

# 2025 Heritage Placer Vineyard Bocce Spring Season Rules



# Disclaimer – Not ALL rules are covered in the presentation

- It is the responsibility of the team Captains as well as the team members to know and have read the current League rules .
- The current League rules can be obtained and printed from the league's website
- [www.hbl55.com](http://www.hbl55.com).



# Let's get Started

**Coin Toss - [Decided between Captains]**

- **Both Captains present the coin is tossed . Winner gets to choose :**
- Color of Ball s
- Or
- The ability to roll first or second

**Green or Red**



# Captains Responsibilities



- Responsible for the actions of their players and spectators
- The coin flip
- Player management
- Interactions with judges and score keepers
- Understanding the League Rules
- Signing the score sheet
- Ensure that players are NOT lofting the ball
- Attend the Captains meeting

# Duration of a Game

**3 games will Constitute a MATCH**



## **Score keepers / Judges**

- Duration of a Game will be 35 minutes with notification to Teams of the 15 minute and 5-minute time marks.
- *BTW- If a legal throw of the Pallino is made within this time period that frame will be carried on to completion and scores recorded*

# Tossing the Pallino



- To be a valid or “Good Throw” the Pallino must clear the center MID COURT LINE and not go past the opposite end FOUL LINE
- BTW : If the Pallino does not fall between the appropriate line the Pallino is given to the opposite team to Toss the Pallino. This will take place until the Pallino is thrown properly

# The Toss / Bowl

- If a ball is tossed / bowled and it hits the backboard without touching a sideboard or any other ball . The tossed ball it is considered a **“Dead”** ball and is taken out of play
- BTW- The same team bowls again because they have failed to be closer to the Pallino



# Terms :

- **Game:** First Team to 12 points or team with the most points at the end of allotted time
- **Match :** Three finished games constitutes a match





# Scoring

- **After all, 8 balls are tossed-  
"A Frame" points are  
awarded to :**

Color ball closest to the Pallino

Next closest ball to the Pallino  
provided it is the same color as  
the first closest . So and so forth  
up to the fourth ball

# Who goes next ?

- The team that scored points in a frame bowls the Pallino to begin the next frame



# Scoring Continued

- Terms
- “KISS” - Ball physically touching the Pallino – Is awarded an additional point for that frame
- *BTW 2 – 3 – 4 balls can kiss the Pallino and gain extra points*
- *BTW if a Red Ball and Green ball “Kiss” the Pallino at the same time in the same frame BOTH balls are awarded a 1 point*



# Playing Rules



- A player who is throwing the PALLINO may hold the PALLINO and a colored ball at the same time
- Once the game has begun – a player may only hold one ball at a time [ leaving extra balls in the “ball rack” ]

# Players Per Game

- 4 players for each team / 2 at the east end and 2 at the West end PLUS an optional 2 substitutions
- BTW: if a player substituted in game 1 at the east end – That player is only allowed to Play or substitute at the West in Game 2



# Measuring Ties – [ Mid Frame]



- If a player bowls and the ball comes to a stop the exact same distance as the opposing teams ball closet to the Pallino. The Ball that got there first is used to decide who bowls / tosses next in that frame

# Measuring/ Scoring Ties Continued

- In the event of a TIE , where both team's closet balls are equal distant to the Pallino, each team will receive one point, cancelling out all other balls from scoring .
- *BTW- The team whose ball got there first, starts the next frame throwing the Pallino*



# Game Number 2

- Who will start Game No. 2 ?      Losing Team from Game 1
- Who will start game 3 ?      Losing Team from game 2
- *BTW: Teams keep the same color ball as in game one and will keep in game 3*



# More Terms

- “Bocce” – when one team has bowled / tossed and each of the four ball and each of these four ball are closet to the Pallino



# Questions during Play

- Only team Captains are allowed to approach the Judges and Score keepers
- Only Team Captains may go past the foul lines to speak to the Judges and Scorekeepers
- Team Captains will be identified with colored clips/ tags



# Questions during Play continued –

Questions about Rules will be referred to the HPV Rules and Compliance Committee



- If there is question about a rule, only then will the time be halted “ STOP-the-Clock” and the rules shall be referenced to answer the question.
- If the Captains can’t agree on the application of the rule, and if Captains cannot agree to proceed after 5 minutes the Match will be suspended. Said match may be replayed at a later time as agreed by both Captains within 7 days .

# Rules of Play / Penalties

- If a Bocce Ball or Pallino is diverted outside the court, exits the court or bounces off the top wall and falls back in, that ball is DEAD and removed from the court during that frame.
- If an Active or Inactive player **TOUCHES** any ball after it has been rolled before the end of the frame, the ball shall be replaced in its proper position by the Scorekeepers and the non-offending team will be awarded 1 additional point for the frame and the frame continues



# Out of Order



- If a ball is played out of turn or if a bowler inadvertently bowls more than two balls in a frame, the thrown ball is considered DEAD and is removed from the court.
- *BTW- if the ball in question strikes a stationary any stationary balls, the disturbed balls are placed in their approximate original position by the judge/ scorekeeper*

# Not Lofting the Ball – Captains Duty



- It is the Captain or Co-Captains duty to instruct their teammates **not to LOFT the balls** , but to roll balls to protect the playing surface
- *BTW- No throw can arc higher than the players waist as is considered LOFTING and is not allowed*

