

Responsibilities of the Paddler

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. When the team that is "outside" has thrown all their balls, the paddler will continue to show the color that is "outside" but will verbally acknowledge that the "inside" team now throws.

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 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 may not 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.

