

New Unified Indoor Bocce Rule Changes and Clarifications for 2024-2025

Roster Sizes

- The minimum roster size is 6 players, and the maximum allowed roster size has been expanded to 10 players.
- There must always be a minimum of 3 Special Olympics eligible students (defined as having an intellectual or developmental disability, including autism with a cognitive delay) **and** a minimum of 3 general education students without any disability on the roster. The balance of the roster can be any combination of Special Olympics athletes and Unified partners.
- For competitions, a team can only activate a maximum of 8 players. A competition day roster must have a minimum of 3 Special Olympics eligible students (athletes) and a minimum of 3 general education students (Unified partners).
- Players who are not activated as part of the competition day roster are not permitted to wear their competition uniform. They can attend the bocce match, but as spectators and supporters of their teammates. This is to eliminate confusion.

Time Management

- MEASUREMENTS: If the head bocce official calls for a measurement to determine points at the end of a completed frame, the clock is stopped.
- The clock restarts once the points are awarded and announced by the head official.

Time- Outs

- Teams are permitted to call a time-out at any time during a game. They do not need to have possession of the bocce ball.
- All bocce balls must come to a complete stop before a time-out is granted.
- There is a limit of 1 time-out per team per game.
- If a time out is used prior to the 2-minute mark, the time will restart once the next bocce ball or the pallina is rolled.

Ending in a Tie Game

- No game EVER ends in a tie.
- If at the end of regulation time a game is tied, one final tie-breaker frame must be played to break the tie.
- Failure to comply and ending a game in a tie will result in neither team receiving credit for the win/loss or the points scored in the game.

Uniforms

- No jackets or hoodies or any garment are permitted under or over a player's polo shirt with the following exception:
 - A solid color long sleeve shirt is permitted under a player's polo.

Legal Rolls

- No player is permitted to sit on the floor to roll the pallina or bocce ball.
- A player may roll the ball sitting in a chair or wheelchair if needed. Otherwise, a player must roll from a standing or kneeling position.