



## OBED & ISAAC'S BOCCE BALL LEAGUE - SPRINGFIELD

The bocce leagues are family friendly, pet friendly, recreational leagues. The spirit of competition is present, however, the aim is and has always been to be social, to be outdoors, and to have fun. Bocce is for novices and experts and is easily picked up by people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

### **Leagues & Seasons**

There are three separate league nights currently: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. For each league, the night begins with the first match at 6:00 p.m. and the last match is scheduled between 8:00 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. depending on the size of the league. The leagues run for nine weeks with the first eight weeks being inter-league matches and the final week a tournament. We run three seasons with a one week break between the seasons. Spring season starts in April. Summer starts near the end of June. Fall season starts September after Labor Day Weekend. See the website or Facebook group for specific dates.

### **Matches**

Teams always play two matches each night. Each match is 20 minutes or the first team to 12 points. Season schedules are given out to the team captains prior to the start of the season. Weekly schedules are posted weekly to both the website and Facebook group. Matches are scheduled so that teams wait no more than 60 minutes between matches. The usual wait time is more like 20 or 40 minutes. This is done to avoid a team having to play the first match, wait all night, and then be scheduled to play the last match of the night.

If you are unable to play a match or matches, that's alright. We ask that you notify the league administrator and the opposing team(s). These matches can either be forfeited or rescheduled. To reschedule, both teams have to agree on the day and time.

### **Teams**

Teams consist of four (4) players. We do not keep rosters, so you can have teams larger than four (4) players or you can substitute players at any time throughout the season. Just know that a team can only field four people per match. However, these are recreational leagues, so teams can play matches during the regular season with two or three players. Two is the minimum number of players required to play a match. Because things come up such as vacations, family events, illnesses, etc., we encourage you to have substitutes.

### **Registration**

Teams from the previous season are given first right of refusal to join the next season. New teams are added to replace those that retire their spot. Because most teams return to the following season, I do keep a waitlist for new teams. The only way to be placed on the waitlist is to email us using the website. Registration is \$60 per team for the season. All the money goes solely to the leagues and is used for prizes and to pay the referees.