

Middletown Bocce Ball League

Rules of Conduct

A. Introduction

MBBL knows that any competition, however courteous, can stir some feelings on occasion. Most of what follows is obvious, but to make sure all members are on the same page, we are publishing our Rules of Conduct which apply to all members. Violation of any of our Rules will result in a warning, and repeated violation may be grounds for suspension from League play or termination of membership. Continuing conformance with these Rules of Conduct is a condition of our facilities lease. One capo will act as Conduct Manager during each night of tournament play.

B. Noise

Our bocce courts are close to several residences, and while those neighbors have reacted favorably to having community bocce courts next door, they are also entitled to relative peace and quiet. To keep these neighbors happy and supportive, we cannot tolerate any prolonged noise at our facilities. The occasional burst of applause at a good shot or the celebration of a match win is quite acceptable, but our goal is to enjoy ourselves without unduly disturbing our neighbors. **Please do not feed, pet, or otherwise interact through the fence with the neighbor's livestock.**

C. Profanity and Personal Insults

Profanity and personal insults of any kind are strictly forbidden. Competitive "trash talk" is fine as long as it doesn't get personal or interfere with the conduct of our games. Specifically, players are entitled to quiet when they are rolling the pallino or bocce. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected at all times.

D. Smoking, Alcohol, and Drugs

Smoking is confined to the designated area in the parking lot adjacent to our courts to minimize fire danger. Alcohol is permitted as long as its consumption conforms to State law and doesn't result in intoxication. Illegal drug use is not permitted.

E. Vehicles

All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot adjacent to the MBBL facilities. No bikes, skateboards, scooters, or other personal conveyances are allowed on MBBL property.

F. Trash

Members must place their trash in the trash can or remove it when exiting the MBBL facilities.

G. Neighbor's Livestock. (1/22/22)

Do not feed, pet or otherwise interact with the neighbor's horses, cows, chickens, goats or dogs.