



- 3.2.3.2 Ramps and other assistance devices may be used with the approval of the Competition Committee.
- 3.2.3.3 No mechanical aids shall be used to propel the bocce ball or pallina.
- 3.2.3.4 Athletes using ramps must be placed in separate divisions from other players only for singles competition.
- 3.2.3.5 All other tournament rules shall apply to athletes in the ramp divisions.

**4. RULES OF COMPETITION**

**4.1 Divisioning**

Modified Set How to

- 4.1.1 It is suggested that, before competition begins, the Tournament Director ensures that divisions are appropriate. Athletes may be divisioned based on previous experience or, in the case of larger competitions, modified games. The modified game procedure below will provide a score that will help place athletes in the most equitable divisions possible.
- 4.1.2 Each athlete should play three modified games, called a set. The athlete should alternate from each end of the court and play the following allotted balls. The athlete should not surpass the foul line when he/she plays the allotted balls:
- 4.1.3 The referee will place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 9.15-m (30-ft) line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
- 4.1.4 The referee will then place the pallina at a marked spot in the center of the court at the 12.20-m (40-ft) mark, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
- 4.1.5 The referee will then place the pallina at the marked spot (center) of the 15.24-m (50-ft) line, and the player should play eight balls. The referee will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.
- 4.1.6 During the divisioning process, if the pallina is moved from its spot at 9.15-m (30-ft), 12.20-m (40-ft) or 15.24-m (50-ft), it is to be replaced on the spot before the next ball is rolled and before any measurements are taken.
- 4.1.7 Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements, the sum of which becomes the athlete's divisioning score.
- 4.1.8 For Doubles and Teams, the sum of the athletes' divisioning scores shall be the Doubles and Team's divisioning score.
- 4.1.9 These divisioning procedures comply with the Special Olympics maximum effort rule.
- 4.2 Coin Toss Procedure
  - 4.2.1 A coin toss by the referee will determine which team has the pallina and choice of ball color.
  - 4.2.2 In the absence of a referee, the two team captains will execute the coin toss. The coin toss should take place on the court.
- 4.3 Three-Attempt Rule
  - 4.3.1 The team possessing the pallina will have three attempts at placing the pallina past the 9.15-meter (30-ft) mark and before the 3.05-meter (10-ft) mark on the opposite end: the pallina coming to rest on the half-court marker or on the 3.05-meter (10-ft) mark on the opposite end is deemed to be an unsuccessful attempt. If these three attempts are unsuccessful, the opposing team will have one opportunity to place the pallina. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the referee will place the pallina in the center of the court at the