



**DESIGN** TRENDS

# Bocce Courts

Bocce has changed very little since it was conceived thousands of years ago. In particular, the social aspect of the sport remains the same.

The draw to this ancient European sport is simple. It's a game that all ages and levels of athleticism can enjoy, while encouraging outdoor social interaction among friends and family (and what other sport can be played with a glass of wine in hand?).

I was introduced to the game shortly after college while living in our nation's capital. What started out as a way for a few small offices to network and build relationships quickly turned into a local organization now boasting 2,500 players per season.

Court design can be as formal or informal as a client desires. While some courts are designed to be played to regulation, others are entirely without boundaries or special materials. A flat but well-draining zone of turf area can be a flexible and sufficient space. Other clients are drawn to more permanent courts that fit seamlessly into the surrounding landscape and encourage use.



**“Incorporating a bocce court into your property’s design adds value by creating a space for people to engage the landscape and enjoy the company of family and friends.”** — Michael D’Angelo  
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