

### Question

I know that during the course of a game one hole may be filled before each throw. However at the end of an end what is the procedure then? I have seen people filling in every hole on the terrain. Is this permitted? Or at the commencement of the next end, should it be as previous, just one hole filled by the first player throwing and then as before one hole before each following throw? Also can a player test the ground by tapping or dropping their boule on the ground before they throw it?

### Answer

Article 10 in the official rules of the game clearly states that "the player about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one (singular) boule thrown previously."

No holes may be filled in except one hole as mentioned above. Holes may be filled in between games but at no other time.

On completion of an end the player about to throw the jack may "test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than 3 times."

### Question

At the conclusion of a game and before the start of another a visiting player repaired some holes and other marks that had been made to the terrain as a result of the play which had taken place. The captain of the home team pointed out that this was illegal under Article 10 of the international rules.

The visiting team believed that repairs are not allowed *during* the game except as allowed in Article 10 and Article 6 regarding the throwing circle but that repairs are permitted at the end of a game.

Your interpretation regarding this would be much appreciated.

### Answer

The visiting team are correct, article 10 governs Displacement of obstacles and includes filling of a hole made by a previously thrown boule.

Between games it is acceptable to repair the playing area.

### Question

Team A won the toss and threw the jack to approximately 9.5 metres from the circle and both teams agreed it was valid. Team A then threw the first boule hit the jack and moved it to 10.5 metres Team B then disputed that it was a valid jack and asked for it to be thrown again. Team A contested that as both teams had agreed it was valid before they

threw their boule that the jack should remain where it stopped and Team B should throw their boule (the jack had not been marked either)

#### Answer

If the jack had not been marked and then moved by the 1st boule an umpire cannot measure to the new position nor can he measure to the old position so the game continues

If the jack had been marked and then moved by the 1st boule he could have measured to the mark to see if it was valid

Just because the teams verbally agreed that it was a valid jack does not mean the opponents forgo the right to challenge the validity.

The key words here are "for the THROWN jack to be valid"

Article 7 – Valid distances for the thrown jack. 4 conditions apply in this article clearly specifying what they are.

#### Question

Team A have started the end and pointed close to the jack. Team B then shoot Team A's boule and both boules go out of bounds. Which team gets to throw the next boule?

#### Answer

Team B play the next boule as they do not hold the point.

#### Question

Is there a 1 minute rule and if so what is it?

#### Answer

Once the jack is thrown each player has the maximum duration of 1 minute to play his or her boule. This short period starts from the moment when the previous boule or jack stops or, if it is necessary to measure a point, from the moment the latter has been effected.

The same requirements apply to the throwing of the jack, which is 1 minute for the 3 throws.