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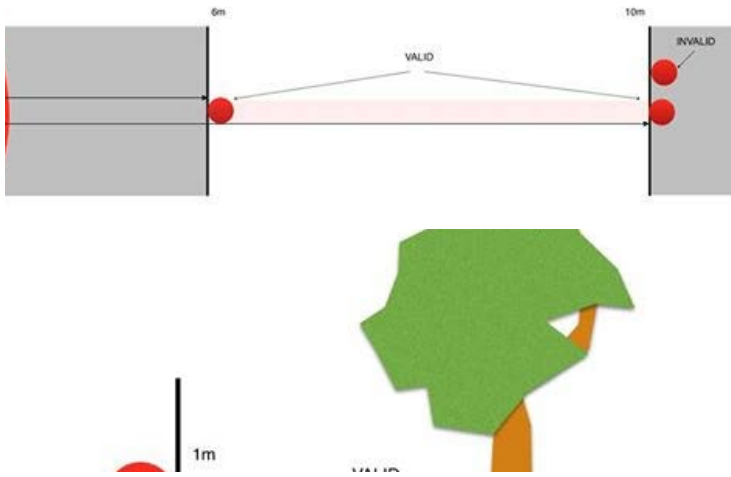
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Mike Pegg
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Valid Jack - I'm pleased to say that a little sanity has crept back into our game and we are returning to the original interpretation.

To determine if the jack is valid you measure from the circle or the obstacle to the nearest edge of the jack



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Colin Stewart As you were folks
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Mike Pegg didn't your mum tell you that your head will cave in if you put your finger up there!
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Colin Stewart I think I was showing off my sunburn after a couple of days doing some umpiring 😊
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Mike Pegg [Colin Stewart](#) sunburn... lol, I thought you had been using trump spray tan!
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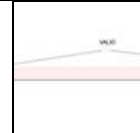
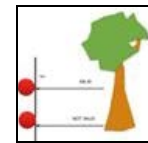
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Raymond Ager Mike, I trust you will rescind the red card you gave me. 😊

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Derek Adam So does that mean that the 599cm front edge of a newly thrown (or placed) jack is now classed as non-legal? as the furthest edge away would be within the 6m distance

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Mike Pegg think you mean the nearest edge of the jack to the inside edge of the resin circle



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Derek Adam well, the nearest edge of the jack is 599cm from inside edge of circle, meaning far edge of jack is at 6m+ a little

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Mike Pegg **Derek Adam** the distance from the inside edge of the resin circle to the nearest edge of the jack must be a min of 6m

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Derek Adam ok, that makes it clear.

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Mike Pegg **Derek Adam** I thought the sketch did that too... 😊

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Raymond Ager BTW perhaps it would be easier to move the tree? 😊

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Glen Woodward Glad to see they have reverted back to the most simplistic measuring option. I wasn't looking forward to having to explain to people why I would be claiming that a coche that is 599cm from the circle is actually valid

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Mike Pegg if only it was that simplistic to get people to use the correct terminology for the jack, but, bouchon, cochonnet !

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Glen Woodward Ok... I'll call it the jack from now on... Haven't been playing that long and I was always told it is called a coche. Just hope there is no penalty in a game if an umpire catches me accidentally calling it by the wrong name.

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Mike Pegg **Glen Woodward** lol... I very much doubt it 😊

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

Yesterday at 12:10am

Mike Pegg Again, I know this question had been ask before, but yet a little uncertainty arise. No marking was done and no trace could be found by the ring. It was pick up by team B while team A still has boule to play, there is no way to place the ring back:

- a) if the marking was suppose to be done by team A
- b) if the marking was suppose to be done by team B

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Mike Pegg The new rule is that the circle MUST be marked. Of course it would be the responsibility of the team that won the draw or previous end to mark the circle as they will the the team that is placing it.


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Colin Stewart I think I'd be tempted to give both teams a ticking off on the basis that if Team B notice the circle isn't marked when they are playing from it, they should have marked it as well.....


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 **Mike Pegg** I would certainly advise both teams of the rule to mark the circle but given the above scenario the team that would receive the official warning would be the one responsible for placing it.
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 **Sheikh Ismail Silan** What about the boules that are not played yet in the hand of team A? If team B pick up the ring and the ring supposed to be marked by i) by B ii) by A.
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 **Mike Pegg** If a player from team A picks up the circle when there are boules still to be played, the circle is replaced but only team B are allowed to play their boules.
If a player from team B picks up the circle when there are boules still to be played, the circle is replaced but only team A are allowed to play their boules.
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 **Mike Pegg** and before you ask.... if the circle was not marked and the umpire is unable to replace it then no one can play their boules and the player that picked up the circle is penalised (warning).
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 **Sheikh Ismail Silan** In other words we have to be readied with big argument between the 2 team. Team A might accused team B picking up the ring on purpose so that team A lost a number of boules to be played.
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 **Mike Pegg** [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) for sure it could happen but as in most issues we always work as if it was by accident.
The thing to remember is the circle "must" be marked so if you see a game where the circle is not marked, ask who started the end and give them a warning (yellow card).
The teams will soon learn to mark the circle all the time - or maybe soon after you disqualify a boules 😊
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 **Colin Stewart** I am sure there would be some merit (if it came to it) for the umpire to get both teams together, explain that this isn't fair on the team who have boules to play (unless they are the team that should've marked the circle in the first place....) and get a consensus on where the circle should be placed. It's a bit like the referee replacing the balls in snooker after a foul and a miss - the referee asks both players to agree where the ball was previously. Just a thought.
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 **Sheikh Ismail Silan** Agree
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 **Bouliste Steve Ferg** [Mike Pegg](#) - When you say " the team that would receive the official warning" do you mean that (a) the team (a group entity) would be given the warning, or (b) each of the players on the team would be given individual warnings?
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 **Mike Pegg** [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#)



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 **Tony Thompson** Agree Colin. It's a shame we have to have such rules just because common sense is in such short supply
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 **Mike Pegg** shared a link.
February 8 at 5:51am

A rough translation - a 41 year old man has been convicted for assaulting the umpire who had given his sister a warning (yellow card). The defendant was sentenced to 60 days fine at 8 euros . As I understand it this means that if he does not pay the 480 euros (60x8) he will go to prison for 60 days. He will also have to pay 600 euros to the umpire for damages.



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Anand Arupam Your translation is correct [Mike](#), but you left some sentences out. After the idiots sister was given a yellow card the idiot threw a ball at the umpire who managed to avoid getting hit by it...afterwards the idiot actually hit/punched the umpire. This should be treated as attempt of murder throwing a ball at someone...

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Mike Pegg I deliberately left out all the detail as I was a little unsure of some specifics, but thank you for clarifying what happened - 'idiot' seems an apt description 😊

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Anand Arupam [Mike Pegg](#) I dont know the person or the happening, just read you posting it..but someone who does what the article says is at least an idiot surely yes

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Shannon Bowman WOW!!!! I'm wondering if you know how we can acquire some penalty card, or shall I have some manufactured in the states. I would need to know the proper dimensions.

Merci, Shannon

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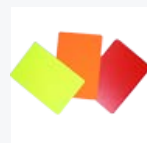


Mike Pegg Hi SHANNON, you can buy the cards from sports suppliers or you can easily make your own but don't make them to "bigly" as you want them to fit in a shirt or trouser pocket.

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Michal Dzurik you can try here:<https://en.petanqueshop.com/.../cartons-arbitre-petanque...> - they are sturdy enough to survive for a long time. the only con is the orange card has more red colour than the picture shows, so the orange and red have quite similar colours.



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Jeu de 3 cartons d'arbitrage, conformes aux règlements officiels de la FIPJP.

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Mike Pegg [Michal Dzurik](#) thanks...

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

Yesterday at 12:21am

Mike Pegg Art 17: The opponents must remain beyond the jack or behind the player and, in both cases, to the side with regard to the direction of play and at a distance of at least 2 metres the one from the other.

The word behind the player does it meant at the level of cannot be seen by the player in the circle even at peripheral sight? Or it's consider ok to be at the player side as long as it's not over the ring?

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Mike Pegg The opponent should be behind the player so that they are NOT in the player peripheral sight.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

February 8 at 3:18pm

Mike Pegg - Hi Mike. I'm curious about the mechanics of how umpires remember penalties. When you're umpiring, do you carry around a little black book for recording penalties that you issue? And when you give a penalty, what do you write down? Probably the player's name and the type of penalty (warning, disqualified boule, etc.). Anything else? Is this something they teach at Umpires School? 😊

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Mike Pegg one of the essential weapons in the umpires armoury is a note book and pen, the rest is obvious 😊

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

February 8 at 2:21pm

Art 35 "a yellow card for exceeding the time limit is imposed on all the players of the offending team." Suppose the team has players A, B, and C on the terrain, and D is the reserve player. If the team exceeds a time limit, a yellow card is given to A, B, and C. Is a yellow card also given to D?

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Derek Adam The key is in the phrase ' a yellow card is given to the team'. That answers your question.

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Mike Pegg Yes because D is a part of the team

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Thanks! I thought so. Just wanted to be sure, though.

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Mike Pegg

February 8 at 9:55am

Article 35 - Penalties

There have been a number of posts on here about penalties but checking over the posts I think the message has got a little mixed so I shall try to clear things up - I hope!

The penalties are:

Warning - yellow card

Disqualification of a boule - orange card

Exclusion of a player for a game - Red card

Disqualification of the team

Disqualification of both teams.

A warning is normally given to a player for the 1st breach of the rules.

After a warning the penalties would normally be imposed in the above order - disqualification of the boule, exclusion of the player etc.

However, the umpire may decide to give another warning to the player depending on, the seriousness of the infringement, the stage of the event, the experience of the player...

What is new in the penalties is what happens if the player takes more than the time given to play.

In this case, for exceeding the time limit to play the umpire will give the "team" a warning.

But, if any one of the team has already been given a yellow card, the team will be penalised by disqualification of the boule that has been played or that is about to be played.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

February 8 at 8:15am

Mike Pegg -- Hi Mike, I would like to ignore all questions about Article 35, and ask a question about the progression of penalties in general . Suppose that you, Mike, are umpiring a game. A player commits an offense that warrants a warning (like: he threw a boule out of turn). You, as umpire, give the player a warning (yellow card) for that offense. Later the same player commits a different kind of offense that warrants a warning (like: he stood on the circle). At this point, would you:

- (a) give the player a warning (yellow card) for his first offence of standing on the circle, or
- (b) disqualify one of the player's boules (orange card) for having committed a second offense.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Mike Pegg Generally a player will receive a warning (yellow card) for each separate/different infringement but there may be exceptions.

As I explained to Gary a short time ago - so much depends on the event you are umpiring.

If it was a club/social event I would lean towards educating the player before issuing a penalty but if the player was to repeat the infringement I would issue a warning.

I would not issue more than one warning for an infringement of a rule. Having issued a warning the next time around I would disqualify a boule.

I understand why you may consider giving a player a number of warnings but the problem with that is when do you stop issuing warnings and start penalising the player.

Of course if you are tolerant with one player it means you would have to be tolerant with all the players and that could be the start of a very slippery slope!

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Thanks! 😊

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Mike Pegg it is worth remembering that the umpires attitude and actions should be such that he or she is regarded more as an advisor than a restrictor.

Having said that you also have to be on hand to arbitrate on any dispute, and to give your opinion as to the interpretation of any rule whilst at the same time ensure that the Rules of our Sport are enforced... with tact.

A sense of humour is invaluable 😊

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Derek Adam And the patience of a saint...

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Mike Pegg Derek Adam on and off the terrain it would seem 😊

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

February 1 at 9:01am

Mike Pegg - Suppose team A's attempt to throw the jack fails, and it is up to team B to place the jack. A player on team B walks to the middle of the piste and drops the jack. The jack hits a rock and skitters away into a valid position one meter away. The player says "Oh, that's not where I wanted it." Is the player allowed to pick up the jack and put it where he wants, or (at that point) is the jack considered to have been placed, and must be left where it is?

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Paul O'Connor likes this.



Derek Adam If the placed jack is in a valid position then it's valid surely. So no, can't move it, and player placing jack should have been more careful. To me placing means putting jack to ground, not dropping from any height.

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Eileen Maguire Not allowed to drop, you have to place it on the ground

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Mike Pegg interesting... I have watched numerous players place (put) the jack in a valid position but have never witnessed one who has dropped the jack either accidentally or deliberately.

If one of these players had accidentally dropped the jack I think I would allow them to pick it up and place it because that is what it says they should do in the rules.

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Raymond Ager Just one reflection that others have made about this rule - is it fair that the team that won the end is only allowed 1 throw of the jack, whereas it seems that the opponents are allowed at least 2 attempts - if the first wasn't valid - to place it where they choose? The winning team is doubled disadvantaged, by only have 1 throw and then having the prospect of the opponents placing the jack, potentially totally changing the strategy of the game. Difficult to believe that this was the intention of the rule change. 🙄

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Mike Pegg double disadvantage?

The team has the "advantage" of throwing the jack. Only if they fail to throw it in a valid place are the opponents are given the advantage to place the jack.

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Derek Adam and a warning for team 2 if they fail to place a valid jack. just brings the skill of jack throwing back into the game, something sadly lacking from many players repertoire

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Mike Pegg and perhaps not just a warning as a repeat of not placing the jack correctly could mean having a boule disqualified...

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Jac Verheul **Derek Adam** To throw well a jack is also a question of good luck. A jack weights about 15 gram and its direction or distance could be easily changed by small obstacles (little stones, and so on) on the ground! So, a second chance would not be a frivolous luxury!

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Raymond Ager **Derek Adam** I agree 100% that throwing the jack is an essential skill and one that's often overlooked. But I equally agree with Jac - no pun intended 😊 - that you often can't be as accurate as with throwing a boule. Fazzino was very critical of the change in his PPF interview - I think perhaps he's somebody who arguably knows most about the game and should be listened to...

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Jac Verheul Good question, Ray!

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Brian Harris The rules state "If the Jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules defined above, the opposing team will place the jack in a valid position on the terrain." Now it occurs to me that placing a jack is far simpler than throwing one so if the jack is misplaced this must be a foul that is liable to a penalty.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Y'all really are a blood-thirsty lot, so eager to impose penalties for what (if it ever occurs) is most likely simply an inaccurate estimate of the distance from the circle. Mike has, as I recall, suggested elsewhere that if team B fails to place the jack in a legal location, team B should then just move the jack to a legal location and the game should continue. No foul, no penalty. That seems to me very sensible.

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Raymond Ager Is it 'very sensible' to allow the team that lost the end 2 attempts to place the jack, whereas the winning team is now only given one attempt to throw the jack? Shurely shome mishtake. 😊

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Mike Pegg I've stated that the team would be given a warning (yellow card) for not placing the jack in a valid place - how hard can it be!

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Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) The problem is that, for example at the PPF comp, with international and French national umpires, Team B was simply allowed to replace an invalid jack - no hint of a warning. Obviously all umpires need to be singing from the same hymn sheet.

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) fully agree and it is something that the FIPJP is working on.

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Mazlan Ahmad [Mike Pegg](#), so the yellow card warning is for ALL the team members, for failing to place the jack at a valid spot, not to just the one individual member who 'mis-spotted' the jack? Am I correct here?

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Mike Pegg [Mazlan Ahmad](#) no, the yellow card would be given to the player

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Mazlan Ahmad But [Mike Pegg](#), I was reading your comment/reply to mr. Ferg above (3comments ante), " I 've stated the team would be given a warning (yellow card).....". Honestly, due to that statement, I thought the penalty for this offence is similar to the time-limit breach, whereby all the team members were given the yellow card for late execution of a turn by one member.

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Brian Harris It appears that the reasoning for allowing only one throw of the jack is to speed up the game particularly when the rules also state that the team only has one minute to throw the jack whereas the team that has to place the jack must do so immediately. Consequently placing the jack in an invalid position is slowing down the game requiring measuring etc. This must constitute a foul for which a reprimand is due.

