than the closest ball of the opposing team, which can be determined by viewing or by mechanical measurements. A player may request a mechanical measurement (Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina). At the end of a frame, the referee announces the winning points and color to the players outside the court at the pallina end and before the balls are removed, the referee should look to the players for agreement. The players have a right to request a measurement if the players disagree with the referee. When the player or team agrees with the number of points awarded, the court official then proceeds to remove the balls to start the next frame. The scoring team for each frame will also win the pallina advantage for the subsequent frame. The referee will be responsible for validity of the scoreboard and scorecard, so it is incumbent upon the team captain to verify the accuracy of the posted score at all times.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.1.i.

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 17 (Illegal Movement)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.6.b.4) Illegal movement of an opponent's ball — If, after all eight balls have been thrown, a player moves one or more of his/her opponent's balls, the opponent's balls that were moved will be awarded one point each. If a player moves one or more of his/her opponent's balls, and there are remaining unplayed balls, the referee will place the balls as close to their original position as possible and play will continue.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.6.b.4)

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 18 (Coaching)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.1.h.

h. Coaching

- 1) Discussion with any athlete and/or partner is prohibited once the athlete and or partner steps onto the court.
- 2) If an official determines that a coach/ partner/ spectator is violating this rule, the official may sanction the offending individual. Sanctions may include: verbal warning, citing the coach/partner with unsportsmanlike conduct or expulsion from the game.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Change C.1.h.