

General rules of Petanque

1. Pétanque is a game and a sport played by two teams of:

- - 3 players versus 3 players named Triplette
- - 2 players versus two players named Doublette
- - 1 player versus 1 player named Tete a tete

Triplette = each player use two identical balls Doublette and Tete a tete = each player use threee identical balls

2. Pétanque is played with 100 % steel balls corresponding to the manufacturing standards of Boules de Pétanque, including a diameter of between 2 3/4 ins (7 cm) and 3 1/8 ins (8 cm) with a maximum weight never up above 1 lb 12 ozs (800 g). The jack is wooden and must be between 1 ins (25 mm) and 1 1/8 ins (35 mm).

3. The first team is chosen by tossing a coin. Any player in this team chooses a starting place, and draws a circle on the ground in which to stand. This should be between 1 ft 2 ins (35 cm) and 1 ft 8 ins (50 cm).

4. The player throws the jack between 6 yards (6 m) and 10 yards (10 m) away. It must not be any nearer than 1 yard (1 m) from any obstacle (wall, tree...)

5. He then throws his first ball trying, to get it as close as possible to the jack. N.B. Both his feet must remain on the ground within the circle until the ball has made contact with the ground.

6. A player from the opposing team steps into the circle and tries to place his ball closer to the jack than his opponent, or by knocking his opponents ball away. The ball nearest to the jack leads.

7. It is then up to the players in the team which is not leading to continue until they achieve a leading ball, and so on...

8. When a team two has no more balls the players of the other team throw theirs, and try to place them as close as possible to the jack.

9. When the two teams have no more balls, the points are counted. the winning team gets as many points as it has balls which are closer to the jack than their opponents balls.

10. A player from the winning team throws the jack from the point where it last rested, and the game commences again. The winners are the first team to score a total of 13 points.