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Mike Pegg speeding up play is a benefit but it is not the only or main reason for the new rule.

We were also mindful of how the sport appears especially as now we have more games live streamed or on TV.

Pétanque It is not the best of spectator sports and watching a team throw the jack 3 times and then pass it to their opponent to throw, perhaps another 3 times, is at best very boring for any spectator - ok this is an extreme but I think it gets the point over.

I wonder how may other sports allow 3 throws of the jack!

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Jac Verheul [Mike Pegg](#) On the forum [Boulistenaute.com](#) you can read that most players would accept two throws instead of three, but not two.

And talking on TV and so on, coloured boules will be of much more important than the speed of the game. Think of a lawntennis final that lasts more than 3 hours...

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) we all know that coloured boules are a must for spectators and maybe the new boules from Italy will go some way to fill that need.
Perhaps, the next time we meet to discuss the rules the Commission will change the number of throws to 2 and at the same time maybe they will ban the shooter from filling any hole.... 😊

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Jac Verheul I think that these new Italian boules will not change very much. The coloured spots are too small, the colours are too pale (just pastel colours) and there are too many colours. Just two bright colours will be enough if each player has two sets of boules in these colours (let's see red and blue). Imagine that there are more than 6 different colours and each player in a game has a different colour... Your English game of bowl is much more progressive than our petanque!

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Mike Pegg yes and they only throw the jack once!

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Jac Verheul Throwing a jack on a smooth carpet is much more easier than on a petanque terrain... The bowls jack is bigger and weights more.

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Mike Pegg yes and they roll the jack and bowls along the carpet or grass... 😊

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Jac Verheul Indoor about 400 grams and 63/64 mm. And by rolling, there will be less risk that the jack lands in bad way on the ground.

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Derek Adam and if the jack is off the centre line it is moved to the centre, if it is too short or long it is moved to the nearest valid position. its a completely different game and procedure. they play alternate, we dont. they have a bias on the bowl, we dont. its similar but also very different

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Brian Harris This is all very interesting but we seem to have strayed from the question raised. In my view a player has almost a football field size area in which to place the jack. If he holds the jack up high and just drops it that is pure laziness and the boule has been placed the second it leaves his hand otherwise, once again, he is slowing down the game. If he has accidentally dropped it while walking to where he is going to place it this could be a different situation and Mike has said he would allow this.

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Mike Pegg I wouldn't say an area 15m x 4m is "almost a football field size".

As I stated in an earlier post, I have never seen a player who has to place the jack drop it either accidentally or deliberately. Normally they pick it up, walk a couple of paces and place (put) it on the ground in a valid position.

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), I think your comment above illustrates the nub of the problem. The change has not been made in consideration of the basic nature and strategy - which has been significantly altered - of the game but from the point of view of the organisers and TV. I think that is why it has met with almost universal disapproval from French players. There is also the question of perhaps it's a 'necessary evil' in saving time in televised timed games but NOT in every other comp where time is rarely a problem. This is obviously a personal view but I don't find three throws of the jack boring to watch. In practise, players don't take 1-minute for each throw - if a throw is invalid, they rethrow straight away. I would accept 2 throws as a compromise, if really necessary.

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Mike Pegg Hi [Raymond Ager](#), I did not mean to infer that media/spectators was the main reason for this change, there were several reasons. In the hope of putting an end to this stream of posts - I personally would not be opposed to having 2 throws of the jack before it is passed to the opponent to place but for now the rule is 1 throw.


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 **Bouliste Steve Ferg** [Raymond Ager](#) - I'd like to second your thought that the basic nature and strategy of the game has been significantly altered. The significant change is that it is now possible (if Mike is correct) for team B to get a warning for not placing the jack correctly. Since such a warning will cause team B to lose a boule if they run over the one-minute limit in some later round, no team will risk getting a yellow card. They will therefore, if they want to play long, ALWAYS measure before placing the jack. If the FIPJP thought spectators were bored when teams sometimes took three throws to place the jack, wait until they see teams ALWAYS measuring before placing the jack. 🤔


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 **Raymond Ager** I think there is an irony in the 1-throw rule which has been overlooked: previously teams had 1-minute for 3 throws. Now they are only allowed 1 throw but they still have 1 minute. Where is the time saving? 🤔

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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), I thought that's what you originally said was the reason for the change - to save time in the timed games of preliminary rounds at the World Championships. I think one reason we are seeing so many comments and questions, is that a controversial rule change was made with no clear explanation or justification.


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 **Mike Pegg** It is proven that the games proceed more quickly when they have only the one throw of the jack but as I have stated several times this was not the only reason for the change. I was disappointed that the Executive did not agree to deleting the article allowing for the jack to be challenged after a boule had been thrown which was also included in the debate over the throws of the jack.

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
 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), you've stated what was not the reason for the change - could we have a statement what therefore *was* the reason for the change?

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 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) you have a nasty habit of twisting what I say, or perhaps to be more accurate, misquoting me... What I have said repeatedly and you seem unable to grasp is time saving was not the "ONLY" reason, in fact I would go as far to say it was not a reason at all. That is because there was no specific reason for the modification.

As I recall we were debating several things related to throwing the jack such as reducing the time from 1 min to 30 sec, redefining the boundary for throwing the jack, who should throw the jack the winner of the end or the opponent, challenging the jack after a boule had been thrown, time it takes to start an end after points agreed and ways to improve the visual aspects of our sport... Somewhere in this lengthy discussion updating/including the rules for "timed games" was raised and at some point we set about writing some of them in or adjusting what we already had and that is more or less how we arrived at having one rule for throwing the jack.


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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), I have never deliberately misquoted you - the problem as I stated was that you only said what was *not* the reason, not what *was* the reason. Thank you for offering an explanation. Sorry but I do think it was a major failing of the FIPJP in not giving an explanation in the first place.

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 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) I can't comment on that but I've been doing my best to explain the changes to the rules here...


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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), we all appreciate your help in clarifying the rules, even if it's not always easy... 😊

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 **Jac Verheul** [Mike Pegg](#) Hi Mike, Ray asked especially for the reason why of these changes...

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 **Mike Pegg** [Jac Verheul](#) As I recall we were debating several things related to throwing the jack such as reducing the time from 1 min to 30 sec, redefining the boundary for throwing the jack, who should throw the jack the winner of the end or the opponent, challenging the jack

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Mike Pegg
January 5

New Rules (art 27 - revisited)

Sorry for any confusion regarding my earlier post on article 27. I clearly made a mistake in the interpretation and am posting the correction here.

Despite having a rule that clearly states "It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end" some players still pick up their boules and most likely while someone has 1 or more boules to play.

To address this issue we have added a new penalty to art 27 which means if a player picks up his boules from the player area, the area inside the dead ball line, his partners will not be allowed to play any boules they may have.

It does not stop the opponents from playing any boules they may have so in affect penalises the team of the player at fault.

Article 27, Removed Boules

It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

At the completion of an end, all boules picked up before the agreement of points are dead. No claim is admissible on this subject.

If a player picks up his boules from the playing area while his partners have boules remaining, they will not be allowed to play them.

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Gary Jones Is this a case where perhaps the wording "his" might be understood to mean "one of his team's"? Furthermore, should we understand that the penalty applies even if the bolue was marked? Thanks, [Mike Pegg](#).

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Gary Jones Also, what is proper procedure if a player picks up one of his opponent's boules and is it different when unmarked versus marked? Again, thanks.

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Eli Nielsen What about "any played boule regardless of marked or not" ??

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Madge Jordan simple thing is, do not pick any boule up, till all boules have been played.

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Mike Pegg good answer 😊

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Mike Pegg The answer to all 3 posts is exactly as Madge has posted.... don't pick up the boules, and the reason why is:

1. Art 27 states - It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.
2. If a player picks up his boules from the playing area while his partners have boules remaining, they will not be allowed to play them.

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Gary Jones How about if the boule picked up is not "his" but belongs to one of "his" teammates? Does this new "not allowed to play them" still apply? Or if Team B picks up one of Team A's boules before the end is over, does this also disallow the playing of any more boules by Team B? Maybe my question was not clear?

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Mike Pegg Gary Jones what a tangled web we weave.....

It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

The penalty of picking up a boule is the team cannot play any more boules in that end... that is the meaning although perhaps the rule is not worded very well in either language.

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Gary Jones Mike Pegg Thanks, Mike Pegg. My final question, I hope (and I'm guessing you do too), on this Article: Does the wording, "At the completion of an end, all boules picked up before the agreement of points are dead. No claim is admissible on this subject," mean that, even though a team picking up a boule prematurely cannot play any more boules, the boule picked up CAN be replaced, if marked, since it is before "the completion of an end"?

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Eddie Hollestelle What if i don't 'pick up' my balls put simply roll it away? 😊

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Mike Pegg really..... same rule applies

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Mike Pegg sort of question I would expect to get from the Netherlands

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Eli Nielsen I have to come back on this one... What if the boule is removed with a foot? Kicked out of the terrain. Same rule applies?

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Mike Pegg yes it is the same rule.... we did not list every way a player may remove a boule from the terrain because we thought by stating "It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end" it would be enough for everyone to realise it means removing a boule from the terrain..... maybe next modification we will have to reconsider the wording!

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Raymond Ager Never overestimate the intelligence of your average pétanque player!

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Eli Nielsen You also know, that some so called intelligent players, may argue "the rules says pick up and not kick", but I was never in doubt... I have got the question from a player 😊

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Mike Pegg No it cannot be replaced.

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Colin Stewart Mike Pegg Is that because, even though marked, there is no certainty that the boule will be replaced in the previous position and therefore the result of the end could change?

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Mike Pegg no, its because it is forbidden to pick the boule up.

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Colin Stewart Ok thanks


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Gary Jones Mike Pegg Thanks. I must admit that it seems strange that if an opponent ACCIDENTALLY kicks one of my team's marked boules away, I can replace it (Article 22), but if he kicks one of my team's marked boules away ON PURPOSE, incorrectly thinking that the end is over, I cannot replace it! Of course, it also seems strange to have written rules that include wording that the players must be expected to know to ignore. I guess I'll just advise people to strike through "At the completion of an end.". And also to strike through the first use of the word "his" in the last sentence of the article.



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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) Accidentally knocking a boule with your foot is very different from deliberately kicking (lazy player) or picking a boule up.
I would not tell anyone to cross our words in the rules.
You would be better advised to tell the players not to pick up their boules until the points have been agreed.
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 **Gary Jones** [Mike Pegg](#) Agree that players should not pick up boules. But when my "lazy" opponent picks up MY boule, even though I've marked it and done nothing wrong, do you think it fair that I am not allowed to replace it? Illogical to me, I must admit. Thanks for allowing me to say so.
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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) why would or should they pick up your boules....
I would treat this as an "accident" and put the boule back. The rule of not picking up boules is based on players picking their own boule up, not someone outside of their team.
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 **Gary Jones** [Mike Pegg](#) They shouldn't! My point exactly.
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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) so if an opponent picks up your boule treat it as you would had he/she accidentally moved the boule.
If it is one of your team picking up your boule then the rule applies due to it being a collective responsibility... something few think apply to being a part of a team!
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 **Gary Jones** Good! That makes complete sense to me.
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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) you just need to educate your teams mates to leave your boules alone 😊
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 **Brian Harris** The one point that has not been explored in all this is the definition of the completion of an end. May I suggest that this is when both sides have agreed the points won by one team and not before.
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 **Mike Pegg** the completion of an end is when all boules have been thrown.
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 **Brian Harris** [Mike Pegg](#) Fair enough but you should still not move any boules until the scores are agreed.
[Like](#) · January 12 at 9:27am

 **Mike Pegg** [Brian Harris](#) that's why we say if you pick up a boule before points are agreed the boule picked up is considered dead
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 **Madge Jordan** [Mike Pegg](#), this happened to us last week, 2 boules were on and a measure for 3rd, the two were taken out but had to call umpire to measure for 3rd, he said we shouldn't have taken the two out as score had not been agreed, if we could have split them, there would have been no need to call the umpire who was playing in a game.
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 **Mike Pegg** [Madge Jordan](#) if the opponent was with you when you were measuring and they agreed the first 2 points then it was ok to remove them from the head.
"The player" who was acting as the umpire was technically nothing more than a qualified measurer and advisor of the rules because you cannot do the job of an umpire and play at the same time.
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 **Madge Jordan** Thanks Mike. if in the same situation again, now know what to do.

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Trevor Gibb What If an eagle swoops down thinking it's an egg that fell from it's nest and picks it up? OK I'm only joking I just couldn't resist!

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Daria Rylova [Mike Pegg](#), we have an another question: could the player pick up dead boules or boules displaced on an another terrain of play?

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Mike Pegg Hi Daria, dead boules should always be removed from the playing area

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Daria Rylova Thank you, Mike!!!!

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

January 14 at 1:22pm

Mike Pegg - Could you tell us a little more about the motivation for the new Picked-Up Boule rule? You've said with the earlier rules "some players still pick up their boules"? What's wrong with that? I mean - if a player picks up one of his boules, that boule is dead. Big deal.

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Derek Adam Because some unscrupulous players will, for example, shoot hit/miss, it goes dead.

Then pick up said boule, keep it in hand. Opponents forget said player has played and either count it as still to be player, or worse allow said player to play a second time.

This has all been said before, this year...

Sorry for butting in Mike

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Hi [Derek Adam](#) - I don't think that can be the motivation for the rule. Here's why. The kind of situation that you're talking about usually occurs after a boule has gone out-of-bounds and is dead, and in that situation "picking up" the boule means picking the boule up off the ground and (as you say) keeping it in your hands. But the rule is aimed at picking up a LIVE boule (" from the playing area", the area inside the dead ball line as Mike has clarified) and in that context "picking up" a boule surely means simply removing it from the playing area.

I think your idea is a good one, but I think it would require a different rule to the effect that players are allowed to hold in their hands only boules that they are still allowed to play in the mene.

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Mike Pegg I assume you are referring to article 27 which is not new in fact since 2010 it has been forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

The "new" part of this rule is to make clear the penalty if a player picks up his boule from the playing area while his partner still have boule to play.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) - Yes, but there has always been a penalty - the picked-up boule is dead. The new part of the rule actually ADDS a rather severe penalty. My question is... Why? Why is the penalty so severe, over and above merely declaring the picked-up boule to be dead?

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Mike Pegg With all due respect, I'm becoming increasingly convinced that your knowledge of our rules is extremely limited. The penalty that has always been in this article deals with boules that are picked up at the completion of an end before the points are agreed. This new penalty is for picking boules up from the playing area before the end is complete


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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) - Thanks! My knowledge is indeed limited. But with your help, it is gradually becoming less so! 😊

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 **Mike Pegg** [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) good to know 😊
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 **Mazlan Ahmad** And just as harsh a penalty is the new addition to article 6. If you in disgust, dislodge the circle with your feet all you need to do is re-spot the circle and theres no penalty. But if you accidentally dislodge the circle with your hands (pick up), the remainder of your team's unplayed boules becomes 'unplayable'.

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 **Mike Pegg** all penalties are harsh - picking up the circle with your hands is not accidental it is a deliberate action, unless of course your mind has no idea what your body is doing!

I think what you mean by accident is if the player picks up the circle without realising there are boules to be played through ignorance.... so the answer is be aware of what is happening in your game.

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 **Gary Jones** [Mike Pegg](#) I agree that picking up the circle with your hands is not accidental, but neither is deliberately ("in disgust")kicking it away with your feet. Since, when explaining Article 27, you advised that purposely kicking boules from the playing area before the round has ended merits the same penalty as picking boules up with your hands, would it not be just as logical to apply that reasoning to purposely kicking the circle away from its marked position?

