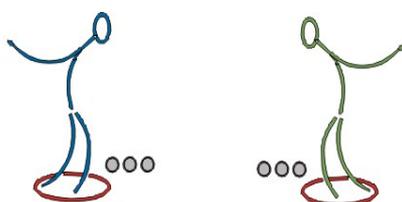


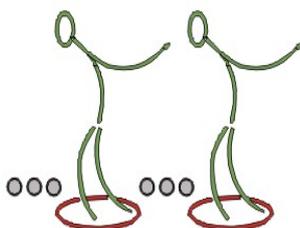
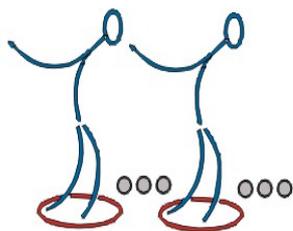


Basic Rules of Petanque

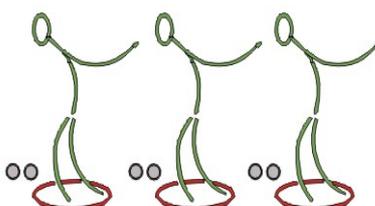
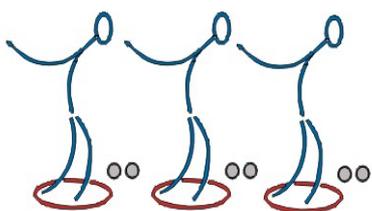
1. Teams comprise of either



1 vs. 1 (3 balls per player);

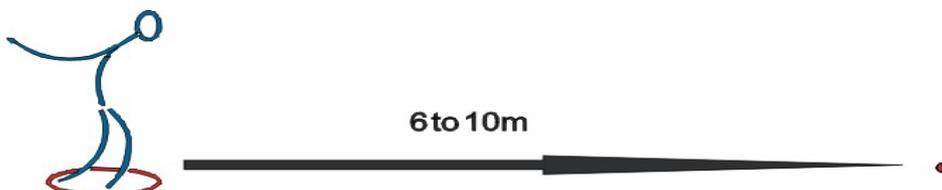


2 vs. 2 (3 balls per player);



or 3 vs. 3 (2 balls per player).

2. The teams flip a coin to see who starts.
3. The starting team draws a circle in the ground between 30cm & 50cm diameter - then throws the target jack or cochonnet out to a distance of between 6 to 10 meters (19.7 to 32.8 ft). The jack must stop at least 1m from any obstacle (such as a wall, tree, etc.).



4. The starting team then throws their first boule, trying to get as close as possible to the jack.



5. Then the 2nd team's player stands in the circle, and tries to get their boule closer to the jack than the opposing team. They can try to do this by rolling their boule; lobbing it; or even shooting at the opposing team's boule moving it away.



6. If that team does get a boule closer than any of its opponents, it's called "holding point" - and then the opposing team has to attempt to throw a boule closer.
7. The team which does not have the closest boule (to the jack) keeps throwing boules until either they get closest, or they run out of boules to throw.
8. Teams continue to play until a team reaches 13 points (the team which had the point, starts the new round, drawing a circle around the position of the jack and uses that as the new throwing circle).
9. When all boules are thrown, only the boules of the one team that are closest to the jack are added to the running score. That is, if team-A "holding point" and has 2 of it's 3 boules closest to the jack before then opposing team's boule (in this example, the 3rd closest boule), then team-A gets 2 points added to their score.



Tips

Balls are called boules; the aim ball is called a "Jack".

- Players have different throwing styles. After some practice, a player is can be determined as: Pointer (one who can roll; throw; lob a boule close to the Jack); Shooter (one who is good at throwing; rolling a boule to hit their own or an opponent's boule); or a Milieu (both a Pointer and a Shooter).
- It is permitted, after the initial throwing of the Jack, that a boule can (while being played) move the jack to

another position.

- Boules are usually thrown with the palm down. This allows for use of some backspin (which helps to stop the boule from rolling too much on a smooth surface.

- There can be lots of strategy used when playing Pétanque. Defensive "walls" of boules in front of the Jack (for example) block an opponent from rolling in and "getting the point"