

Pelican Sound Golf and River Club  
Bocce—League Specific Rules  
**Competitive League**  
(Updated for 2023)

### General Rules

- Refer to “Pelican Sound Bocce League Rules.”
- Rule questions or disputes or un-anticipated issues should be reported to the League Coordinator for resolution. The League coordinator for 2023 is Jim Van Auken – 518-573-3807
- Courtesy, respect and good sportsmanship are expected at all times.

### Team Composition

- Teams must consist of a minimum of eight (8) players. Only players listed on the roster are eligible to participate.
- Team members may be replaced during the season but only to maintain the minimum number of (8) players. and any changes must be approved by the League Coordinator prior to play. Playing an unauthorized person may result in forfeiture of the match.
- A participation fee will be charged to each player’s Club account after the start of the season. This fee is nonrefundable. The amount of the fee is determined by the Bocce Committee. (\$25.00 per player) **Note:** replacement players must pay the full entry fee but both players would be eligible to receive prize money from playoffs if applicable.

### Games

- Matches take place on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.
- The “2 points for a bocce ball touching the pallino” rule is not used during league play.
- All games are played to twelve (12) points including the third or tie breaker game.
- Match winners are the winners of two (2) out of three (3) games.
- Four (4) players must be present to begin play within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, or the match will be forfeited (Captains may agree to use discretion in delaying the start of the game.)
- The winning team Captain is responsible for reporting the results to the League Coordinator within 24 hours.
- In the event of a rainout (including partial rainouts), the match will be played or completed on the first available Thursday following completion of the regular season. Other dates may be considered but must have approval of the League Coordinator. If no time is available at the end of the season, the League Coordinator may cancel those games and they will not be counted in the standings.

- The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the season will compete in a championship playoff. Ties in League standings will be decided by the result of “head-to-head” matches during regular season play between the teams in question.
  - The playoff format follows:
    - First Round Play-offs
      - 1<sup>st</sup> place team plays the 4<sup>th</sup> place team
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> place team plays the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team
    - Second Round Play-offs
      - The winners of first-round play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
      - The non-winners of the first-round play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Price payout to top four teams is distributed as follows”  
40%/ 30%/ 20%/ 10/%

## Play

- Prior to the beginning of each game, the team captain appoints a “Playing Captain” at both ends of the court. Only the Referee and/or Playing Captains are allowed on the court and only those individuals can call for a measurement or ruling. The Team Captain may advise, but not replace, the playing captains.
- The Team Captains may advise the shooter, as long as such action does not disrupt play.
- If agreed upon by the Team Captains, a non-playing member of the Competitive Bocce League may referee, otherwise, games are monitored by the appointed Playing Captains.
- A team may make two (2) substitutions per game. Substitutions may only be made between frames.
- A player who is taken out of a game (substituted) may not reenter the same game.
- Players are not permitted to switch ends during a game.
- Team members play at the Team Captain’s discretion.