Eligibility/Registration

- All players must present wildcards when registering to participate.
- Each participant must have registered and submitted a waiver and entry fee ($10) by the deadline.
- Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate.
- There will be a Men’s, Women’s and Co-ed Division.
- Participants will progress through a weekend long tournament with final placing determined by progression through the bracket. Participant placing will be factored toward final Yard Game Olympics standings.

General Information

Play consists of four players divided into opposing teams of two.

Gameplay

1. Bocce ball is best played on a flat, level playing surface such as dirt, sand, gravel or grass.
2. Divide into two teams of two players on each team.
3. Divide the 4 balls for each team equally to each player.
4. A player from Team 1 throws the pallino toward the opposite end of the field, away from other IM groups also participating in Bocce.
5. The same player from Team 1 then throws one of the boccia to get it as close to the pallino as possible.
6. From then on, the team that does not have the ball closest to the pallino has a chance to throw, alternating until one team has used all four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining bocce balls.
7. The team with the closest ball gets one point for each of its balls that are closer to the pallino than the other team’s closest ball.
8. If the two teams' closest balls are an equal distance from the pallino, no points are awarded.
9. A frame ends after all eight balls have been thrown and the score has been totaled. The scoring team begins the next frame. If neither team scored, the team that threw the pallino begins the next frame.
10. The game will consist of a best of three rounds of 15 minutes played to 16 points. If at the end of the 15 minute round a score of 16 has not been reached then whatever team is winning will be designated winner of that round. If there is a tie at the end of the 15 minute round, there will be a 2 minute overtime period to determine a winner with both teams getting an equal number of opportunities to score, and the winner being whichever team scores first. If a winner is determined after two rounds, a third exhibition round may be played by participants.