# Foot Foul ?

- **Both feet must be on the Court .**
- BTW- If a FOUL is committed with the Pallino; the Pallino goes to the other team .  
If a foul is committed with a bocce ball, the ball is removed from play. The stationary balls if moved by the ball in question are replaced in their approximate original position



# Team Indicators

- Judges / Scorekeepers will indicate the THROWING / TOSSING team by way of flashing the Color PADDLE of the Team which Tosses NEXT





# Measurements – Captains can request a measurement at any time throughout the frame / However the frame clock will continue to run unless stopped by the judge or scoring team



- Judges and Score keepers will be trained to use measuring devices
- If there is a problem with a measuring device, The Judge/ Scorekeeper may revert to use any device they wish
- *BTW- May also borrow a measuring device from an adjacent court*

# Rules of Play – Retrieving balls

- Active players must **stay behind the FOUL LINE** during the match . Only Judges/ Scorekeepers may pick up and deliver balls to the teams playing.
- If a second score keeper/ judge is not available to help with the task , the Captains may designate Non-playing team members to assist.
- *Those picking up balls must step off the court to the side and walk on the concrete to deliver the balls to players at the end of the court to protect the court surface. [ 90 degree guideline]*



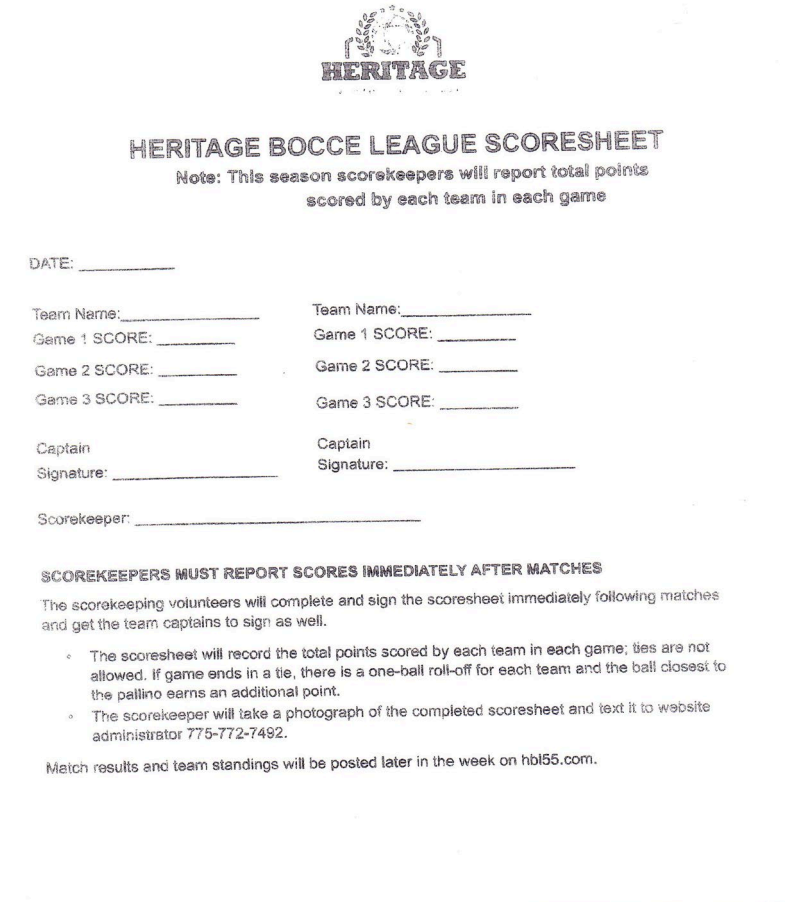
# Forfeits: A team automatically loses one or more games when -



- *A minimum of 4 players must be available to play for each team*
- 1. A team decides not to play a game or a match
- 2. A team action has resulted in a breach of the rules
- *A single forfeit game is recorded 12 / 0 . Subsequent forfeits are also scored 12/0*

# End of Match Score Sheets

- Verify the **DATE**
- **Team Names** Correctness
- **Scores** for Each Game
- **Team Captains** Signatures
- **Scorekeepers'** signatures
- Take a picture of the scoresheet
- **Send to Rachell @ 1-775-772-7492**



The image shows a 'HERITAGE BOCCE LEAGUE SCORESHEET' form. At the top center is a logo for 'HERITAGE' featuring a bocce ball and the text 'HERITAGE BOCCE LEAGUE'. Below the logo, the title 'HERITAGE BOCCE LEAGUE SCORESHEET' is printed in bold. A note states: 'Note: This season scorekeepers will report total points scored by each team in each game'. The form includes fields for 'DATE: \_\_\_\_\_', two columns for 'Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_', 'Game 1 SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_', 'Game 2 SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_', and 'Game 3 SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_'. There are also signature lines for 'Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_' and 'Scorekeeper: \_\_\_\_\_'. At the bottom, a section titled 'SCOREKEEPERS MUST REPORT SCORES IMMEDIATELY AFTER MATCHES' contains instructions and two bullet points: 'The scoresheet will record the total points scored by each team in each game; ties are not allowed. If game ends in a tie, there is a one-ball roll-off for each team and the ball closest to the pallino earns an additional point.' and 'The scorekeeper will take a photograph of the completed scoresheet and text it to website administrator 775-772-7492.' A final line at the bottom states: 'Match results and team standings will be posted later in the week on hbl55.com.'

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- Let's Have Fun



- Be respectful to fellow players as well as the Judges and Score keeper – Remember they are all VOLUNTEERS