

BOCCETTE BILLIARDS

THIS GAME IS PLAYED FROM HAND

Table	Playing area: 2.70 m × 1.35 m. 6 pockets. Marking as per page 88. 5 skittles (16 mm high): Center skittle: value 4 points Side skittle: value 2 points.
Balls	Played with 8 balls (∅ 59 mm): 4 red (player n° 1) 4 white (player n° 2) and a jack (∅ 54 mm) blue.
Objective of the game	Knocking down the skittles with the jack or the opponent's balls. Coming as close as possible to the jack with one's own balls. Knocking-down the skittles is not compulsory.
Number of players	Two.
Dynamic of the game	1st stroke; placing the jack by moving it over the middle line. Striking the jack with one's own ball, to direct it towards the skittles, and scoring the points given by the knocked-down pins. Afterwards, one may use the opponent's balls for knocking down the skittles. A player may knock down no skittle with the own balls, nor pocket them. In both cases, the player draws a penalty, and the points scored in such cases are accounted to the opponent. Knocked-down skittles are put in place after each stroke, but the balls remain in place. Pocketed balls are not put back in place.
Losing of turn	In this game, the players strike alternatively until their balls are used up. There is no break.
Scoring	The player who scored most points wins the game. Each player scores the knocked-down skittles, plus the eventual bonuses. The player who has placed more balls near the jack than his adversary scores one point for the first three balls, and a total of eight points if all his four balls are best placed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. — The lack of available space does not allow any table of BOCCETTE to be shown at this Festival. Therefore, no proper Boccette tournament will take place, but only demonstration games, which the players have accepted to show on a "CASINO BILLIARDS" table. They might be confused by an unusual playing surface as well as by unusual cushions. So, we apologize if the usual performances of this game are not achieved.