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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) depending on the situation, event etc I would consider giving the player a warning about his behaviour

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

January 30 at 11:09am


Hello Mike Pegg Art 19. If the boule comes back into the playing area, either because of the slope of the ground or by having rebounded from an obstacle, moving or stationary, it is immediately taken out of the game and anything that it has displaced after its passage into an out of bounds area is put back in place provided these objects have been marked.
"It's passage into an out of bounds area or playing area?"

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 **Mike Pegg** Art 19 is about a boule that is considered dead which means it has crossed the dead ball line. If it has crossed a dead ball line it is not in a playing area!

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 **Mazlan Ahmad** Tn Sheikh, we have to consider the preposition "AFTER" in that sentence, viz "AFTER its passage into an O/B area", i.e events SUBSEQUENT TO the rebounding from the o/b area....is put back in place

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Sheikh Ismail Silan - Here is another answer, to a different interpretation of your question. Please accept my apology if I misunderstood your question.

The notion of a dead-ball line has changed over the years. At one time, the rules held that there was ONE dead-ball line -- "the" dead-ball line -- that ran around the exterior of all of the lanes in the playing area. But that is no longer true. Today, basically, each game has its own dead-ball line. (This means that each game has an in-bounds area and out-of-bounds area that is unique to that game. Each game is played on an "assigned terrain". The in-bounds area for any particular game may or may not include the terrains on one or both sides of the game's assigned terrain, depending on (a) the layout of the playing area, (b) the location of the assigned terrain in the larger playing area, and (c) whether or not the game is time-limited.)

So, when Article 19 talks about the "out-of-bounds area" it means the out-of-bounds area FOR THAT GAME. All that is important is that the boule crossed the dead-ball line FOR THAT GAME. It makes no difference whether or not the out-of-bounds area for that game includes other terrains. For the purposes of Article 19, all of those other terrains are nothing more than one big blob of out-

of-bounds territory.
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Sheikh Ismail Silan

February 3 at 9:02am

Mike Pegg If a team is given an orange card, a boule will be disqualified. My question is, whose ball should we apprehend? Should the team be allowed to discuss among themselves, should it be the pointer's, the shooter's or the milleu's?

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Michal Dzurik this was vastly discussed last week or the week before

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Derek Adam With discretion of the umpire being the decision.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Sorry I'm not aware of the discussion. If we are to refer to penalty 1 art 35, "a yellow card for exceeding the time limit will be imposed on all the players of the offending team. If one of these players has already been given a yellow card, they will be penalised by disqualification of the boule played or to be played" If again they make the same offence for exceeding the time limit for the second time, should the card be given to each and everyone of them the orange card? How boules should be disqualified? If only one, whose boule should be apprehend?

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Derek Adam <https://www.facebook.com/.../permalink/1112240305540084/>

This is the discussion your looking for.

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Mike Pegg Hi **Sheikh Ismail Silan**, normally in this case the umpire would disqualify the boule that is about to be played, regardless of which player in the team it is who plays next.

Of course it may be that the boule has already been thrown in which case the umpire disqualifies the boule just played.

You ask does the team discuss/decide, no because it is the umpire who disqualifies the boule, not the team. 😊

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Raymond Ager Presumably this scenario is referring to a 2nd card for exceeding the time limit? If the team is talking together and breaks the time limit, then surely it will be the team that eventually decides who is going to play and therefore who will get the orange card and a boule disqualified, not the umpire?

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Gary Jones

February 3 at 7:42am

Mike, Perhaps a minor housekeeping issue: Article 16 references Article 8, para.2 when discussing boules that must be re-thrown. I believe the correct reference should be Article 8, para.3. Thanks.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg likes this.



Mike Pegg ouch... yes you are correct - and the error is created by the addition of a new 2nd paragraph in art 8. Thanks **Gary Jones**

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Gary Jones

February 3 at 3:40am

Mike, You've explained before that Article 35 penalties are usually applied in a progressive fashion, that is: a YELLOW card for a first offense, an ORANGE card for a repeat offense of the same behavior, etc. However, you've also stated that an umpire is not bound to issue a warning first

before proceeding to a more serious penalty-- I assume this might be done where a behavior was particularly egregious or flagrant. My question: is an umpire also allowed to show more leniency than a strictly progressive application of penalties would effect? For example, might an umpire decide to give a repeat YELLOW card to a player for encroaching onto the circle while playing, without being perceived as failing in the umpire's duty to enforce the rules of the game? I suppose I'm searching for advice as to at what point an umpire's use of discretion might cross the line between tolerance and responsibility. Your philosophy? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi [Gary Jones](#), so much depends on the event you are umpiring. If it was a club/social event I would lean towards educating the player before issuing a penalty but if the player was to repeat the infringement I would issue a warning.

I would not issue more than one warning for an infringement of a rule. Having issued a warning the next time around I would disqualify a boule.

I understand why you may consider giving a player a number of warnings but the problem with that is when do you stop issuing warnings and start penalising the player.

Of course if you are tolerant with one player it means you would have to be tolerant with all the players and that is a very slippery slope!

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Gary Jones

January 31 at 9:03am

Hello Mike, I noticed in this picture of play in Madagascar that there are some rocks large enough to obscure a jack that might come to rest behind them. Articles 7 and 9 advise that a jack that cannot be seen from the circle is either invalid or dead, depending upon whether it is a thrown jack or a jack already in play. Am I correct to assume that an umpire should not move a rock, or for that matter dig into a soft terrain where the jack lies buried, when asked to determine whether or not a jack is visible from the circle? Thanks.



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Raymond Ager likes this.



Aina Ika Ratovo I've been playing in one of these terrains while in Madagascar. The jack is visible

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Aina Ika Ratovo And there is the "lancer à la Malagasy " (that's a jack throwing technique) where they purposely throw the jack behind a big rock
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Mike Pegg Hi [Gary Jones](#), you are perfectly correct, the umpire may move a boule to check if the jack is visible but they should not move the rock or dig into the soft terrain to expose the jack.
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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike.
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Colin Stewart I remember playing in a competition where we used this to our advantage (unplanned I might add). We were about to lose the game decided to shoot the jack to make it dead as a last ditch attempt to stay in the game. We missed the jack but hit a flat stone in front of it. The stone flipped into the air and rested against the jack, obscuring it from view. Umpire declared that it wasn't visible and therefore dead. Objective achieved albeit indirectly 😊 We won the game in the end too (partly because our opponents couldn't believe our luck and started playing badly after that).
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Raymond Ager Interesting when Team B places the jack. 😊
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Mike Pegg that old chestnut.... the opponent must place the jack in a "valid" position so it must be visible from the circle!
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Aina Ika Ratovo Put it in front of a big rock and try to make a biberon...
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Mike Pegg
December 28, 2016

NEW RULES!

From Sunday 1st January 2017 playing petanque will change because the new rules come in to effect.

I'm not sure if you have noticed all the changes so thought it may help if I post one or two on here each day.

To get us started, have you noticed the change in the title.... it's no longer the Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque.

The new title for the rule book is now "THE OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SPORT OF PÉTANQUE ". Perhaps a subtle change but a significant one!

The first rule change is Article 3

I think we have all got used to the jack being a set size (30mm + or - 1mm) but from the 1st Jan the jacks weight must be between 10 and 18 grams.

We have also attempted to make art 3 a little clearer in relation to the jack being magnetic by stating "Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must they, nor the jacks made of wood, be capable of being picked up with a magnet".

More to follow tomorrow. 😊

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Madge Jordan is there going to be a new rules book printed Mike?
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Mike Pegg Hi Madge, I guess some Federations/Associations will print a new rule book but you can also download a copy from either the FIPJP or CEP websites and print your own.

CEP - http://www.cep-petanque.com/docu.../RULES/Rules-ENG_2017.pdf


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Madge Jordan the one I have is dated 2008


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 **Mike Pegg** [Madge Jordan](#) 😊 you are 2 editions out of date... 2010 and 2017

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 **Tommy Quinn Snr** I've already printed some books of the 2017 in A5 size for our Club. Tweed Valley Pétanque Club.

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 **Michal Dzurik** So, to make it clear for now and forever, are the Obut black jacks that are able to be picked up by magnet eligible? They are sold as approved by fipjp. Thank you for a clear yes or no, no need to be politically correct 😊

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 **Mike Pegg** do you know how much they weigh [Michal Dzurik](#) ?


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 **Jac Verheul** I heard 22 grs!


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 **Mike Pegg** [Jac Verheul](#) I also heard that, a good enough reason for setting the max at 18 grms 😊


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 **Michal Dzurik** Very sorry to see you are not capable to write a clear answer 😊 very english way, i must say 😊


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 **Mike Pegg** [Michal Dzurik](#) how can I say yes or no if I don't know how much they weigh! If they meet the criteria set in the rules then it should be OK for you to use them in a competition unless of course the competition rules specify only wooden jacks are permitted 😊


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 **Mike Pegg** [Michal Dzurik](#) do you know how much they weigh?


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 **Eli Nielsen** If it is possible to pick up the jack with a magnet, it is not interesting to know the weight..???. It is illegal to use in formal competitions, but off course free to use during training.


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 **Mike Pegg** [Eli Nielsen](#) the reason I ask the weight of the Obut magnetic jack is because if it weighs less than 10 grams or more than 18 grams then you cannot use it in any competition


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 **Gary Jones** [Mike Pegg](#) Having read [Michal Dzurik](#) question regarding jacks that are "able to be picked up by magnet," it would seem that the rule is clear and that such jacks would not be permitted regardless of weight. Am I missing something here?


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 **Mike Pegg** [Gary Jones](#) I guess so... the Obut magnetic jacks are not painted nor are they made of wood which means if they are within the size and weight restrictions they could be used at a competition.... hence the question, how much do they weigh!

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 **Gary Jones** [Mike Pegg](#) Thanks, Mike. I didn't realize that the black jacks from OBUT were not "painted"!


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 **Mike Pegg** Hi [Gary Jones](#), I have not wasted my money on one so cannot be sure but I'm under the impression they are made of a resin material.... I'm also told that they weigh more than the max 18 grms - Happy New Year 😊


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 **Jac Verheul** So, the conclusion will be...???

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 **Mike Pegg** Hi [Jac Verheul](#), if the Obut jack weighs more than the max 18 grms than you cannot use it 😊

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 **Jac Verheul** Hi [Mike Pegg](#), so I presume that there will be a new list of approved boules and jacks very soon. At the moment there is no list in English at the FIPJP-site, only the old one (October 2016) in French.

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Jac Verheul Mike, if the new rules are not yet translated into the language of a country, has they already to be applied in that country? Or can a federation wait until the new rules are translated? And what is the status of a national translation in relation to the French and English rules?

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Mike Pegg Hi Jac, it's up to your Federation if they want to delay adopting the new rules until they have them in your own language so that everyone can read and understand them.

The rules are published in English and French as these are the official languages for documents in our sport but it's not an issue for you to translate them into your own language.

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Jac Verheul And what to do if there may be doubts about the meaning of a rule in the translation? Will there be priority to the French and English versions?

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) good question.... the answer has to be the English and French versions will take priority because they are the only versions written and issued by the FIPJP/Int. Umpires Commission - we have no control over how you translate or interpret a rule.

Of course you have my email address if I can be of help 😊

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Jac Verheul Ok, thanks Mike.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Jac Verheul](#) - Hi Jac, Mike can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that for competitions at the national level and below (e.g. regional level), "the rules of the game" are the national rules, not the international rules.

National federations need time to review a new version of the international rules, possibly to translate it, and to meet and formally adopt the new version of their national rules. As a result there is typically a period of several weeks between the time that the FIPJP approves a new version of its international rules and the time that a national federation approves a new version of its national rules. During that period sanctioned games in each country are played according to the national rules currently in effect, i.e. the old rules.

As for questions of the meaning of a translated rule, a number of national federations publish (on their web sites) official rules interpretations (or umpires guides) prepared by their national umpires committee and applicable to all of the competitions sanctioned by that national federation. I know that that is true of the Netherlands, USA, and New Zealand national federations. Naturally, when a new version of the national rules is adopted, a new version of the national umpires guide may also be released. So questions about the meaning of a translated rule should be addressed by the national umpires commission that is in charge of the translation. Also, ideally, the national umpires guide (if there is one) would address and answer specific questions about the national rules of the game. [Again... Mike please correct me if this is wrong.]

My apologies for the length of this comment. 😊

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Mike Pegg [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) most federations have competition rules which explain formats, organisation etc and nearly always mention the international rules for the rules of play.

As for your comment about umpires commissions or committees, not every federation has this kind of structure.

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Jac Verheul Indeed, there is an important difference between national competition rules (formats and so on), as Mike said, and the international rules of the game. The rules of the game are the same everywhere, the rules of competitions, tournaments, championships, etc., can be different (and they are!).

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Maciej Ziółkowski [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) It is the same in Poland 😊

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Jeff Fox Thanks Mike. I have arranged a session at our in two weeks time. Just to explain to my ability the changes to the rules. Your posts will help.

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Jeff Fox That should read our club

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Mike Pegg Hi Jeff, if you need any help send me an email, good luck and a happy New Year 😊

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Jeff Fox Thank Mike

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Eve Oidsalu I like the new title "... for the sport of petanque" 😊

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Alvis Zirins Thanks, Mike.

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Tony Thompson

January 22 at 2:14pm

Good evening Mike. In a recent game the jack had been shot off the piste and therefore the end was dead. I placed the circle up to the dead boule line (in our case the wood surrounding the terrain) and was then told that the circle had to be 1 mtr. from the wood, which is 4" high, as it was an obstacle. I have two points (1) Am I right in thinking that the circle should be placed as close as possible to the point where the jack crossed the dead boule line and (2) that the wood is not an obstacle, although the hedge 18 inches behind the wood at the other end would be?

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Mike Pegg Good morning Tony, the circle should be drawn or placed at the position that jack was when it was knocked out of bounds, assuming the position was marked.

If the jack was not marked then the circle is placed or drawn at the nearest valid position to where it went dead (out of bounds).

In answer to your question about the 4inch high wood surrounding your terrain, that would not be classed as an obstacle because, in this case, it would not interfere with a player throwing a boule.

The hedge/bush surround 18 inches behind the terrain may be considered to be a "solid boundary" in which case the dead ball line would need to be 1 metre from this hedge.

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Tony Thompson Thank you [Mike Pegg](#). Nice to know I got it right as the Jack was not marked.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Might it be the case that a four-inch-high wooden surround could pose a problem for the backswing of a player who is squat pointing?

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Tony Thompson Hi. Steve Mike has previously said that it would not constitute an obstruction as a player could stand and play whereas that would not be possible if the obstacle was say a crowd barrier, or in our case the hedge at the end.

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Mike Pegg thanks Tony 😊

Like · January 24 at 1:18pm



Bouliste Steve Ferg Hi [Tony Thompson](#) - Thanks, I missed that answer by Mike.

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Mazlan Ahmad

January 21 at 9:40am

Is there any way these useful and helpful Q&As be somehow catalogued in

someways for ease of reference for/by all ? Ideas anyone?

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Mike Pegg It's something that I'm working on but is taking more time than I thought it would

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Brian Harris This is great to know and I look forward to seeing the results in due course.

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Jeff Fox

January 21 at 3:20pm · Cranleigh, United Kingdom

Hopefully a quick answer. We where playing an open terrain competition this morning. The following happened. Team A threw their boule, Team C threw their boule. Team A and Team C (from different games) boules collided. What should have been the outcome? I allowed both boule to remain in their final position.

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Mike Pegg Hi [Jeff Fox](#), sorry for thr delay but only just seen your post. You don't state if the boules were between the circle and jack when they collided but I'm guessing that they were, in which case art 16 applies - boules must be replayed if they have been stopped or deviated accidentally from their course between the throwing circle and the jack by a boule or jack coming from another game.

