

SCCL BOCCE CLUB LEAGUE PLAY Rules Clarifications

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1. A person throws 3 times in a row and the opposing team doesn't catch it - should they be made aware of it and if so, should there be a penalty?

Rules of play require each player to throw only two balls. Each roll is alternating with the opposing team member. Each team player must throw his/her own ball.

The reason you have a member of each team on the side court is to make sure the rules are observed and addressed during or at the end of that frame.

Answer- The third ball thrown should be removed from the court, considered out of play and if point earned - deducted from the score. If the ball thrown knocks the opposite team ball out of play, that team ball should be put in place where it was prior to the illegal throw.

2. Person throws the wrong color and NOT their turn to throw and it hits the opposing ball and knocks it further away - what needs to be done?

Answer - The SCCL Bocce rules state if the person throws the wrong color ball, it will be replaced with the correct color. No Penalty.

3. Does the second game always start where the first game does?

Answer - Wherever the balls end up from the last play, they would remain on that end of the court and teams switch ends.

4. I know we are supposed to change ends for the second game, what happens when the opposing team doesn't want to?

Answer - If the opposing team refuses or does not want to change ends - they can forfeit the game. Fairness, mutual respect and rule observance is part of the game, you must switch ends of the court (just like in other sports, football, etc)

5. Does it matter if the same person throws the same time each time?

Answer – players are to alternate throwing their 2 balls; they would not throw 2 times in a row. The first person to throw the Pallino is from the team that scored the last point. As for which person on that team throws first, SCCL etiquette is to alternate each team member throwing.