

## **Palazzo di Bocce Code of Conduct and Procedures for Disciplinary Action for Leagues and Tournaments**

To promote good sportsmanship and exemplary conduct among all of us who engage in the sport of bocce, Palazzo di Bocce adopts this revised Code of Conduct that shall apply to all players and shall govern their conduct in connection with any bocce related event at Palazzo di Bocce, including by way of example but without limitation leagues, tournaments, club sponsored competitions and informal games.

### **Article 1**

#### **Unacceptable Behavior and Conduct Contrary to the Precepts of Good Sportsmanship**

**Section 1.** The following shall be deemed as examples of but not an inclusive list of unacceptable behavior and conduct under this Code of Conduct:

1. Behavior including words and gestures that reasonably offends others such as repeated swearing or using of foul language or epithets even if not directed at someone specific.
2. Slow play that is drawing out a game to gain advantage or to tire or influence opponents.
3. Stopping or moving a played ball or pallino before both captains and/or the official if one is designated, have agreed that the point(s) have been determined and the frame is completed. This includes kicking the balls or stopping balls or the pallino as they approach close to the side boards or back boards but are not yet out of play.
4. Players who agree among themselves contrary to the various regulations in force such as time of scheduled games, number of points for a game, time limits, etc.
5. Cheating such as mismarking the position of balls, using tampered balls, recording invalid scores or changing valid scores.
6. Players who protest to or argue with their opponents or with the official (certified or not) instead of allowing the team captain to handle the matter.
7. Team captains who argue with the official.
8. Players who leave the court without permission of the official or if no official of the opposing captain.
9. Players who arrange the results of a game or retire from competition without an acceptable excuse.
10. Irregularly formed teams (teams formed with non-roster players) unless preapproved by the bocce director.
11. Other inappropriate behavior deemed to be inappropriate to the spirit of this code including but not limited to displays of poor sportsmanship such as defaulting a game without valid excuse, moving about or otherwise disturbing a player during his or her turn to play or insisting on nonexistent rules.
12. With respect to members who are spectators including players who are not then playing, engaging in conduct that disturbs or disrupts the game in progress including yelling, shouting or making loud comments about the play or the decision of the official. At the discretion of the official, the person engaging in such inappropriate conduct may be given a warning, although a warning is not required, and subsequently may be expelled from the premises by management personnel.

### **Article 2**

#### **Authority of Officials**

**Section 1.** Code of Conduct and Procedures for Disciplinary Action

Officials shall be regarded as fair and judicious and shall have a good knowledge of the rules of bocce (open, rafa and/or volo) and this code. They will have on hand copies of the applicable rules and this code and will make them available.

**Section 2.** The decision of an official assigned to the game shall be final. A noncertified official who is questioned about a decision shall call the bocce director for consultation and a final decision. In the absence of an official the captain of the complaining team must call the bocce director for consultation and a final decision.

### **Article 3**

#### **Penalties for Violations**

**Section 1.** The official may summarily penalize an offending player, team manager or coach, or spectator as the case maybe by one or more of the following actions:

- a. Giving a warning to the offending person (player, manager, coach, entire team or spectator).
- b. Voiding one or more balls.
- c. Permitting the aggrieved team to re-play one or more balls.
- d. Temporarily stopping the game.
- e. Excluding the offending player(s) and their balls from the remainder of the game or match.
- f. Declaring the game or match forfeited by the offending team.
- g. Dismissing the player, team manager, coach, entire team or spectator from the game, match or tournament.

In lieu or in addition to issuing penalties, the official may submit a complaint to the bocce director.

Palazzo di Bocce has a no tolerance rule where any conduct that creates "a scene", involves profanity, fighting or un-necessary loud arguing is not accepted or tolerated. Anyone deemed to be in violation will be asked to leave the building. Further violation of this policy will result in a permanent ban of that person to return to Palazzo di Bocce by management.