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Jeff Fox Thanks will remember that for next time

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Seb Renaud

January 21 at 1:33pm

just a quick one team A has thrown the coche and is not leagal, team B then places an invalid coche does this mean team A gets to place it or team B has to replace it again

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Robert Parker Team B must place the coche in an legal position, if an umpire was present then team b would get a yellow card

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Mike Pegg Hi Seb, the rules is the opponent must place the jack in a valid position. If they do otherwise it would be an infringement of the rules so they would 1. Be told to place the jack correctly and 2. Receive a warning indicated by a yellow card. The jack does not go back to the first team to place or throw again.

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Eli Nielsen Good to know. That might happen occasionally.

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Glen Woodward

January 7

Hi Mike. I would like clarification regarding dead boules that are not removed from the terrain if you could please help...

A player throws a boule and it goes just beyond the end string (and remains in a dead boule position) but is not removed by that player or any

of their team mates. They then throw another boule and it touches that dead boule and rests in a legal part of the terrain.... are both boules then considered dead or will the last thrown boule be considered live still.

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Tony Thompson Hi. Glen. I think Mike has answered this before. The second Boule is live as it did not go dead. If course the dead boule should have been removed from the terrain IMMEDIATELY by the team in the circle and so should not have been there. The dead boule should, however, be left visible so as not to be missed when assessing boules still to be played. Not a problem on your home terrain where there is enough room each end of all posted.

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Tony Thompson Pistes not posted

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Glen Woodward My problem with this is that if the team that threw the dead boule did not remove it, then deliberately played onto the dead boule so their second boule remained in a legal position then that seems unfair.

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Glen Woodward ... especially when the other team is not officially allowed to remove it

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Steve Golden Yes Glen I agree with you, and many times when you say something so it does not happen again that game is that you could of moved it lol

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Glen Woodward I feel that it should be made compulsory that after any boule that is played close to a dead boule area OR obviously dead, (both teams must decide and agree)... and if it is decided that the boule IS dead then the boule MUST be removed BEFORE any further boules are played

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Glen Woodward The opposing team that is not in the circle SHOULD be able to stop the team about to play if they feel a boule is dead and should be removed

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Mike Pegg Hi [Glen Woodward](#), the answer has been posted but to confirm. Boule 1 is dead. Boule 2 is live because it did not go completely over the dead ball line.

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Glen Woodward Ok Mike. So you CAN deliberately not remove a boule that is dead then? And then use that dead boule to rest on with your next boule?

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Mike Pegg Hi Glen, anything (boule, bag, etc) on the terrain and in a position that it would stop a boule or jack from completely crossing the dead ball line should be removed. Which is why you often see umpires moving bags and the like to the other side of the timber surround

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Glen Woodward ... and if those items are NOT removed you can use them to rest on without any penalty?

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Mike Pegg there is no reason why either team should not remove any item near the dead ball line so who would we penalise, both teams?

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Glen Woodward I appreciate all that you have stated. But my point is that someone told me that the opposition cannot remove an opponents dead boule if the other team is still in the circle. Is that correct? If my opposition was in the circle after throwing a dead boule am I allowed to bend down, pick up the boule whilst they are about to play a second boule in quick succession? As the opposition am I allowed to halt play before they play a further boule so that i can ask them to remove the dead boule?

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) that old chestnut.... the actual rule is - during the regulation time allowed for a player to throw a boule the opponents must not do anything that could disturb the player about to play and they must remain beyond the jack or behind the player and, in both cases, to the side with regard to the direction of play and at a distance of at least 2 metres the one from the other.

After the player has thrown the boule you can remove a dead boule from the terrain..... the issue it seems would be that the player is immediately throwing another boule after the first one that was unsuccessful.

I suggest you should ask him to give you or "his team" time to remove any dead boule before launching another boule.
If it had been me in your position, I would have just moved the boule...

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Glen Woodward Ok. That's exactly what i was trying to determine. Thanks very much. In future I will shout "dead boule" every time a dead boule is thrown to make that team aware that the boule needs to be removed BEFORE they throw another quick boule.
Thanks again.

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) lol, shouting dead boule each time one crosses the line may be a little OTT, perhaps educating the player would be the right course 😊

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Glen Woodward Haha, maybe but I do know a few players who do just that (probably just to put off the opposition)

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) most likely and it seems it may work

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Glen Woodward No, doesn't put ME off, I just find it quite funny 😂

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Glen Woodward You say that if were in my position you would just remove the boule, but I'm not allowed to be within two metres of the throwing direction... in the past I have been shouted at for removing a dead boule when the player is still in the circle, but at least now I can say that I am allowed to remove a dead boule. Thanks again for the clarification

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) I'm surprised that an umpire would shout at you Glen and would have thought that if you had explained why you moved to remove the dead boule he/she would have understood and had a quite word with your opponent.

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Glen Woodward No, not an umpire... the person in the circle

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) there's your problem then, no umpire to enforce the rules, impose penalties etc.

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Glen Woodward Exactly. And in the competitions I play in you can't get an umpire to oversee EVERY game. Most contentious issues in petanque will have already happened before an umpire is present

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Mike Pegg [Glen Woodward](#) if you have an umpire then you should talk to him/her about the issue and he should have a quite word with the opponent.

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Tony Thompson [Mike Pegg](#) You replied to [Glen Woodward](#) that any player can remove a dead boule, but in a previous post, which I cannot find as it was some months ago, you said that only the player in the circle or one of their team members could remove it as spectators & members of the opposite team should be STILL AND QUIET while a player is in the circle, as they would be if shooting a subsequent boule quickly. Are you not contradicting yourself and is your previous response not the reason this old chestnut keeps returning to plague us time after time?

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Mike Pegg No Tony, I don't think I'm contradicting myself nor am I the reason this old chestnut keeps returning.... the issue is due to the player who fails to give his team mates or opponents the time to remove or move dead boules.

The actual wording of the rule which I have quoted several times before is - During the regulation time allowed for a player to throw a boule the spectators and players must observe total silence.

The opponents must not walk, nor gesticulate nor do anything that could disturb the player about to play.

So having thrown a boule the player has been given that "time allowed" to play - so it could be argued that the team mates/opponents should now have the time to move dead boule although it seems they will have to keep one eye on the impatient player!

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Glen Woodward](#) Re "someone told me that the opposition cannot remove an opponent's dead boule if the other team is still in the circle". If I understand Mike correctly, that is a mythical rule. Just by itself, quietly removing a dead boule from the far end of the terrain doesn't count as walking, gesticulating, or doing something that could disturb the player.

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Brian Harris It was always my understanding that a dead ball that has re-entered the terrain must be removed by the opponents before the next boule is played. Failure to do so would result in that boule becoming live again. Consequently I would have taken it that a boule in the dead ball area can also be removed by the opponents before the next boule is played. If the playing team start to complain about the opponents removing the ball then they are not playing in the spirit of the game.

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Mike Pegg Hi Brian, very nearly correct.... the rule is "Any dead boule must immediately be removed from the game". It can be removed by either the player, one of his team or the opponent. The issue we sometimes get is the player in the circle, perhaps missing his shot, then immediately throws another boule. The rules compensates for this to some extent by stating that a dead boule that has come back onto the terrain and was not removed would become live (by default) after the opponent has thrown a boule. However, I should make it very clear - Any dead boule MUST be immediately removed and if it is not the player concerned may well be penalised.

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Brian Harris Mike Pegg Thanks Mike. May I just clarify what I think you have said. When a player has thrown a boule that is dead although it reenters the terrain, should that same player, or one of his team, play another boule, the first boule is still dead. The first boule only becomes alive again when an opponent throws a boule without removing the dead boule. This sounds confusing but I hope that it is clear to you.

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Mike Pegg [Brian Harris](#) if a dead boule returns onto the playing area and it is not removed, it only becomes live (by default) when the opponent plays a boule. But that is not an excuse to leave it while the 1st team continue to play because the rule states all dead boule must be removed.

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Brian Harris Thanks. I was just clarifying in case I find myself in the position of "funny" opponents.

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Eli Nielsen

January 16 at 3:09pm

Art. 3, Approved jacks.

Allowed are FIPJP approved jacks of synthetic material and the rules also states, that a jack must not weigh more than 18 grams. I can't remember having seen a synthetic jack, that weighs under 18 grams. Do they really exist as approved jacks?

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, I have not yet come across a resin jack that has been approved which weighs less than 18 gms...

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Mazlan Ahmad So the current status of these once-upon-a-time approved



resin jacks is.....they are no longer allowed in competitions unless they satisfy the weight and size requirements, as well as being non - magnetic.

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Mike Pegg That is not what I or the rules state, you are either misreading or misunderstanding what is a simple rule.

All jacks used in competition must meet the requirements set in the new rules.

This requirements are:

- to be made of wood, or of a synthetic material bearing the manufacturer's mark and having obtained the FIPJP's approval in line with the precise specification relating to the required standards.

- to be a diameter of 30mm (tolerance: + or -1mm).

- to weigh between 10 and 18 grams.

Painted jacks (resin and wood) are also authorised but at no time must painted jacks or jacks made of wood, be capable of being picked up with a magnet.

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Mazlan Ahmad But is there any approved resin jack todote that already satisfy the required standard weight?

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Eli Nielsen The "buzz words" are resin and synthetic. There could be or could be produced jacks of other synthetic materials than resin, and they should comply with the rules.

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Mike Pegg [Eli Nielsen](#) the reference to resin also means synthetic such as plastic. I'm not aware of any plastic/resin/synthetic jack that meets the criteria set by the rules. Umpires should check the size, weight and brand just as they should be checking boules

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Eli Nielsen Yes, we will have a busy season 😊

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Keith Priaux

January 14 at 12:59am

Hi Mike, please could you clarify if or not it is legal to pace out 6 meters from the circle and make a mark on the terrain, I think I know the answer but need it confirmed.

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Mike Pegg Hi [Keith Priaux](#), not the first time I've been asked this question and the answer is - there is no rule that specifically stops a player from marking the distance when they are throwing the jack.

The rule which is often used in such a scenario would be art 16 - The player must not use any object or draw a line on the ground to guide him/her in playing a boule or mark its landing point. But this is about throwing a boule. This issue of players marking a distance on the terrain and then throwing the jack is to be looked at when the Int. Umpires next meet.

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Keith Priaux Thanks Mike.

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Mike Pegg

December 31, 2016

NEW RULES (day 4)

Article 7 (2) has been modified so that the circle must now be a minimum of 2 metres from another circle in use on an any terrain, open or marked.

Art 7 (3) now includes the rule for timed games for the thrown jack and Art 7 (4) explains in detail what happens if the 1st team has not thrown the jack

in accordance with the rules.

Article 7, Valid distances for the thrown jack

For the thrown jack to be valid, the following conditions apply:

- 1) That the distance separating it from the internal edge of the circle must be:
 - 6 metres minimum and 10 metres maximum for Juniors and Seniors.
 - For competitions intended for younger players, shorter distances may be applied.
- 2) That the throwing circle must be a minimum of 1 metre from any obstacle and 2 metres from another circle in use.
- 3) That the jack must be a minimum of 1 metre from any obstacle and from the nearest boundary of an out-of-bounds area. For timed limited games this distance is reduced to 50cm except for the end lines of the lane.
- 4) That the jack must be visible to the player whose feet are placed astride the extreme limits of the interior of the circle and whose body is absolutely upright. In case of dispute on this point, the Umpire decides, without appeal, if the jack is visible.

At the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished at the previous end, except in the following cases:

- The circle would be less than 1 metre from an obstacle.
- The throwing of the jack could not be made to all regulation distances.

In the first case the player draws or places the circle at the regulation distance from the obstacle.

In the second case, the player may step back, in line with the previous end's play, without exceeding the maximum distance authorised for the throwing of the jack. This opportunity is offered only if the jack cannot be thrown to the maximum distance in any other direction.

If the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules defined above, the opposing team will place the jack in a valid position on the terrain. They can also move the circle back, in accordance with the conditions defined in these rules, if the first teams positioning of the circle did not allow the jack to be thrown the maximum distance.

In any case, the team which lost the jack after the invalid throw must play the first boule.

The team that won the right to throw the jack have a maximum of one minute to do so. The team that won the right to place the jack after the unsuccessful throw of the opponent must do so immediately.

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Jeff Fox Just question regarding placing of the circle. Our terrain is lower than the surrounding area and a wooden edging goes completely around the terrain. We do not use strings as a dead Ball line. Does the wooded Edge become an obstacle? So that the circle must be placed 1mt way. Thanks for your updates they are very useful

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Mike Pegg Hi Jeff, the reason t rule states the circle must be 1 m from an obstacle is to ensure the players can swing their arm to throw a boule without hitting the obstacle (tree, post etc). From you description I doubt that this timber surround would be considered an obstacle... what do you use instead a dead ball line?

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Jeff Fox In a normal club event we use the wood as the deadball line in competition we run lines etc.

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Mike Pegg [Jeff Fox](#) I thought so but of course the wood is not a line as neither the jack or boule can roll across it. Instead you claim the jack or boule is dead when they touch the wood... bet that can cause some issue. All the best for 2017 😊

Like · December 31, 2016 at 2:56am



Sheikh Ismail Silan If there is no dead ball line then the jack or the ball is only dead if it jumps over the wood.

Game should continue be played even though the jack or the balls is/are right to the wood edge.

Please comment [Mike Pegg](#) . This what I understand as discussed earlier.

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Mike Pegg [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) in an ideal world every terrain would have a dead ball line but in the UK some of the terrains are limited in size. At best they have a timber surround to stop the boules from rolling off the playing area.

To maximise this playing area the club will not have any string lines and will impose a "local" rule so instead of crossing a line the boule or jack is considered dead if they touch the wooden surround.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Yes [Mike Pegg](#), I understand the local rule but to be in proper ruling as if we are plying in the open terrain and the jack n ball when in within the roots of a tree. If I'm not wrong they are not

dead, and the game has to be continued even plying in that situation is odd.

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Mike Pegg [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) I'm not sure where the root of a tree came into the discussion, the original post is about a terrain with a timber surround and no dead ball line!

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Sheikh Ismail Silan I'm making a comparison IF we are plying in the open terrain where by there is a tree in the plying area. and in the open terrain there is no dead ball line.

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Mike Pegg [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) ok, but that has nothing to do with the question

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Sorry [Mike Pegg](#) I'm not trying to be annoying instead to fasten my understanding of the rule.

The question is on the terrain without the dead line. So

1. can we play on the terrain that is surrounded with the wooden block (not considered as obstacle) without having the dead ball line?

2. If it can, other than local made rule, based on the FIPJP rule, how should we consider for the jack or the boule to be dead?

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Mike Pegg [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) you are not annoying my friend....

The timber surrounding a terrain is normally there to stop boules (and the jack) from rolling away.

They also help to define the area of the terrain but they certainly are not considered an obstacle.

It is not good practice, in other words, not a good thing to do, to play on any area without a dead ball line.

With a dead ball line there should be no argument over if the boule or jack has gone dead.

Without the dead ball line the players will say that a boule or jack is dead if they just touch the wood, but in many instances you need to be very close when it happens to see if the wood is actually touched.

Most times the teams agree, but can you be sure, the answer has to be no.

As I explained earlier, this is very much a local rule specific to a club or perhaps a league where there is a good reason for not having lines permanently on the terrain.

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Steve Zimmo [Mike Pegg](#) I have had the conversation about wood surround being an obstacle 😊 would it not be considered an obstacle if a player wished to squat to play and their hand would hit the surround or would the player have to stand up thereby effectively being penalised for wishing to squat?

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Mike Pegg Hi [Steve Zimmo](#), the answer is no, the timber surround is not considered an obstacle because the player can stand in the circle and throw their boule... it is the player's choice to squat point 😊

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Steve Zimmo Thanks [Mike Pegg](#) although I think this particular answer should be different 😊

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Mike Pegg [Steve Zimmo](#) if you squat point you would 😊

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Steve Zimmo Squatting is a fundamental method of throwing the boule so why should you be penalised 😊

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Mike Pegg [Steve Zimmo](#) you're not, you have the option to stand or don't squat so low....

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Steve Zimmo [Mike Pegg](#) HaHa!! My thighs wouldn't allow me to squat higher!!

