

Thirty Fifth Annual Bocce Invitational Tournament
Sunday, August 13, 2017

Bocce Rules

1. Each team will consist of **five (5)** players plus an alternate if so desired.
2. If the pallino goes out of bounds, it will be placed on the nail. If the large ball goes out of bounds, it is considered a dead ball. All bocce balls including the pallino must cross the center line to be in play.
3. In the event that two opposing balls are equal distance from the pallino, the team that threw **LAST** will throw until the tie is broken.
4. In the event a team has only four players to start with, they will be allowed to start the game with four players and use four balls. If the fifth player arrives later, he may enter the game immediately.
5. Team captains may request a measurement by the referee at any time **FOR THE POINT ONLY!**
6. Referee will handle all games. The Bocce Committee will decide major disputes.

On behalf of the Roma Lodge and its members, we would like to invite you to this year's Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament. I hope that you will be able to participate in this exciting event which not only allows everyone to play the wonderful game of bocce, but also presents a festival atmosphere with all the great people who join us.

Again, this year's tournament will be Round Robin Style instead of double elimination. This means, basically, that all teams will be playing a minimum of 3 (possibly 4) games instead of 2. All games will be played up to between 9 and 12 points, depending on the number of entries. Once group play is completed, those teams advancing will play in a **single elimination tournament**. The quarter finals, semi- finals, and finals will all be played up to 16 points.

This year, we will once again have Roma Lodge's famous food, including pane frita (fried bread dough) made by Rosemarie Domanico, Joan Domanico, Lisa Graceffa, and their entire crew of amazing woman who help each year! Kringle, bombers, tomato salad, corn on the cob, and a Zuddy DeRose dinner special featuring BBQ Ribs! Soda will be included from 10:30-3:30. We're expecting a huge response to this year's tournament and our goal is **64 teams!** A minimum of **\$5,400.00** in cash prizes is expected to be awarded between the open, and the women's tournament based on 39 men's teams and 16 women's teams.

For those of you who come from Illinois and the Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Madison area, we once again look forward to sharing our club with all of you. The great thing about our tournament is that we have been fortunate to have good teams come play, but we also have many teams who just love to play bocce...enjoying the food and camaraderie equally as much. Please remember to get your team entry in as early as possible to ensure your team's spot. We hope to make this not only another exciting day as bocce players, but a day that brings Italians together from all over! Hope to see you once again August 13!

Ciao!

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