



The Basic Rules of Pétanque

1.		<p>The game is played by 2 teams of 1, 2, 3 or 4 players. No more than 12 boules are used. Teams of 1 or 2 play with 3 boules per player. Teams of 3 or 4 with 2 boules per player. Note: 4 players teams are not valid for competitions</p>
2.		<p>Toss a coin to choose the starting team Any player on this team chooses the starting by drawing a circle of about. 1' 6"</p>
3.		<p>This player throws the wooden jack between 22ft (8 m) and 30ft (10 m) away (no closer than 1' 8" (50cm) from any obstacle. The thrower's feet must stay inside the circle until the jack has reached the ground.</p>
4.		<p>Any player from this team then throws the first boule. He tries to place it as near as possible to the jack. His feet must again remain inside the circle.</p>
5.		<p>A player on the second team comes into the circle. He tries to throw his boule even nearer to the jack or knock away the other team's leading boule. The boule nearest to the jack leads.</p>
6.		<p>It's up to the team not leading to throw until his own team gets a leading boule. Then it's the opposing team's turn to throw. When a team has no boules left the other team throws their remaining boules and tries to place them as close as possible to the jack.</p>
7.		<p>When neither team has any boules left the points are counted. The winning team gets as many points as it has boules which are better placed than the best of the losing team. In the example on the left, the "blue" team has 3 boules closer to the jack than the nearest ball from the "green" team, and thus gets 3 points.</p>
8.		<p>An "end" is over when each team has thrown all its boules. The winning team starts a new end, by drawing a circle where the previous end finished, and throwing the jack again. The game continues until one of the teams has accumulated 13 points.</p>