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Mike Pegg [Steve Zimmo](#) I'm beginning to get a picture I don't really

want Steve 😊

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Steve Zimmo Mike Pegg 🤔🤔

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Mike Pegg Steve Zimmo have a good day 😊

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Mazlan Ahmad There's quite a contradiction btwn art 7(2) and srt 7(4). Art 7(2) requires that the throwing circle be a minimum of 2 metres away from another circle in use, but art 7(4) doesn't allow that - [Art 7(4) = at the following end the jack is thrown around the position where it finishes at the previous end], i.e the circle **MUST** be placed there, with two exceptions viz:
i) The circle would be less than 1 metre from an obstacle;
(ii) the throwing of the jack could not be made to all regulation distances.
NOTE: There's no mention of exception allowed to move the circle if it is less than 2 metres from another circle in use!

So there may be instances where a player has to breach art 7(4) in order to satisfy art 7(2), i.e in situations where the circle would need to be moved due to being less than 2 metres apart from another circle in use.

To circumvent this breach, I think the clause " and 2 metres from another circle in use" as mentioned in art 7(2), should be repeated in art 7(4) first exception, to read:-

"... except in cases - the circle would be less than 1 metre from any obstacle AND 2 metres from another circle in use".

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Mike Pegg one rule does not cancel out the other..... in both instances the circle must be 2m from another in use

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Mazlan Ahmad But it is putting the player (and arbiter) in a tight spot. Art 7(4) expressly states that the circle must be placed around the final position where the jack finishes at the previous end, with exception to the two instances WHICH DOES NOT include if the circle were less than 2 metres from another circle in play. As a player, he needs to comply art 7(4). And the arbiter must observe that he complies this rule, - that one cannot simply move the circle unless otherwise prescribed by this article 7(4).

But in so complying with art 7(4), the player breaches art 7(2). And as arbiter, are we going to allow any of the rules be breached ?

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Mike Pegg Mazlan Ahmad art 7 is about throwing/placing the jack and drawing/placing the circle - parts (1), (2), (3) and (4) are all one rule not 4 separate rules

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Валерий Крапиль Hi Mike Pegg

There is example from real practice. My team like to play long distance and our opponents want to play short. I throw the jack 11 m. Opponent puts the jack approximate 6 m, but we think that distance is shorter than 6 m. 1) Can my team measure the real distance? 2) If the distance really shorter than 6 m which team select correct position for jack? Thank you.

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Mike Pegg Yes you can measure to make sure the "placed" jack is in a valid position.

If it is not then it remains with the team (your opponent) to place it correctly.

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Arnold van der Pol

January 12 at 6:35am

Hi Mike Pegg,

The 5th of January I wrote:

Hi Mike Pegg,

A very Happy New Year.

Thank you for your answer, I read the rest of article 24.

The only thing I wanted to know was, can "any boule" mean: more than 1 boule ?

For example, a team playing three bowls in a row while it was not his turn. May then all three boules are taken out of the game?

Arnold van der Pol.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

January 11 at 12:28am

Hi Mike Pegg -- Can I get a clarification? Is "sweeping" forbidden (a) under any circumstance, or (b) only in front of a boule to be shot?

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Matthew Eversden Have you really asked that question?

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Mike Pegg As per a previous post on this very subject - a hole is, normally, fairly small, perhaps 2-3cm diameter, sometimes larger in loose gravel. You can fill this in but you can't smooth out a much larger area, eg 50cm, in front of a boule or anywhere else on the terrain - especially when there wasn't a hole!

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Raymond Ager Good answer! LOL 😊

Like · January 11 at 3:03am



Mike Pegg

December 31, 2016

NEW RULES (day 4+)

The changes to article 8 are to prevent a team throwing the jack from gaining an advantage by stopping it and then having another throw.

The changes also takes into account the new rule of a team having 1 throw of the jack and then the opponent placing it.

Article 8, For the thrown jack to be valid

If the thrown jack is stopped by the Umpire, an opponent, a spectator, an animal or any moving object, it is not valid and must be thrown again.

If the thrown jack is stopped by a member of the team the opponent will place the jack in a valid position.

If after the throwing of the jack, a first boule is played, the opponent still has the right to contest the validity of its position except in the case when the jack has been placed by the opponent.

Before the jack is given to the opponent to place, both teams must have recognised that the throw was not valid or the Umpire must have decided it to be so. If any team proceeds differently, it loses the benefit of the throwing of the jack.

If the opponent has also played a boule, the jack is definitely deemed valid and no objection is admissible.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Mike Pegg Art 8 para 4: Before the jack is given to the opponent to place, both teams must have recognised that the throw was not valid or the Umpire must have decided it to be so. If any team proceeds differently, it loses the benefit of the throwing of the jack. WHY THIS RULE IS GIVEN THE CERTAINTY THAT THEY STILL HAS THE RIGHT TO THROW THE JACK AGAIN?

I thought the new rule has lifted the right of throwing the jack again after fail to do so in the first place. The right act should be the player/team be given the yellow card.

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Mike Pegg Hi Sheikh Ismail Silan, I personally think it is redundant wording but this time around it was left in. However, it certainly does not mean a team/player has 2 throws of the jack because it is made very clear that they get only 1 throw

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Mazlan Ahmad

January 9

Good afternoon Mike.

Re article 32 - in the case of accident or medical problem to a player, how do we go about it?

- 1). Do we let the game proceed upto the injured player's turn, and then stop/stall the game? (to a maximum 15 minutes duration).
- 2). Whose duty is it to determine whether the injury/medical problem was faked or genuine?

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Mike Pegg Hi [Mazlan Ahmad](#),

- 1) the game continues but the player may be given this extra time without penalty
- 2) read the article - In the case of an accident or medical problem officially recognised by a doctor - this would of course include a nurse or other medical attendee if you don't have a doctor on site.

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Mazlan Ahmad I was thinking more of a sports team private physio -- how do we treat his opinion - in the absence of other qualified personnels

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Mike Pegg [Mazlan Ahmad](#) better to have advice from someone with knowledge than guess yourself

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

January 6

Jac Verheul - Here is an answer to your earlier question about the weight of Obut's synthetic magnetic black jacks. I bought four of them, and weighed them. The total weight was 86g, for an average weight of 21.5g per jack. This makes them too heavy for the new weight requirements for jacks.

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Jac Verheul likes this.



Mike Pegg really.... you do surprise me, and there was me thinking setting the max weight at 18 gms was accidental! 😊

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Raymond Ager According to info on the internet - I've no idea if it's correct or not - the Obut jacks are going to be given an exemption. If you remember, last year there was the farcical situation as to whether or not the magnetic jacks were legal. My guess is we're going to see a repeat of the farce.

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Mike Pegg news to me Ray.... I guess it could happen but then why deliberately set a max weight that negates the obut magnetic jack

The answer is very simple, add to the competition rules that only wooden jacks are permitted.... under consideration!

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Brian Harris I thought that I had read in the rules that magnetic jacks were banned. Presumably this also applies to any made by Obut.

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Mike Pegg you should read the new article 3
Article 3, Approved jacks

Jacks are made of wood, or of a synthetic material bearing the manufacturer's mark and having obtained the FIPJP's approval in line with the precise specification relating to the required standards.

Their diameter must be 30mm (tolerance: + or -1mm).

Their weight must be between 10 and 18 grams.

Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must they, nor the jacks

made of wood, be capable of being picked up with a magnet.

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Brian Harris [Mike Pegg](#) Thanks Mike. I thought that I had seen that somewhere.

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Nils Thorén So, [Mike Pegg](#), does this mean that a synthetic unpainted jack with a weight between 10 and 18 grams and with approval of FIPJP may be capable of being picked up with a magnet?

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Mike Pegg [Nils Thorén](#) yes

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Brian Harris The Obut synthetic jack that I won in a raffle, and it is magnetic, weighs in at 22 gyms.

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Mike Pegg yes and it is too heavy because the max allowed weight of a jack is 18 gms

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Aina Ika Ratovo Mike Pegg rules aside: just wondering what is the difference between a 10g wooden jack and a (let's say) 17g resin jack in a play.. like would it greatly affect the playing style? Will it act differently (like boules are: hence pointer vs shooters boules)?

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Brian Harris [Aina Ika Ratovo](#) It is likely to roll a little further and is a little less susceptible to strong winds.

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Jac Verheul [Aina Ika Ratovo](#) There are wooden jacks and wooden jacks. Some years ago Obut sold beechen jacks and boxwood as well. The beechen jacks weights about 10g (sometimes less) and boxwood jacks about 15g (and sometimes they doesn't float!). So there is not a big difference between boxwood and resin jacks as regards to their weights. Nowadays, Obut only sells boxwood or resin jacks.

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Jac Verheul Hi Mike, can you explain us why a wooden jack (painted or not) may not be picked up by a magnet while a resin jack (between 10 and 18g) may be picked up by a magnet? Why this difference between wood and resin?

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) the correct wording is - Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must they, nor the jacks made of wood, be capable of being picked up with a magnet. I'm advised it has something to do with the material the resin jack is made from as opposed to using a metallic paint to make a jack magnetic.

Personally I would sooner we simplified this rule even further by having a complete ban on any magnetic jack... maybe for the future



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Raymond Ager I would still like to know why it's perfectly ok to pick up a boule with a magnet but not the jack? 🤔

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Derek Adam Surely having a magnetic jack, of whatever composition, would mean that someone would magnetise their boules? Or would spherical boules not have magnetic polarities?

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Raymond Ager [Derek Adam](#) I'll leave that one for [Mike](#) to answer. 😊

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Jac Verheul [Mike Pegg](#) I know very well the 'correct wording', but these words are confusing (as you can see there is a lot of questions about it) . It looks like that the FIPJP with this correct wording wants to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds, or wants to equivocate the issue... Has this something to do with Obut, maybe?

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Raymond Ager This is a serious question: has the Obut magnetic jack ever posed any problems in a competition?

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) I don't see what is confusing about - Painted

jacks are authorised, but at no time must they, nor the jacks made of wood, be capable of being picked up with a magnet.
Seems straight forward enough to me

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) The original reason for the rule preventing "any" jack from being capable of being picked up with a magnet was to prevent people from adding metal to a jack.
One jack, sent in for approval, was coated in a metallic paint making it very dangerous.

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Jac Verheul [Mike Pegg](#) Confusing, because the article doesn't state directly that resin jacks that can be picked up with a magnet are allowed. It looks like that the FIPJP is avoiding problems with Obut...

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Jac Verheul [Mike Pegg](#) Dangerous in wich way?

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) but it makes it clear that PAINTED and WOODEN jacks must not be capable of being lifted with a magnet. So a jack that is resin and capable of being lifted with a magnet is OK on condition that it is not painted, is 30mm (+ or - 1mm) and weighs between 10 and 18 gms. What is so complicated?

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Raymond Ager I'm sure 10-20g +/-10% would be simpler. 😊

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Raymond Ager I'm sure 10-20g +/-10% would be simpler. 😊

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) 10-18 gms is just as simple, absolutely no reason to mention percentages

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Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) You need to do the maths: 20g + 10%. 😊

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) no you don't, you only need to read the rule 10-18 gms simple!

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Aina Ika Ratovo How 2g on a jack weight will make a big deal ... will it greatly affect the "Malagasy style throw" ?

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Brian Harris My this rule change has certainly stirred up a hornets nest. I think that Mike Pegg's earlier comment that they are considering changing the rules that only wood jacks will be approved is of considerable importance. It explains why the new weight restrictions have been introduced now. I personally think this is a shame as I prefer the resin jacks that weigh 22 gms as they do not lose their colour like a wood jack does. However, there is probably a very good reason for the current and proposed changes.

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Mike Pegg [Brian Harris](#) my comment was based on the possibility that competition rules may be changed at some time in the future to insist that only wooden jacks are used.... although I hasten to add being discussed/considered doesn't mean it will happen.

The weight restriction was introduced to stop heavier jacks being used which have been reported to cause injury.

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David Hancox [Mike Pegg](#) as an engineer I consider a wooden jack painted with a magnetic paint would be safer as generally a wooden jack will tend to split apart , when a resin jack is more likely to shatter . I would be interested to know what the paint was on the jack that you considered so dangerous

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Mike Pegg [David Hancox](#) metallic paint Dave - no idea of brand nor do I have any other details, not that it makes an ounce of difference! It certainly had nothing to do with splitting.

The issue as I recall was some samples had tacks in them, others had been cut open and a piece of metal had been inserted and the other was painted with a metallic paint. In each case the jack was considerably heavier and harder.... but it was about 10 or more years ago!

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Joe Martin No doubt others have a story like this. At a Montreal Ricard Mondial, I was standing next to a player who was hit in the back of the neck by a shot jack. He was unable to stand up for about 5 minutes and it was a wooden jack, so heavier jacks can be expected to pose worse hazards.

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Raymond Ager I've also seen a (male) player hit in a very painful place by a wooden jack - I'm sure he wished they were banned!

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Bouliste Steve Ferg In 2008 the FPUSA banned resin jacks. Here is what they said:

Citing safety concerns, the FPUSA board, composed of players elected by its member clubs, has recently voted to ban the use of resin jacks in all competitions and casual play.

Anyone who has been hit by a jack whizzing across the terrain after being struck by a shot boule knows how much it can hurt and there is anecdotal evidence that injuries to players are more severe and more painful from these plastic jacks than from the wooden ones.

The FPUSA ban follows the lead of a couple of European federations that banned the jacks after noticing player reactions from being hit by the heavier plastic jacks. There is some suspicion that the plastic compresses upon impact from the steel boule and then is projected into the air with even more force than the wooden jack.

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Jac Verheul [Raymond Ager](#) There is a very nice anecdote from the regretted Jacques Roggero about a player who was hit by a boule and some minutes later by a - wooden - jack. The hit by the jack was much worse...

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Mike Pegg

January 6

NEW RULES (day 10)

The change to art 33 now means an end has started as soon as the jack has been thrown. It also allows for a different rule for timed games.

The modifications to art 35 (Penalties) makes the use of the coloured cards official... plus in answer to those umpires who think it is OK to make an announcement about the rules at the start of a competition and then inform the players that this is their only warning, we have added to art 35 that a warning can only be given after an infringement of the rules.

Late arrival of players

and has started, the missing player arrives, he or she does not take | she is accepted into the game only as from the following end.

player arrives more than one hour after the start of a game, he or she | participate in that game.

team-mates win this game, he or she will be able to participate in the | ded they were originally registered with that team.

ation is played in leagues, he or she will be able to take part in the sec | e result of the first.

onsidered as having started as soon as the jack has been thrown req | Special arrangements can be made for time limited games.

Article 35, Penalties

For non-observation of the rules of the game the players incur the following penalties:

- 1) Warning; which is officially marked by the umpire presenting a yellow card to the player at fault.
However, a yellow card for exceeding the time limit will be imposed on all the players of the offending team. If one of these players has already been given a yellow card, they will be penalised by disqualification of the boule played or to be played.
- 2) Disqualification of the boule played or to be played; which is officially marked by the umpire presenting an orange card to the player at fault.
- 3) Exclusion of the responsible player for the game; which is officially marked by the umpire presenting a red card to the player at fault.
- 4) Disqualification of the team responsible;
- 5) Disqualification of the two teams in case of complicity.

The warning is a sanction and can only be given after an infringement of the rules.

Giving information to players or requesting they should respect the rules at the start of a competition or of a match is not to be considered as a warning.

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Nils Thorén Mike Pegg, how long is a yellow card valid? The ongoing match, the ongoing competition or even longer?

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Mike Pegg a warning (yellow card) should last until the end of the competition or stage you are playing (Swiss, Poules, KO).

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Mill Park Pétanque In Article 35 #2 how is it decided which boules is disqualified? Played or to be played?

