

Bocce - Curling - Lawn Bowling Compared

Bocce	Curling	Lawn Bowling	Similarities
Four players on a team.	Four players on a team.	One, two, three or four players on a team. For one and two person teams, each player throws four bowls. For three players, each throws three. For four players, two bowls.	Bocce Curling
Two team members throw from one end. The other two team members from each team wait outside the court at the far (receiving) end.	Four team members all throw from one end: Lead, Second, Third, then Skip changes places with Third and throws his two stones.	(2 person team) The lead players roll from one end while the skips direct the shots from the receiving end. After leads throw their four balls, skips and leads trade places, and skips throw their four bowls.	
The team captain is called the capo.	The team captain is called the skip.	The team captain is called the skip.	Curling Lawn Bowling
No one but the thrower is inside the court when the ball is thrown.	The skip and the sweepers of the team are all inside the sheet with the stone is thrown.	The other players stand behind the bowler who stands on a mat to roll the bowls.	
The capo, or any player, occasionally indicates where to throw.	The skip always directs the throw of the stone.	The skip directs the shots if he desires something different than the bowler is rolling.	Curling Lawn Bowling
There is no way to alter the path of the ball after it is thrown.	Sweeping makes alters the path of the stone.	There is no way to alter the path of the bowl after it is thrown however it is fair to wick (bounce) the bowl off other bowls or the jack (target).	Bocce Lawn Bowling
Scoring occurs after all balls are thrown.	Scoring occurs after all stones are thrown.	Scoring occurs after all bowls are rolled.	All three
The object is to be closest to the pallino, the small ball, at the end of the <i>frame</i> .	The object is to be closest to the button at the completion of the <i>end</i> .	The object is to be closest to the jack, the small ball, at the completion of the <i>end</i> .	All three
The target, the pallino, is thrown into play at the start of a frame, so it may be anywhere in the far half of the court. And it may be hit by a bocce ball and move to another location.	The target is painted on the ice and is fixed.	The jack is rolled (set) to a length greater than 75' at the beginning of play and then centered in the rink. The rink is 14' wide. The jack may be hit and moved during play as long as it stays within the side boundaries of the rink.	Bocce Lawn Bowling
Each player at one end throws two balls. Only two of the four team members throw from one end in a <i>frame</i> . The other two team members wait outside the far end.	Each player throws two stones in each <i>end</i> .	Each player rolls four bowls of a matched set, alternating with their opponent. In a 3-person team each bowler uses 3 bowls. In a 4-person team each bowler uses 2 bowls.	Bocce Curling
Total of four balls are thrown by each team.	Total of eight stones are thrown by each team.	In a pairs game a total of 8 bowls are rolled by each team; 3-person team rolls 9 bowls, 4-person team rolls 8 bowls.	
The bocce ball moves on a mostly straight path, except for variations in the playing surface.	The stone usually moves on a curved path.	The bowl moves on a curved path because it is elliptical in shape and weighted to one side.	Curling Lawn Bowling
A player may step <i>on</i> but not <i>over</i> the foul line.	A player must release the stone before crossing the near hog line.	Players must start with both feet on the mat and finish with one foot on or above the mat.	All three
The bocce ball does not have to be thrown any minimum distance, but the pallino (the small target ball) must cross the halfway line. In some play, the bocce ball must cross the halfway line to be counted in the score.	The stone must cross the far hog line to remain in play.	A bowl must travel at least 45' from the mat to stay in play.	
The thrown bocce ball is removed from play if it hits the back wall, unless it first hits another bocce ball or the pallino. A bocce ball already in play stays in play even if it hits the back wall later.	A stone that completely crosses the back line is removed from play no matter how it went out.	A bowl is removed from play if it falls in the ditch at the end of the rink without first touching the jack.	All

A bocce ball may hit the side wall and remain in play	A stone that touches the sideline is removed from play.	A bowl that stops or is bumped beyond the sideline is removed from play.	Curling Lawn Bowling
Team members can play alternately; or one player throws two then the other throws two; or one throws one, other throws two; first player throws one. This order may change from frame to frame.	Team members play in a strict rotation which can't be varied throughout the game.	Team members play in a strict rotation which can't be varied throughout the game.	
First team throws one ball. Second team throws balls one at a time until it beats first team's ball, then first team throws until it beats second team, etc., until all balls are thrown.	Teams throw stones alternately regardless of who is "shot" (closest).	Teams roll alternately regardless of who is "shot" (closest).	Curling Lawn Bowling
The team that scores in the previous frame throws first for the next frame, an <i>advantage</i> .	The team that scores in an end throws first for the next end, a <i>disadvantage</i> .	The team that scores in the previous end sets the jack and rolls the first bowl in the next end, an <i>advantage</i> .	Bocce Lawn Bowling
A game ends when one team reaches a specific score, regardless of the number of frames played.	A game is a specific number of ends.	A game is a specific number of ends.	Curling Lawn Bowling
Measurement can be made at any time, since you must know which ball is closest to the pallino to determine which team throws next.	Measurement can only be made after all stones have been played.	Measurement can only be made after all the bowls are rolled.	Curling Lawn Bowling
Bocce was born in Italy, but you don't have to be Italian to play it.	Curling was born in Scotland, but you don't have to be Scottish to play it.	Lawn Bowling, or Bowls, was born in England, but you don't have to have English blood to play it.	All three
A complete set of eight premium bocce balls costs about \$100, but they players don't need to buy them.	A complete set of sixteen premium curling stones cost about \$6,000, but the players don't need to buy them.	A complete set of bowls (4 with matched markings) cost about \$175, but the players don't need to buy them.	
It is a game of friendly competition.	It is a game of friendly competition.	It is a game of friendly competition.	All three