

# Bubba Bocce™

## Tips, Care & Warranty

### Tips:

Bocce players know that even with a hard pro bocce set, when you play on a court or grass, no matter how consistent your skill shots are, the bocce throw will hit small bumps, divots, and slopes, which inevitably cause a slight variance in the shots. This variance is well accepted and leads some bocce players to realize that playing bocce well takes both skill and luck (which is why it is so much fun!)

Rolling/Pointing straight – Bubba Bocce™ have a an air valve which extends into the bocce, which if not centered, can lead to a curved bocce shot.

Tip 1: Center the air valve toward your target and roll/throw the bocce along the air valve plane so that the inside of the valve does not interfere with the movement of the filling (i.e. left side vs. right). See Fig 1.

Tip 2: Shake the ball a little to level the filling inside the bocce before you roll or throw.

Hitting/Volo/Raffa Shots – Bubba Bocce™ are designed to simulate the weight and feel of a regulation bocce when held under the palm with your hand facing downward. The makes Bubba Bocce™ very useful for practicing Hit/Volo/Raffa shots indoors during rainy days or during the winter when outside play is impossible.

Tip 4: When hitting an opponent ball to move it away from the pallino or when hitting the pallino itself, release the ball low to the ground so that by the time the bocce reaches the target ball it does not bounce over it. The weighted filling in the Bubba Bocce™ is designed to eliminate most bouncing, but even pro hard bocce bounce if released too high. For volo shots aim for the base of the target ball near the center of gravity of the ball. A hit on the top of a ball may cause your ball to bounce over it and leave the target ball in place.

### Care:

Cleaning – Clean with water or a warm soft soap solution and dry. Bubba Bocce™ are made with a slightly tacky surface to improve your bocce grip. If the Bubba Bocce™ playing surface is dirty or dusty, some dust will naturally stick to the ball. While it is perfectly acceptable to play one game or even a whole tournament with some dirt/dust stuck to the balls (not unlike regular outdoor bocce), sometimes, you may wish to clean them to restore their luster and/or to improve your grip before a very important shot. That is why many pro bocce players carry a damp cloth to wipe down the ball prior to shooting. The more you use your Bubba Bocce™, the less dirt and dust that will stick to them. With proper care, Bubba Bocce™ should provide years of enjoyment.



**Maintaining Pressure** – Bubba Bocce™ are designed to have a diameter of between 4.2” and 4.5”. Like most other pressure filled sport balls, over time some pressure may dissipate through the valve or even the bocce surface itself. This effect will be accentuated if they are stacked or stored below other bocce sets or other heavy objects. Never store anything on top of your Bubba Bocce™. If the diameter of your bocce decreases below 4”, use a common air needle and hand pump to re-inflate the bocce to the proper size.



**Tip 5:** When adding air, position the valve on the top of the ball and insert the needle approximately ¾” to 1 “. Check for leaks after you re-inflate the ball. If there is a leak, it means the valve did not close properly. Simply reinsert the needle again and remove until the valve is reset or is no longer causing the leak.

**Breakage:**

**Breakage** – Bubba Bocce™ are made with a completely non toxic, high density viscous filling. If a bocce shell ruptures, this filling will leak out. It is 100% safe for all plumbing, septic and sewer systems. You may dispose any way you wish. Clean with water and warm soap solution until residue is no longer present.

**Storage:**

Store at room temperature. Bocce should never be stored below 40 deg F. If the bocce gel filling does become harder and non-round, it has likely been subject to low storage temperatures. This can unfortunately happen during shipping in the winter. To restore the bocce to like new condition, put them in a 130 deg warm/hot water bath for one hour and shake vigorously.

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**Warranty:**

Bubba Bocce™ are covered by a 6 month limited manufacturer's warranty which covers breakage due to normal usage, valve problems, and manufacture defects. This warranty limits you to replacement of the bocce ball only and in no way covers other costs that may result from the breakage/failure of the bocce. Void in states where not allowed. Please register your purchase so that we can notify you of new products, recalls, and other Bubba Bocce™ owner information.

Mail to: Bubba Bocce™, 3 Hunter St., Pittston, PA 18640.

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