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Mike Pegg the umpires choice

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Mazlan Ahmad Hi Mike. The last sentence of art 35(1) - "If one of these players has already been given a yellow card,....." Does this include:-
1) Any kind of individual offence (yellow-card) other than time-limit breach?

2).Do we consider the players previous yellow card given during the on-going match/stage only or throughout all his previous matches in the tournament?

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Mike Pegg I think the rule is quite specific in either language: a yellow card for exceeding the time limit will be imposed on all the players of the offending team. If one of these players has already been given a yellow card, they will be penalised by disqualification of the boule played or to be played.

A warning (yellow card) would normally stay with the player for the duration of the competition or stage of the competition.

At the European Championships we have 3 stages - Swiss, Poules, KO.

If a player is given a warning during one of the stages it would be removed when he starts the next.

If it was for only a game the umpire would always be giving a warning to the player perhaps the same infringement... the players would simply ignore the penalty.

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Gary Jones Hi Mike Pegg, You did not mention that the old rules Article 34 (3) "Disqualification of the boule played or about to be played and the following boule," has been done away with in the new rules Article 35. This seems to be a rather significant change. Just curious as to the reasoning behind that particular change if you would share? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary Jones, yes you are correct I did forget to mention our trimming of the 2nd penalty. It was nothing more than to simplify the penalty system - 1. Warning, 2 Disqualify a boule, 3, Disqualify the player, 4 Disqualify the team, 5 Disqualify both teams

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Raymond Ager

January 6

Mike, re a yellow card being given to the team if the 1-minute rule is broken. I understand and think it's a sensible change. But what happens if the team breaks this rule a second time and a boule is disqualified? Is the team penalised or just 1 player?

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Mike Pegg wouldn't disqualifying a boule be penalising the team ?

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Raymond Ager Of course - but what will actually happen? Imagine 3 players together, discussing tactics and they break the 1-minute rule for a second time. Does the umpire issue an orange card to the team? The problem is that there is no single player at fault - hence the reason for the rule change. Will the umpire wait until a player enters the circle, then disqualify a boule?

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Mike Pegg The simple answer is the umpire will present to the team the orange card and disqualify the next boule they are to throw... I can't see the problem you are trying to present 😊

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Raymond Ager OK, that's clarifies what will happen.

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Monty Quaia Is the ball disqualified before it's thrown or once it's been played? Probably a stupid question but I've never seen anyone make the same mistake twice in the same game, can imagine it being a more common occurrence with the whole team

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Mike Pegg **Monty Quaia** given the scenario Ray presented I would expect the boule to be disqualified before it was thrown

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Bouliste Steve Ferg **Mike Pegg** -- Imagine 3 players together, discussing tactics and they break the 1-minute rule for a second time. Each player has one unplayed boule, and they have not yet decided which player will play their next boule. How does the umpire decide which boule he will disqualify?

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Perhaps he leaves that choice to the team?

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Mike Pegg **Bouliste Steve Ferg** what ! in the real world the umpire will disqualify the next boule the team play.... if there is any doubt he/she can always disqualify a boule that has been played, perhaps the one holding the point!

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Peter Bolin Hmm... interesting discussion! Is there now days an orange card to wawe - not only the Yellow and the red card? What will then happen if and when an Umpire follow the rules - either of there performe and acted korrekt and leave no space for personal interpretation! 🤔 ??? Well!? 🤔

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Bouliste Steve Ferg **Mike Pegg** - I'm not sure I understood your answer. Let me re-phrase the (well, **Raymond Ager**'s) question. Imagine 3 players together, discussing tactics and they break the 1-minute rule for a second time. Each player has one unplayed boule, and they have not yet decided which player will play their next boule. Does the umpire (a) immediately disqualify one of the team's unplayed boules, or (b) wait for the team to play a boule and then disqualify one of the played boules? I take it the umpire has the power to do either (a) or (b)? If he chooses to do (a), how does the umpire decide which unplayed boule he will disqualify?

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Mike Pegg **Bouliste Steve Ferg** Maybe it will help if I quote the rule - Disqualification of the boule played or to be played - so the umpire has a choice depending on the situation.

Like · January 6 at 11:36pm



Mike Pegg **Peter Bolin** Hi Peter, from the outset there have been 3 cards, yellow, orange and red. Surprised you did not know considering that you are an umpire!

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Peter Bolin Mike Pegg - Sorry for not knowing this! In Sweden we are still using the Izmir rules from October 7, 2010. I will study the new rules from 4th December 2016 carefully a.s.a.p. I dont know when the new rules will be adopted in Sweden! All the best / Peter

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Mike Pegg Hi Peter Bolin, I would guess most Federations will still be using the 2010 rules until they have issued the new ones in their own language. Happy New Year 😊

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Mike Pegg

January 7

NEW RULES (day 11) and the last article to be changed

As art 4 now allows a pleyer to register with a licence or official document it follows that art 39 needed to include being able to withdraw the "official document".

Other changes to this article are to bring back a more specific rule about clothing and in particular that footwear must be fully enclosed protecting both toes and heels.

Smoking of any kind including electronic smoking devices are banned as are mobile phones.

Finally, we included the words "if they persist" to make it clear that following a warning from the umpire, if a player continues to ignore these rules that they will be disqualified from the competition.

Article 39, Bad behaviour

The player who is guilty of bad behaviour, or worse, violence towards an official, an Umpire, another player or a spectator incurs one or several of the following penalties, depending on the seriousness of the offence.

- 1) Exclusion from the competition.
- 2) Withdrawal of licence or of the official document.
- 3) Confiscation or restitution of expenses and prizes.

The penalty imposed on the guilty player can also be imposed on his or her team-mates.

Penalty 1 is imposed by the Umpire.

Penalty 2 is imposed by the Jury.

Penalty 3 is imposed by the Organising Committee which, within 48 hours, sends a report with the expenses and prizes retained to the Federation's Organisation which will decide on their destination.

In all cases, the Chairman of the Committee for the Federation concerned will make the final decision.

Correct dress is required of the players, specifically it is forbidden to play without a top and for safety reasons, the players must wear fully enclosed shoes protecting the toes and heels.

It's forbidden to smoke during play, including electronic cigarettes. It is also forbidden to use mobile phones during the games.

Any player who does not observe these rules, will be excluded from the competition if they persist after a warning from the umpire.

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January 6

Mike Pegg Art 6:

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3. At any time the player can bring their own circle and use it even though the organiser do not set it as a requirement.

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Mike Pegg 1. Yes, 2 and 3 no if the organiser has provided the circles.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Clarification for no 3. The organiser did not provide or intend the game as to have the fabricated circle, can the players use fabricated circles rather than drawing them?

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Mike Pegg not if the organisers state no resin circles.....

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Steve Frampton

January 4

Hi Mike. I was wondering if you could provide an explanation of what exactly "sweeping" is? Especially in regards to the rule about not being allowed to sweep in front of a boule that is about to be shot. Some people I have spoken to believe that this encompasses filling in a hole directly in front of a boule that is about to be shot, but it is not clear what "sweeping" is so we cannot accurately explain this new part of the rule to people.

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Mike Pegg Hi [Steve Frampton](#), this would be so much easier to demonstrate that it is to explain...

Imagine, if you will, the relatively small mark a boule would normally make when it hits the ground.

Some players sweep, or drag, their foot 20 cm or more across the ground in front of a target boule or over a landing point.

This potentially smooths or levels an area making it very unlike any other part of the terrain or perhaps a slightly lower level than the ground the target boule is sitting on making it an easier target.

This sort of action can also loosen the ground to make it softer so that the boule does not bounce. Some players will also stamp or tamp down the ground to make it more compact.

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Steve Frampton Hi Mike. This is where I think everything about sweeping gets really confusing, because if it is the action of dragging the gravel into the hole by using your foot then is there anything that says how a player is supposed to fill in a hole if they cannot use this action anymore? I know a lot of people that fill in a hole by using their foot to push the gravel into the hole.

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Mike Pegg [Steve Frampton](#) it's not the action of pushing gravel into the mark made by the boule, it is the extensive area being cleared. It does not take sweeping a 20cm or larger area to fill an 8cm mark.

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Steve Frampton Mike Pegg. Actually (if I wanted to be pedantic) based on mathematics it could take that much of a "sweep" to fill in an 8cm hole. An 8cm circle will have an area equivalent of 50cm, assuming that the hole is only 1cm deep. Therefore taking 20cm of gravel (again 1cm thick) is potentially only just enough to fill it in (assuming that you use the ball of your foot and not the whole sole of your foot to do it). So if we take that into account, how is the umpire to know how much is too much of a drag of gravel to level the area where there is a hole compared to what becomes sweeping? 😊
I guess what I am trying to get to is a consensus where we can clearly say something like, "you can fill in a hole in front of a boule. But you cannot level the ground in front of a boule if there was no hole there to be filled." Then you run into the situation that if the original ground in front of the boule was not level, then you would need to enforce that the players are actually putting the bumps/lumps back into the hole in the first place.


I can see that this rule is going to cause a lot of problems for our

players and umpires if it is not clear what can and cannot be done before they will be penalised for sweeping.

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Glen Woodward This is something people at our club have also been discussing... one person saying that he interprets this to be that you cannot fill a hole directly in front of a boule you are about to shoot

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Brian Harris When I read that Rule I assumed it meant when a person, which can regularly be seen in a game, levels the area in front of a boule that they intend to shoot when there is no hole from a previous boule. It appears to be common practice to do this.

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Raymond Ager Silly me, I thought it meant you couldn't take a broom or a rake to the terrain. 😊

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Mike Pegg you will have to leave your garden tools at home in future Ray

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Bouliste Steve Ferg What's wrong with a player sweeping in front of a boule that he's about to shoot? Is it:

- (1) A player is allowed to fill a divot before pointing, but not before shooting?
- (2) A player isn't allowed to fill a divot in a certain way (i.e. by "sweeping")?
- (3) A player isn't allowed to act as if he is filling a divot when there really is no divot?
- (4) Something else?

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Steve Frampton This is what I am really wanting to find out too. Especially with your example:

- (2) A player isn't allowed to fill a divot in a certain way (i.e. by "sweeping")?

And if this is the problem, then what is the "correct" way to fill in a divot if you cannot brush/sweep the gravel around it into the divot? Does this mean that we now have to pick up gravel from somewhere else and put it in the divot using our hands?

Clarity is what is really needed with this rule, and that is unfortunately not something that I can see at the moment.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Steve Frampton](#) - Exactly right!

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Raymond Ager I'm sure [Mike](#) will clarify but the point is that a hole is, normally, fairly small, perhaps 2-3cm diameter, sometimes larger in loose gravel. You can fill this in but you can't smooth out a much larger area, eg 50cm, in front of a boule - especially when there wasn't a hole!

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) exactly Ray, thank you....

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Bouliste Steve Ferg So "sweeping" is moving around parts of the terrain in excess of the amount that is needed to repair the divot?

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Or, to put it another way, "sweeping" is smoothing out an area on the terrain, rather than repairing a divot?

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Mike Pegg [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) there are some days when I dread the USA coming on line 😊

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) - Thanks! 😊 But I can't take all the credit on this one. It was [Steve Frampton](#) who pointed out the problem, which is, basically, that "sweeping" is undefined. We're simply trying to get at a clear definition of "sweeping". Can you help with that?

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Mike Pegg

January 1

NEW RULES (day 5) and a very Happy New Year to you all

There are no changes to art 9 and only the one to art 10.

The rule states the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

Filling a hole does not mean or include stamping down the area, sweeping across the ground to smooth or level it out, but all too often the rule is ignored by both the players and umpires alike.

To make it very clear for all concerned we have added to art 10 - For not complying with this rule, especially in the case of sweeping in front of a boule to be shot, the players incur the penalties outlined in article 35.

Article 10, Displacement of obstacles

It is strictly forbidden for players to press down, displace or crush any obstacle whatever on the playing area. However, the player about to throw the jack is authorised to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times. Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

For not complying with this rule, especially in the case of sweeping in front of a boule to be shot, the players incur the penalties outlined in article 35.

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Anand Arupam Job on for the referees! It has been tolerated so long that it will be a struggle to implement this rule. Happy new year too [Mike](#)

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Mike Pegg indeed, we are very aware of the issue of umpires failing to enforce some rules.... plans are being made to improve umpiring at all levels

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Eli Nielsen Good luck with that one... any complaints from the opponent team (umpire didn't see it) will only be a discussion of if there were a hole or not... Why not just say it is not permitted to change the surface in any way during en game. Only a very few players in the world are able to land there boules in just that precise spot they filled before throwing the boule.

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Mike Pegg I understand the point you are making and there is room for improvement in the quality of umpires in our sport... but if the umpire is doing his/her job properly then they will be able to deal with this sort of issue 😊

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Raymond Ager One thing I'm curious about: in 2015-2016 at some of the top French competitions, the organisers, umpires and players agreed to trial a possible rule change - shooters were not allowed to touch the terrain before shooting. Everybody seemed to be in favour of making this change - I was a bit of a lone voice arguing that the solution was not to amend the rules but to enforce the existing rule. I asked the lead umpire about this at one of the finals - his reply, "Yes, but it's difficult to enforce, everybody does it and it's impossible to verify if there was actually a hole or not. The only solution is to amend the rule." I thought the change would be implemented but no, just a clarification about penalties. Any explanation?

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Anand Arupam Willingly bluntly ignoring some rules is part of the sportspsychology in many sports unfortunately..

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Mike Pegg The proposed rule was that if the player was shooting they (gender neutral) would not be permitted to fill any marks.

Unfortunately this was watered down to what we have now in art 27. No doubt if this rule presents more problems than it solves we shall consider a modification at our next meeting. 😊

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Derek Adam And then there will be the argument about what constitutes a 'shoot'.

There is a world of difference between a direct shooting shot and a hard point in the direction of the target ball. Ignoring of course the point that ends up being too hard and hits the target ball when not intended.

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Mike Pegg if there is a world of difference between a shot and a hard



point the umpire ought to be able to spot it.... but that's not what you meant is it ! 😊

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Raymond Ager Hmm, I'm not so sure it's always that obvious... Imagine a standing high-lob point in front of the target boule - such shots often take a 'hard bounce' and shoot forward.

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Mike Pegg **Raymond Ager** I'm not getting drawn into this debate over what is a shot or a point, its pointless 😊 . Maybe something to chat about if the rule is changed again and the shooter is not allowed to fill a hole!

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Raymond Ager **Mike Pegg** Agreed. Point taken. 😊

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Mike Pegg **Raymond Ager** I thought about saying it would be a null point but on reflection I thought that it may have started another tedious post... have a good day 😊

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

January 5

Mike Pegg Art 6:

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Mat Jue likes this.



Arnold van der Pol

December 20, 2016

Hi Mike Pegg,

I have a question about article 23 (new rules 24):

“any boule thrown contrary to the rules is dead”

What should we do if a player plays more than one boule wrongly ?

For example, a team playing three bowls in a row while it was not his turn.

May then all three boules are taken out of the game?

Arnold van der Pol.

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Brian Harris Presumably if they played three boules in a row they must have thought that your team were holding. On the assumption that at least two of those three boules are still not closer to the cochenet then surely this is to your advantage? Taking out those three boules seems excessive to me.

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Mike Pegg You need to read the rest of article 24, Except for cases in which these rules provide specific and graduated penalties as outlined in Article 35, any boule thrown contrary to the rules is dead and if marked, anything that it has displaced in its travel is put back in place. However, the opponent has the right to apply the advantage rule and declare it to be valid.

In this case, the boule pointed or shot, is valid and anything it has displaced remains in its place.

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Brian Harris Thanks Mike.

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Arnold van der Pol Hi Mike Pegg,

A very Happy New Year.

Thank you for your answer, I read the rest of article 24.

The only thing I wanted to know was, can "any boule" mean: more than 1 boule ?

For example, a team playing three bowls in a row while it was not his turn. May then all three boules are taken out of the game?

Arnold van der Pol.

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Mike Pegg

January 5

NEW RULES (day 9)

Today I'm posting the next 2 articles that have been modified.

