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Bocce News
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Alice Bruno, age 6, says it's all about the ball.

It's All About the Ball! Did you know there are bocce balls of all colors, sizes and weights? They can be personally engraved; they can be solid colors, marbled, and pearlized. Some of them are so pretty! Have you ever been curious about the balls that the Villages bocce club uses? Here at the Villages we use red, green, and yellow balls that are made in Italy. While red and green are traditional colors, we also have yellow ones that are helpful for those who are colorblind. Our red and green balls are Perfectto Club Bocce Balls. They are 107 mm (4.2 inches) in diameter and weigh 950 grams each (slightly over 2 pounds). Our yellow balls are Epcot Tournament Professional Marbled Balls. They are the exact same size as the red and green ones, but they weigh 902 grams, which means they are slightly lighter than the red and green balls. The difference in weight is negligible and shouldn't even be noticeable in play. Now that you have increased your knowledge of the bocce ball, you may have a new appreciation for the humble bocce ball the next time you are on the courts.

Bocce Etiquette Now that tournament season is in full swing, let's review some basic bocce etiquette.

1. Be polite and courteous to all.
2. Be ready and don't delay when it is your turn to throw.
3. Help return balls to the rack when the frame is over.
4. Step off the court when it is not your turn to throw.
5. Leave balls on the rack until it is your turn to throw.

Good bocce etiquette makes the game fun for all!

Did you know... Today, Friday March 30th is "Take a Walk in the Park Day". Why not walk over to the Bocce Courts and **join us this afternoon** and every Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for our Bocce Bash and meet some new friends. Bring a snack to share and see you on the courts!