

How To Play Petanque



Teams

Petanque may be played as singles, doubles, or triples.

1. Singles, each player plays with 3 boules
2. Doubles, each player plays with 3 boules (6 boules per team)
3. Triples, each player plays with 2 boules (6 boules per team)

6m ↔ 10m

Start of the game

Flip a coin to see who goes first. The winner of the coin flip (Team A) starts the game by drawing or placing a circle on the ground (50cm across).

1. Team A starts the round by tossing the jack to a distance of 6m to 10m from the circle.
2. Team A points the first boule.
3. Team B plays the second boule. The player may point or shoot, depending on the circumstances.

Order of play

The team that does NOT have the closest boule to the jack must play another boule until:

- they have the closest boule
- they run out of boules



Scoring (after round ends)

Points are awarded at the end of the round. **Only the team with the closest boule to the jack scores in the round.**

That team scores 1 point for each boule they have closer to the jack than the closest boule of their opponent.

Start of new round

The team that won the last round starts the next round. The new circle should be around the last position of the jack.

13_{pts}

To win

The first team to score 13 points wins. You can also play shorter games to 11 or timed games.





Feet in the circle

Keep **both** feet inside the circle when playing a boule.

Do NOT raise your feet off the ground, step on or out of the circle.

All players must throw their boules from the same circle for that round.

Boule	Jack
Made of steel.	Made of wood or resin.
	
Weight 650 - 800 g	3 cm
7.05 to 8 cm	

Point or shoot?

To point is to attempt to toss your boule close to the jack.

Boules in front of the jack are in better tactical position than boules that are behind.

A player can also try to knock out the opponent's boule by shooting the boule.

Good shooters can consistently replace the opponent's boules with a shot. This is known as a **carreau**.