Firstly art 29, the change is to make it clear who throws the jack. This is in response to those people who would argue that in a case where the jack had passed to the opponent, at the start of the end, that it would again be the opponent who had the right to throw the jack to start the new end.

Secondly art 32. The practice has for some time been for the game to stop when a team mate goes to the toilet. With this addition to the rule the only thing to stop is this wait for the player to return.

Article 29, Boules equidistant from the jack

When the two closest boules to the jack belong to opposing teams, and are at an equal distance from it, 3 cases can apply:

- 1) If the two teams have no more boules to play the end is dead and the jack belongs to the team which **had scored the points in the previous end or who had won the draw**.
- 2) If only one team has boules at its disposition, it plays them and scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule.
- 3) If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them. When only one team possesses boules, the arrangement set out in the preceding paragraph applies.

After completion of the end, no boules remain within the boundary of the authorised playing area, the end is null and void.

Article 32, Penalties for absent teams or players

At the time of the draw and the announcement of its result, the players must be present at the control table. A quarter of an hour after the announcement of these results, the team which is absent from the terrain will be penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents. This time limit is reduced to 5 minutes in games that are timed.

After this time limit, the penalty accrues by one point for each five minutes of the delay.

The same penalties apply throughout the competition, after each random draw and in the case of a re-start of games after a break for any reason whatsoever.

The team which does not present itself on the playing area within the hour of the start or restart of games is declared to be eliminated from the competition.

An incomplete team has the right to start a game without waiting for its absent player; nevertheless, it does not use the boules of that player.

No player may be absent from a game or leave the playing area without the authorisation of the Umpire. **In any case this absence will not interrupt the course of the game, nor the obligation for the partners to play their boules in the specified minute. If the player has not returned by the moment they are to play their boules, they are cancelled at the rate of one**

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Carol Barnes Could this be seen as discrimination as a disabled person or someone with a medical problem or diabetic needing a jab may not be able to get to the loo and back in a minute and may have no choice but to leave the terrain at that time.

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Carol Barnes Oops sorry the whole paragraph wasn't showing in original post



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Bouliste Steve Ferg

January 3

I seem to see a problem in the English version of Article 16. Can I ask if there are any native French speakers out there who can confirm or disconfirm it? At the end of Article 16, the French expression «point nul» is translated as "dead end". But a «point nul» is not the same thing as a dead end («mène nulle»). The French expression «point nul» refers to a situation in which neither team holds the point, either because there is an equidistant boules situation or because all boules have been knocked out of the terrain. A good translation of a «point nul» might therefore be something like "undecided point". The concept of an "undecided point" is important because it is an undecided point that triggers alternate play until the point is decided (i.e. until one of the teams has the point). Correcting the translation of Article 16 is important because the expression «point nul» occurs only once in the rules, and if it is lost in translation, English-speaking players are left without a technical term for an important feature of the game.

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Mazlan Ahmad I think dead-end is the correct term. That is english. You drive in a parkway, you park in a drive way! You recite at a play and you play at a recital. They term it boxing ring although its a square! That's english!

Simply said its a draw.

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Jac Verheul Although I'm not native French, but Dutch to be honest, 'point nul' is indeed no points at all, for nobody, thus an undecided end.

Like · January 3 at 3:17pm



Bouliste Steve Ferg Hi [Jac Verheul](#) - Remember that the word "point" is ambiguous in both French and English. A «point nul» doesn't mean that neither team SCORES any points. It means that neither team IS HOLDING the point.

One cause of confusion is the fact that the French word "nul" (and "nulle") is an adjective that has different meanings when used to describe different things.

- A "null" BOULE (or jack) is a dead boule or jack.
- A "null" MÈNE is a scoreless (or "void") mène.
- A "null" POINT is an undecided point.

Note also that a «point nul» does not necessarily cause a «mène nulle». If the «point nul» exists when all boules have been thrown, then the mène is indeed a «mène nulle» - a scoreless or void mène. On the other hand, if the «point nul» occurs when both teams still have unplayed boules, that causes the teams to play alternately until one of the teams gains the point, thus deciding the undecided point.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Here are two examples of the use of the expression «point nul».

(a) There is a LEXIQUE DE LA PÉTANQUE that you can find on various web sites. The entry for "nul" says: «Point nul: lorsque deux boules d'équipes adverses sont à égale distance du but.»

<http://www.boulistenaute.com/mod.../tinycontent/index.php...>

(b) On the bottom of the last page of the 2014 FFPJP "CONDENSÉ D'ARBITRAGE" there is a note that says: «Point nul: le dernier [équipe] rejoue, si plus de boule = mène nulle.» [Undecided point: the team that played last, plays again; if there are no more boules, the mène is scoreless.]

<http://www.boules-alzou.fr/CONDENSE%20ARBITRAGE.pdf>

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Mike Pegg Oh dear, turn my back for just a day and look what happens....


Firstly, I should point out that French is not my strong language and I rely on my colleagues to confirm interpretations and some translation. With the new rules I worked extensively on both documents concentrating on the rules that have been modified or introduced.


In this case (art 16) the only change in the past 12 years has been to the numbering so there was nothing for me to do other than make sure it was correct. It seems to have served us well for many years without issue but Steve I shall try to clear up your dilemma and for your information, this is what it "means" in either language

Art 16 in slightly different words (for Steve's clarity)
If after shooting or pointing there are no boules left on the lane you need to read art 29 to find out what happens next.... that's what it means!

Art 29 - the bit you need to read:
1) If the two teams have no more boules to play the end is dead and the jack belongs to the team which had scored the points in the previous end or who had won the draw.
2) If only one team has boules at its disposition, it plays them and scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule.
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If, after completion of the end, no boules remain within the boundary of the authorised playing area, the end is null and void.

End of discussion - I mean it!

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 **Bouliste Steve Ferg** No problem. "Translator's choice" as they say. 😊

Like · January 4 at 7:32am

 **Mike Pegg** [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) not sure who "they" are but the translation is good.

Like · January 4 at 9:06am



Sheikh Ismail Silan

January 3

Mike Pegg Art 8 para 4: Before the jack is given to the opponent to place, both teams must have recognised that the throw was not valid or the Umpire must have decided it to be so. If any team proceeds differently, it loses the benefit of the throwing of the jack. WHY THIS RULE IS GIVEN THE CERTAINTY THAT THEY STILL HAS THE RIGHT TO THROW THE JACK AGAIN?

I thought the new rule has lifted the right of throwing the jack again after fail to do so in the first place. The right act should be the player/team be given the yellow card.

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Pedro Serrano Unanue likes this.



Bouliste Steve Ferg

January 2

Mike Pegg - Can you tell us a bit about the relationship between national federation rules and FIPJP international rules?

(1) Many (most?) national federations seem simply to adopt the FIPJP rules without change (except perhaps for translation). Is that done simply out of (unwritten) convention?

(2) It seems that national federations are permitted to make at least minor changes to the FIPJP rules when adopting their national rules. FPUSA adopts the FIPJP rules almost without change, but makes a minor change to the "floating jack" clause. The French federation changes their rules to "test drive" proposed changes to the FIPJP rules. I don't know about other national federations. Are there any limits to the degree to which national federations can tweak their own national rules?

(3) Is it true that some national federations don't really even have their own national rules - they just say "Competitions played in our country will be played by the FIPJP rules"? Do many countries do it that way?

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Jac Verheul For me it's very clear. By joining to the FIPJP national federations declare that they accept and applicate the rules of the FIPJP. The statutes of the FIPJP say this (art. 6):

Les Statuts et Règlements, les décisions prises dans les Congrès de la F.I.P.J.P. ou par le Comité Exécutif dans le cadre de ses compétences, lient et engagent toutes les Fédérations Nationales affiliées à la F.I.P.J.P. et par voie de conséquence, l'ensemble de leurs sociétés et licenciés.

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Anand Arupam 1) Jac [Jac Verheul](#) answered that
2) there is only one set of rules, but also unwritten rules are so important
3) i think the french version is the official language still, but I am okay with changing it to English...would be much easier for a lot of countries, except most french are not very good at english...
Let's not discuss but simply adapt to where we are playing..going to watch darts now 😊

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Jac Verheul Both French and English are the official languages of the FIPJP. It's a pity that I couldn't find an English version of the FIPJP statutes...!

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Mike Pegg Hi [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#), art 6 of the FIPJP Statutes (rough translation) - The Rules and Regulations, the decisions taken in the Congress of the FIPJP or by the Executive Committee are the framework of its powers, bind and engage all National Federations affiliated to the FIPJP and consequently, all of their companies and licensees.

The rules are translated to English as it is an official working language of the FIPJP however, the French version takes precedence.

Federations can and do translate the rules to their own language. If a Federation was to change a rule or its meaning then obviously that would negate those rules from being considered as the official rules, instead they become the rules of the Federation concerned.

Most Federations adopt the rules using either the French or English versions, some will translate them to their own language and as far as I know take care to be accurate.

Most, if not all, will have their own "competition rules" which will compliment the official rules.

I ought to add, the French Federation tested some of the rules over the past 2 years by request, not because they do their own thing. If you take a look at their website you will see they have adopted all the "official rules" issued in December 2016. 😊

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) -- Thanks! 😊

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Mike Pegg of course the rule you have for a floating jack is incorrect. The point about this specific rule is that the area in which a jack floats is considered out of bounds - that means not only is the floating jack dead but you cannot have the circle one side of the puddle and the jack another because you would have an "out of bounds" area between them -art 9 (6).

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) - Yes. Do you think "incorrect" is the right word? It is not an example of an incorrect translation. It is an example of a case in which the rules of a national federation are different from the international rules.

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Mike Pegg [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) not in accordance with the official rules for the sport of petanque - better?

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) - Yes. Much better. 😊

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Eddie Hollestelle So the new rules are now also official for the NJBB?



Like · January 3 at 3:54am



Anand Arupam To me the answer seems yes...as the NJBB is member of the FIPJP...eventhough I think many referees are not instructed yet knowing the NJBB. Also many players where I will be playing this sunday probably have no idea either...

Like · January 3 at 4:00am



Jac Verheul In another topic Mike told me that countries may have a delay for applying the new rules while waiting for the translation into the own language. But in any case, doubts of good translation, interpretations, and so on, the French and English texts will be preferential.

Like · January 3 at 4:47am



Eddie Hollestelle So as long as the NJBB doesn't announce to play by the new rules the old rules rule

Like · January 3 at 4:49am



Anand Arupam No **Eddie**, if they say we play by the rules of the international organisation, then things are crystal clear and new rules apply. I'll have a chat with the ref this sunday before the game to see how much he knows about the changes. Otherwise he better proclaims we play by the dutch translation as it still is.

Like · January 3 at 4:52am



Mike Pegg If only educating umpires and players was as instant and easy as putting a post on the internet, but it is all going to take a little time. I am sure your Federation will make sure everyone has a copy of the rules that they can understand, perhaps in your own language. Be a little patient 😊

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Mike Pegg

January 3

NEW RULES (day 7)

To speed things along a little today I'm posting art 19, 24 and 26.

Art 19 (paragraph 3) now includes that the boules/jack have to be marked if they are to be replaced - we thought it was obvious but it seems not!

Art 24 The addition to the first sentence allows for the umpire to impose a penalty (warning, disqualification etc) as stated in art 35.

Art 26 It appears some umpires wanted it made clear that the players should stand back to let them measure, to save any issues we made it mandatory plus in both the World and European Championships finals we only allow the umpire to measure so we felt it was a good thing to have it in the rules.

Article 19, Dead boules

Any boule is dead from the moment that it enters an out of bounds area. A boule straddling the boundary line of the authorised playing area is valid. The boule is dead only after having completely crossed the boundary of the allotted playing area, that is to say, when it is situated entirely beyond the boundary when viewed from directly above. The same applies when, on marked lanes, the boule completely crosses more than one of the lanes alongside the lane in use or when it crosses the end line of the lane.

In timed games played on a marked lane a boule is considered dead when it completely crosses the line of the designated lane.

If the boule comes back into the playing area, either because of the slope of the ground or by having rebounded from an obstacle. moving or stationary, it is immediately taken out of

24, Boules thrown contrary to the rules

For cases in which these rules provide specific and graduated penalties as stated in art 35, any boule thrown contrary to the rules is dead and if marked, anything displaced in its travel is put back in place.

For, the opponent has the right to apply the advantage rule and declare it to be dead. If the boule is pointed or shot, the boule pointed or shot, is valid and anything it has displaced remains

Article 26, Measuring of points

The measuring of a point is the responsibility of the player who last played or by one of his or her team-mates. The opponents always have the right to measure after one of these players.

Measuring must be done with appropriate instruments, which each team must possess.

Notably, it is forbidden to effect measurements with the feet. The players who do not observe this rule will incur the penalties outlined in Article 35.

Whatever positions the boules to be measured may hold, and at whatever stage the end may be, the Umpire can be consulted and his or her decision is final. [During the time that the umpire is measuring the players must be at least 2 metres away.](#)

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January 2

NEW RULES (day 6)

All the rules following article 10 have been renumbered because 10a, as it was, is not an extension of article 10.

Changing of a jack or boule used to be article 4 but it was moved in 2008 and to save renumbering all the following articles it was renumbered 10a.

The next article to be modified is art 14.

These small changes are to make it clear who has the right to throw the jack if, when it became dead (out of play), both teams have boules or have none - art 14 (1) and 14 (3).

Article 14, Rules to apply if the jack is dead

If, during an end, the jack is dead, one of three cases can apply:

- 1) Both teams have boules to play, the end is void and the jack is thrown by the team that scored the points in the previous end or who won the toss.
- 2) Only one team has boules left to play, this team scores as many points as boules that remain to be played.
- 3) The two teams have no more boules in hand, the end is void and the jack is thrown by the team that scored the points in the previous end or who won the toss.

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Валерий Крапиль Hi, Mike! My question about situation when during two ends in a row jack is dead and both teams have boules. Does new redaction mean that after second dead jack we need a new toss to decide who must begin next end? After first dead jack the end is void (nobody scored points) so after next there is no "team that scored the points in the previous end".

Like · January 2 at 2:58pm



Mike Pegg the throw of the jack remains with the team that last scored, or if no score because the game had just started it is the team that won the toss to begin the game

Like · 1 · January 2 at 3:41pm



Bouliste Steve Ferg

December 30, 2016

Mike Pegg -- Hi Mike. It appears that in Article 12 (formerly Article 11), in the French version, the second sentence in the article was split into two sentences for readability. The split doesn't show up in the English translation.

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Mike Pegg Not sure what you are looking at Steve but I have checked both the FIPJP website version and what I have here and cannot see the issue

Article 12, Jack masked or displaced
If, during an end, a leaf or a piece of paper accidentally masks the jack these objects are removed.
If the jack comes to be moved by the wind or the slope of the terrain, for example or by the Umpire, a player or spectator accidentally treading on it, a boule or a jack coming from another game, an animal or any other mobile object, it is returned to its original position, provided this was marked.
To avoid any argument, the players must mark the jack's position. No claim can be accepted regarding boules or jack whose positions have not been marked.
If the jack is moved by a boule played in this game, it is valid.

Article 12 - But masqué ou déplacé
Si, au cours d'une même, le but est inopinément masqué par une feuille d'arbre ou un morceau de papier, ces objets sont enlevés.
Si le but arrêté vient à se déplacer, en raison du vent ou de l'inclinaison du terrain, par exemple, il est remis à sa place primitive, à condition qu'il ait été marqué. Il en va de même si le but est déplacé accidentellement par l'arbitre, un joueur, un spectateur, une boule ou un objet provenant d'un autre jeu, un animal ou tout objet mobile.
Pour éviter toute contestation, les joueurs doivent marquer le but. Il ne sera admis aucune réclamation impliquant des boules ou un but non marqué.
Si le but est déplacé par l'effet d'une boule jouée de cette partie, il est valable.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg **Mike Pegg** - The meaning of the rule hasn't changed, and the English translation still accurately captures the meaning of the French version. But the French version was changed grammatically so that it is now two sentences where previously it was one. The same change was not made to the English version, which (grammatically) is still one sentence. This is a matter of style and taste -- of how closely the translator wants the grammar of one version to mirror the grammar of the other version. I just thought I'd mention it because, to me, the change did seem to make the rule a little bit more readable.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg

December 30, 2016

Hi Mike Pegg -- May I suggest an alternate translation for a sentence in Article 32?

