

BOCCE PADDLING & MEASURING CLINIC

ROLE OF THE PADDLER

The role of the Paddler is assigned to a member of either team or someone else with agreement of the two captains. The Paddler initially determines which team's bocce ball is closest to the pallino ("inside") and so indicates by **displaying the side of the paddle matching the color of the "outside" team** to the players at the active end of the court. **In the case when the "outside" team throws all their balls and the other team still has ball to throw, the paddler will keep showing the "outside" team. If, while throwing the remaining balls, the condition changes and the "outside" team becomes the inside, the paddler will display the new "outside" team.**

If the Paddler cannot clearly decide which color ball is inside, or if either captain disagrees with the Paddler's call, play is stopped and the **2 captains (or their designees) jointly make the call**, measuring if necessary.

If the ball that is thrown is judged to be of equal distance from the pallino as the ball that was inside (**a "tie"**), the team that threw the last bocce ball continues to throw to break the tie.

If the team cannot break the tie (throws all the remaining balls), the team that originally was inside can throw the remainder of their balls, if any. If it is still tied, the captains declare a tie and no points are awarded. **The next frame starts at the opposite end of the court with the team that scored the last point throwing the pallino.**

If a Paddler's decision is not questioned prior to the toss of the next ball, that decision is final and may not subsequently be questioned.

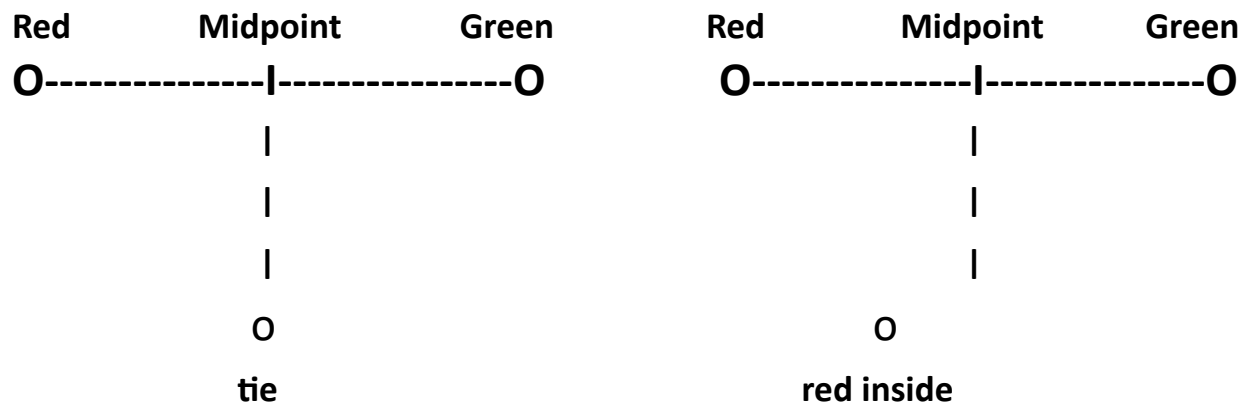
The Paddler is **not required to rule if a team has multiple balls inside**; that determination is made by the captains. If multiple points might be awarded to the shooting team, the captain may request a measurement before the next ball is thrown.

The paddler is responsible for **posting the score** on the scoreboard.

PADDLER MUST PAY ATTENTION AT ALL TIMES!

HOW TO DETERMINE WHICH BALL IS INSIDE

- 1) Look from both sides of the court
- 2) Stand over the balls and see perpendicular angles



MEASURING

By agreement of the captains **obvious balls** that are inside can be carefully removed and just the questionable ones measured.

Decide which ball should be **measured first**. This is ideally the one most likely inside. Then carefully swinging the tape measure around to the other balls you can see which others might be closer.

When measuring, while one person is **holding** the pallino and another **holding** the bocce ball to be measured, the end of the tape needs to be at the **center of the side of the pallino** and the tape case on the ground up against the bocce ball, then locked. This will take two hands. Carefully swing the tape around to the next ball to be measured.

No one but the captains (or their designees) may be on the court until the captains agree which balls are in, but paddlers can oversee measuring to make sure the measuring is done according to our guidelines.