

# Frederick Bocce

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**About us:** Our purpose is to promote and enjoy the game of Bocce. We are a friendly and supportive group, placing the emphasis on having fun! We provide the equipment and there is no charge to participate.

- We launched the Frederick Bocce website in January 2017. As of July, over 120 households are subscribed to our email list.
- Each weekend we set up temporary “courts” in Baker Park and invite all to play. Typically 35+ participate, including families, veterans, people with disabilities, and people of color.

## Did you know?

- Bocce is a sport for all ages and skill levels.
- Bocce is the 3rd most popular sport in the world, ranking just behind soccer and golf.
- Special Olympics Unified Sports® promotes Bocce for individuals with & without intellectual disabilities.
  - Special Olympics FredCo has over 200 athletes. Their Facebook page has “360 follows”.
- FCPS offers “Unified Bocce” at all ten high schools. Their tournament (1/30/17) had 208 participants.
- The local DC Bocce League which began in 2004 has over 5,000 members.
- Bocce is being considered for the Olympics? See "Boules Sport 2024" (<http://www.boules-sport.org/uk/>)
- US Bocce Federation (<http://usbf.us/>) tournaments bring 150+ participants to town for one week of tournament play. Currently the only East Coast facility capable of hosting tournaments is located in MA.

**Our vision:** Our vision for the future of Frederick Bocce includes advocating for the construction of permanent bocce courts in Frederick that are accessible to everyone. Not only is bocce a great game for all ages and skill levels, but it can also be a social & economic driver in a community by providing a venue for:

- Cultivating strong social relationships
- Networking and corporate team building events
- Bocce league and tournament play
- Special event rentals (weddings, reunions, picnics) or fundraising opportunities

