

DESCRIPTION and RULES of TURF BOWLING

DESCRIPTION OF TURF BOWLING: Turf Bowling, destined to be one of America's outstanding games, is derived from the ancient game of Boccie, a sort of Bowling Game. It is a thrilling outdoor game, incorporating Sport, Skill and Recreation ... but can also be played indoors on the proper surface ... by young and old, men and women. A sure eye and a steady hand, which after all are the attributes of any sport, insure expertness.

PLAYING FIELD: The regulation court, is a space of 50 feet x 10 feet. This space is enclosed by a small wooden border about 10" high. For Championship play, the court is hard dirt. However, the game can be played on grass, sand or gravel, just as effectively ... and can be played without any standard court ... merely throwing in any direction or any distance desired. The different distances, keep the game from ever becoming monotonous.

EQUIPMENT: Eight large balls (either 4-1/4"; 4 1/2" or 4-3/4" in diameter) and a smaller ball (2-3/4" diameter) which is called the Jack Ball, comprise a set. However, Four Balls may be used by two players, playing single-handed, each using two ... or they may use the set of eight (four each) if they prefer; having four throws instead of two. In Team Play, each player uses one Ball. To enable the Balls to be distinguished, there is a band engraved on four of the Balls and the other four are made plain. The Balls are made of Lignum-Vitae the hardest and heaviest wood in the world.

CHOOSING SIDES - TEAMS; The game may be played either as Singles (2 persons) or Doubles (4 persons) or Teams (6 or 8 persons).

RULES OF TURF BOWLING

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: The Game may be played by two, four or eight persons. The Balls are allotted equally to all players and must be played by them only.

MATCH: A Match shall consist of the best out of three games.

HOW GAME STARTS: The Game begins by tossing a coin. The Winner of the toss takes the Jack Ball and two or four large Balls. The opponent takes the same number of Balls. One player then tosses the Jack Ball any distance he desires along the ground, from a mark made with his foot.

METHOD OF SCORING: The same player next endeavors to toss one of his larger balls as close to the Jack Ball as possible. A player on the opposing side then tosses a Ball. He endeavors to throw closer to the Jack Ball than the first side. He is privileged to knock his opponent's Ball from the Jack Ball if he can. The side whose Ball goes farther away from the Jack Ball, must throw its Ball next and must continue to throw until it scores. If after all the Balls have been thrown and it still has not scored, then the other side has the privilege of throwing its other Balls to attempt further score. The winning side scores one or more points according to how many Balls it has closest to the Jack Ball and then controls the toss of the Jack Ball for the next frame and the same procedure of play follows.

HOW WINNER OF GAME IS DECIDED: The side scoring 12 points first, wins the game, except as follows: If the other side has 11 points, the score is then "advantage" for the leader. Play continues until one side gains a lead of 2 points which then gives it the winning score.

METHOD OF THROWING: The Balls must be thrown underhand and the player must deliver the Ball before over-stepping the mark. Billiard or Carom Shots against any Balls on the field are permitted. Banking off the sides of Court permitted.

BALLS OUT OF PLAY: Any Balls thrown or hit out of any Court or designated field are considered "out of play".

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