

BOCCÉLISM SCORING TIPS

Proper use of scoresheets is essential for compiling statistics for each individual. The players' names and numbers should not be entered on the sheet until after the cork; the player(s) winning the cork are listed over the top field of boxes, the loser(s) over the bottom. The player box over the second end of each field is for use in doubles cases; if it is a singles case, those boxes are left blank. The player(s) listed on the top portion of the sheet initiate each quarry in the odd-numbered dalrymples, and the player(s) listed on the bottom portion initiate each quarry in the even-numbered dalrymples.

The sample scoresheets below demonstrate how the data appears after being entered into the computer template. During actual hand-scoring, most judges do not write a zero in the "HITS" row to indicate a missed toss, but will simply leave blanks or perhaps make dash marks, depending on personal preference. In most rows, the only data entered will be the numeral "1", indicating that a hit, quarry point, and/or bonus point has been awarded. The exceptions are "BUSTS", "BOCCÉD" PTS.", and "HAIL GANESHA".

As can be seen on the Pittard v. Wilkins example, Wilkins was credited with a bust on the 4th quarry of the 5th dalrymple, and since busts are worth 2 points, the numeral "2" has been entered in that space. A zero has been marked in the boccéd pts. row for that quarry to indicate that Wilkins scored a boc, even though he stole no points from his opponent, who had failed to score in the 5th dalrymple. In the de Man v. de Man example, the stay in the final quarry was a big stay, and therefore a boc, although the toss was not a bust. Thus the numeral "3" is entered in A. de Man's boccéd pts. row, representing the three points her opponent had previously scored in the 8th, and a corresponding "-3" appears in D. de Man's boccéd pts. row.

When a Hail Ganesha is attempted, a successful toss results in a number being entered in the appropriate box, which should be the number of points necessary to even the score. An unsuccessful attempt is noted with an "NG" in the Ganesha box, and an "X" in the subtotal box for that quarry. In either case, a Ganesha attempt is not counted as a normal toss when compiling statistics, but is counted as a separate category. When the player initiating the quarry is attempting the Ganesha, as in Wilkins v. Leopold, the opponent's answering toss is pre-empted, and therefore an "X" is marked in the subtotal box for that quarry.

When the player attempting a Ganesha is in the answering position, as in Pittard v. Wilkins, and the initiating player scores a hit, that player is not credited with a quarry point if his opponent misses the Ganesha. The hit point is included in the final score, however.

The subtotal row is for summing the point total for each quarry; the dalrymple total row is for recording the sum of all the quarries in a dalrymple, and the grand total row is for recording the running total score for the case. In the event of extra quarries, the scorekeeper needs to keep track and make a notation of the total number of extra quarries tossed before the case was decided. The totals column on the right of the sheet is for totaling and balancing the scoresheet, but ordinarily that double-checking is left for when the statistics are compiled, except in tournament play. Likewise, the End Point, Case Point and Team Points boxes (EP, CP, and TP) are usually left blank, unless there is some reason tallying the points on the spot, such as a single-day challenge event. For a full description of Team (or Tournament) Points and how they are awarded, see Article IV, Section 8 of the ABA Code of Laws.

Peripheral statistical categories not included on the scoresheet include Clovers and Ayraults, which are fairly readily identified, and Answers, Answer Opportunities, and Salvage Points, which are more of a nuisance to record, and of minor importance in measuring a player's abilities.

NOTE: Since these documents were first compiled, the ABA has made a rules change increasing the bonus award for Shells to 2 points. Newly released scoresheets reflect this change, but these examples were cases played under the old rules.

NO./PLAYER	17 de MAN, A.								NO./PLAYER	TOTALS															
	FIRST END				EP	0.0	SECOND END				EP	1.0	CP	1.0	TP	2.0									
DALRYMPLE	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	EQ																
HITS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	7	
QUARRY PTS.	1																		1				1	5	
HANDLES																									
ROLLUPS			1																1	1				4	
STAYS																							1	2	
SHELLS																									
BOTFLYS																									
T'BITAS																									
BUSTS (2 PTS.)																									
JUDGE'S PTS.																									
BOCCÉD PTS.																							3	3	
HAIL GANESHA																									
SUBTOTAL	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	6	
DALRYMPLE TOTAL	2		2		0		0		6		0		3		8		1st winner by last-toss boc								
GRAND TOTAL	2		4		4		4		10		10		13		21		21								

NO./PLAYER	78 de MAN, D.								NO./PLAYER	TOTALS														
	FIRST END				EP	1.0	SECOND END				EP	0.0	CP	0.0	TP	1.0								
DALRYMPLE	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	EQ															
HITS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	11
QUARRY PTS.		1			1	1	1																	10
HANDLES																								
ROLLUPS																								
STAYS																								
SHELLS																								
BOTFLYS																								
T'BITAS																								
BUSTS (2 PTS.)																								
JUDGE'S PTS.																								
BOCCÉD PTS.																							-3	-3
HAIL GANESHA																								
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-2	
DALRYMPLE TOTAL	2		2		4		2		4		2		2		0									
GRAND TOTAL	2		4		8		10		14		16		18		18		18							