- The sentence, which concerns an absent player, is "S'il n'est pas revenu au moment où il doit jouer ses boules celles-ci sont annulées à raison d'une boule par minute."

- The current translation is "If the player has not returned by the moment they are to play their boules, they are cancelled at the rate of one boule per minute." My problem is with "they are to play their boules"

- I suggest something like this "If the player has not returned by the time that he must play his boules, they [his boules] are cancelled at the rate of one boule per minute."

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Mike Pegg Sorry Steve, you can suggest all you like but the Executive have agreed to adopt them as they are.... and the reason the rule states "they are to play their boules" is because the player may not be male

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Bouliste Steve Ferg No problem. Just a suggestion...

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Mike Pegg sure thing, thanks 😊

Like · December 31, 2016 at 12:45am



Jac Verheul But there is a grammatical contradiction, even a language error, as regard to 'player' and 'they'. 'Players' would be more logic then...

Like · 1 · December 31, 2016 at 1:39am



Mike Pegg I like it just the way it is 😊

Like · December 31, 2016 at 1:45am



Jac Verheul **Mike Pegg** You like this kind of language errors? 😊

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Mike Pegg I'm no expert in the English language but I guess I use it a lot more than you do.... anyhow, while working on the rules I did a little research and came up with this - hope it helps:

In the past, people tended to use the pronouns he, his, him, or himself but today, this approach is seen as outdated and sexist.

There are other options which allow you to arrive at a 'gender-neutral' solution such as:

You can use the wording 'he or she', 'his or her', etc.:

"If the boule goes out of play, he or she can..."

This can work well, as long as you don't have to keep repeating 'he or she', 'his or her', etc. throughout the document.

You can make the relevant noun plural, rewording the sentence as necessary:

"Researchers have to be completely objective in their findings."

This approach can be a good solution, but it won't always be possible.

You can use the plural pronouns 'they', 'them', 'their' etc., despite the fact that, technically, they are referring back to a singular noun:

"A researcher has to be completely objective in their findings."

Some people object to the use of plural pronouns in this type of situation on the grounds that it's ungrammatical.

In fact, the use of plural pronouns to refer back to a singular subject isn't new: it represents a revival of a practice dating from the 16th century.

It's increasingly common in current English and is now widely accepted both in speech and in writing.

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Keir Gale "They" is an accepted way of referring to an individual where the gender of that person is unknown.

Like · December 31, 2016 at 1:59am



Mike Pegg 😊

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Vesa Ekström Meanwhile in Sweden <https://www.theguardian.com/.../sweden-adds-gender...>



Sweden adds gender-neutral pronoun to dictionary

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Jac Verheul Of course, English is not my native language, so for me it seemed to be bad grammar. In Dutch we can't combine he/she with their.

Like · December 31, 2016 at 4:11am



Keir Gale Strictly speaking we can't in English either. But language is constantly evolving, and they/their is increasingly accepted where the gender is uncertain. Many trans or gender fluid people use they to refer to themselves.

Like · December 31, 2016 at 4:16am



Jac Verheul In spoken and in written English?

Like · December 31, 2016 at 4:53am



Keir Gale Yes 😊

Like · December 31, 2016 at 4:54am



Mike Pegg **Jac Verheul** guess you didn't read my post in full.... It's increasingly common in current English and is now widely accepted both in speech and in writing. 😊

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Jac Verheul



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Mike Pegg

December 30, 2016

NEW RULES (day 3)

The resin circles were first used at the World Championship (Grenoble)

2006 but it was not until 2008 that article 6 was modified to include the use of these circles.

Although the rules were again updated in 2010 they did not deal with question "what happens if the circle is moved or picked up". This new version has addressed those issues and includes the FIPJP approved "foldable" circle.

Another change to article 6 is to allow the team that won the draw (toss of a coin) or the previous end only 1 throw of the jack.

If the jack is not valid then it is passed to the opponent who must place it in a valid position.

Article 6 is attached

Article 6, Start of play and rules regarding the circle
The players must draw lots (toss a coin) to decide which team will choose the terrain, if it has not been allocated by the organisers, and to be the first to throw the jack.
If the lane has been designated by the organisers, the jack must be thrown on this lane. The teams concerned must not go to a different lane without the Umpire's permission.
Any member of the team winning the draw chooses the starting point and traces or places a circle on the ground. However, a drawn circle may not measure less than 35cm or more than 50cm in diameter and be of a size that the feet of each player can fit entirely inside it. Where a prefabricated circle is used, it must be rigid and have an internal diameter of 50cms (tolerance: + or - 2mm).
Folding circles are permitted but on condition they are of a model and the rigidity approved by the FIPJP.
The players are required to use the regulation circles provided by the organisers.
They must also accept the regulation circles, rigid or folding and approved by the FIPJP, provided by their opponent. If both teams have these circles the choice will be decided by the team that won the draw.
In all cases the circles must be marked before the jack is thrown.
The circle must be drawn (or placed) more than one metre from any obstacle and at least two metres from another throwing circle in use.
The team winning the toss or the previous end will have one attempt to throw a valid jack. If this jack is not valid it is handed to the opponent who may place it at any valid position on the designated terrain.
The team that is going to throw the jack must erase all throwing circles near the one it is going to use.
The interior of the circle can be completely cleared of grit/pebbles etc. during the end but must be put back in good order when the end is over.
The circle is not considered to be an out of bounds area.
The players' feet must be entirely on the inside of the circle and not encroach on its perimeter and they must not leave it or be lifted completely off the ground until the thrown boule has touched the ground. No part of the body may touch the ground outside the circle. Any player not respecting this rule shall incur the penalties as provided in Article 35.
As an exception, those disabled in the lower limbs are permitted to place only one foot inside the circle. For players throwing from a wheelchair, at least one wheel (that on the side of the throwing arm) must rest inside the circle.
The throwing of the jack by one member of the team does not imply that he or she is obliged to be the first to play.
If a player picks up the circle when there are boules still to be played, the circle is replaced but only the opponents are allowed to play their boules.

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Tim Edwins A team that is allowed to "place" the jack - are you literally allowed to place it right down on ground level? I thought maybe it had to be dropped? But the word place is very specific so just checking. Thanks.

Like · December 30, 2016 at 1:53am



Derek Adam Yes, you put it onto the ground. Otherwise dropping it could mean an illegal jack after it bounces out of permitted distances.

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Tim Edwins Many thanks

Like · December 30, 2016 at 2:05am



Mike Pegg Hi **Tim Edwins** the rule and practice is to place the jack to ensure it is in a valid position. 😊

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Tim Edwins Cheers **Mike**

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Compare to previous rule, the 2 metres distance between two circle is of different situation. The previous rule stated if only it is played in the open terrain, while this rule seem like even if it is played at any type of terrain. Is this what it meant?

Like · December 30, 2016 at 8:21am



Mike Pegg Yes, the distance between circles on marked or open terrains is now 2m

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Eli Nielsen The phrase "However, a drawn circle may not measure less than 35cm or more than 50cm in diameter and be of a size that the feet of each player can fit entirely inside it." seems to me to have a redundant wording... "and be of a size that the feet of each player can fit entirely inside it." I dont see the purpose of that sentense??? What about foldable circles. Can they be

folded into an ovale shape or is that avoided in the manufacturing?

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Mike Pegg Why is it redundant, not every competition or game will have resin circles! Allowing for drawn circles we have to set a minimum and maximum size..

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Mike Pegg I forgot to add, the only foldable circles that can be used are those approved by the FIPJP, they lock into a 'round' circle.

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Derek Adam Eli in some matches it would be possible for a player with very large feet to be restricted by making a smaller circle size, still 35cm but not much more.

Or if you know of a player who is comfortable with a wider stance, you could make a smaller circle.

The opposite also applies if it is you or a team member.

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Tony Thompson Tactics Derek. Why not make things difficult for your opponent, providing they can still get their feet within the boundaries of your drawn circle? Is it any different to throwing a 10mtr. jack when you know that the opponents shooter is accurate to only 7 mtrs.?

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Eli Nielsen OK... makes sense now.

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Mike Pegg

December 29, 2016

NEW RULES (day 2 - pm)

The next rule to be changed is article 5

You may have noticed that we now state that petanque can be played on any surface instead of any terrain... the other changes are mostly to tidy up the article, here's the full text:

Article 5, Area of play and terrain rules

Pétanque is played on any surface. However, by the decision of the Organising Committee or the Umpire, the teams may be asked to play on a marked and defined terrain. In this case, the terrain for National Championships and International Competitions, must have the following minimum dimensions: 15m long x 4m wide.

For other competitions, the Federations may permit variations relative to these minimum dimensions, subject to them not being below 12m x 3m.

A playing area comprises of an indeterminate number of lanes defined by strings, the size of which must not interfere with the course of play. These strings marking separate lanes are not dead ball lines except for those marking the end of the lane and the exterior of the terrain.

When the lanes are placed end to end, the end lines connecting the lanes are dead ball lines.

When the terrains of play are enclosed by barriers, these must be a minimum distance of 1 metre from the exterior line of the playing area.

Games are played to 13 points, with the possibility of leagues and qualifying heats being played to 11 points.

Some competitions can be organised within time limits. These must always be played within marked lanes and all the lines marking these lanes are dead ball lines.

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Mike Pegg thought it may help to add an image (showing the changes) for articles 3 - 5 that we have discussed so far..

Article 3. Approved jacks
Jacks are made of wood, or of a synthetic material bearing the manufacturer's mark and having obtained the FIP's approval in line with the precise specification relating to the required standards.
Their diameter must be 20mm (tolerance: + or -1mm).
Their weight must be between 10 and 12 grams.
Painted jacks are authorized, but at no time must they, nor the jacks made of wood, be capable of being probed up with a magnet.

Article 4. Licenses
To be registered in a competition each player must present their license, or in accordance with the rules of their federation, a document proving their identity, and that they are a member of that federation.

PLAY

Article 5. Area of play and terrain rules
Reference is made to any article, wherever, by the decision of the Organizing Committee or the Union, the teams may be asked to play on a marked and defined terrain. In this case, the terrain for National Championships and International Competitions, must have the following minimum dimensions: 13m long x 4m wide.
For other competitions, the Federations may permit variations relative to these minimum dimensions, subject to them not being below 12m x 3m.
A playing area comprises an indeterminate number of lanes defined by strings, the size of which must not interfere with the course of play. These strings marking separate lanes are not dead ball lines except for those marking the end of the lane and the exterior of the terrain.
When the lanes are placed end to end, the end lines connecting the lanes are dead ball lines.
When the terrain of play are enclosed by barriers, these must be a minimum distance of 1 metre from the exterior line of the playing area.
Games are played in 12 periods, with the possibility of waives and qualifying heats being played in 11 periods.
Some competitions can be organized within time limits. These must always be played within marked lanes and all the time marking these lanes are dead ball lines.

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Correction to Article 5
"dead boule line" has been corrected to "dead ball line"



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Seb Renaud

December 29, 2016

I see that in timed game you get one throw of the jack before opponents get to place the the jack. But in a normal game do you still have 3 throws before other team try's ? Ty

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Tim Edwins No, just 1 throw in all matches

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Chris Romeril To many rules now,it's getting silly

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Mike Pegg you should take a look at the number and complexity of the rules for golf... every sport must have rules, we currently have just 41!

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Chris Romeril When you coming back to Jersey [Mike Pegg](#)

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Matthew Eversden [Mike Pegg](#) there are only 34 rules in golf 😊
.....but there is over 100 sub sections

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Mike Pegg [Matthew Eversden](#) and your point is?

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Matthew Eversden No point just fishing 😊

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Mike Pegg [Matthew Eversden](#) yeh, I thought that was what you were up to... hope you had a good Xmas, happy New Year 😊


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Matthew Eversden Yes we had a great Christmas thanks. Hope you did too

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 **Mike Pegg** [Matthew Eversden](#) yes thanks... the diet starts on Monday
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 **Matthew Eversden** Me too. I might take up golf as there are fewer rules to break 😊
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 **Mike Pegg** [Matthew Eversden](#)



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 **Veronika Slobodová** Sport must have rules 😊
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 **Mike Pegg** Hi [Seb Renaud](#), from the 1st January (new rules) you get 1 throw of the jack regardless of the game being timed or not 😊
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 **Carol Barnes**
December 29, 2016

If a jack is placed on the piste by Team B after a bad throw from Team A, can team A query and measure the distance of the jack?

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 **Derek Adam** to ensure that the placed jack is valid, yes. However this was covered a few days ago. If team B place and invalid jack, they it is them that will re-place the jack, it does not switch back to team A again. At recent World Championships if team B placed an invalid jack the player was then shown a yellow card by the umpire.
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 **Mike Pegg** Hi [Carol Barnes](#), the answer is yes, team A may challenge the position team B have placed the jack .
If, after measuring the jack is found to be in an invalid position team B would be asked to move it to a valid place and they would also receive a warning - yellow card.
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 **Raymond Ager**
December 24, 2016

Dare I ask another question about the 2017 rules...? Most of the time, objects that are accidentally moved are replaced *only* on the condition that their position had been marked - otherwise they stay where they are. Fair enough.


Art 6 : ...If a player picks up the circle when there are boules still to be played, the circle is replaced but only the opponents are allowed to play their boules.


What happens if the position of the circle wasn't marked? And what happens if players aren't using plastic circles and erase the circle on the ground?

I'm not trying to be awkward - honest! - but I know these are the sort of things that crop up in games.

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 **Brian Harris** It happened to me this year. I picked up the ring and removed the markings, mostly.
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 **Mike Pegg** Hi Ray, the answer to your question is in part to be found in article 6 - In all cases the circles must be marked before the jack is thrown.
So a team that does not mark the circle would be given (in the first place) a warning, yellow card.

As for your scenario... in most cases the players will agree the position of the circle or it is possible to see where the players have been standing, so it is likely that the circle could be replaced.

The team that threw the jack (successfully or not) would be given a warning.

If it was not possible for the teams to agree or the umpire to place the circle the team that picked up the circle would be given a warning - if it was the same team that had thrown the jack then instead of a 2nd warning the umpire should disqualify a boule.

Have a great Xmas 😊

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Raymond Ager Many thanks, Happy Xmas.

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Eli Nielsen Hi again. We (umpires) will have a busy time checking for marked/unmarked circles, but I will just ask you to underline, that it is the entire team - and not only the player - who failed to mark the circle, that will get a warning. Usually it is only the player, who does not follow rules, who is penalised.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg I think that the new rule in Article 6 is meant to apply even if the circle is not marked. The same wording has been a part of the French national rules for at least the last couple of years, and even before that Jean-Claude Dubois, President of the French Commission Nationale d'Arbitrage (CNA) issued a ruling (March 2011) that "In this case, the opponent should put the throwing circle back in its place, even if this can be done only approximately, and the opponent plays his ball to finish the mene." <http://www.ffjp-cd17.com/.../Cas%20du%20cercle%20enleve.pdf>

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Mike Pegg As I've reported before, the French Federation have been testing some of the rules prior to the International Federation making them official this month.

Like · December 25, 2016 at 3:33am



Mike Pegg

December 29, 2016

NEW RULES (day 2)

We get such a variety of licence at Championships ranging from a credit card where all the data is in a chip or magnetic strip to an A4 document with the full playing history of the player.

The credit card only works if the control table has access to a card reader and the database, often we don't. Although article 4 has been modified to accommodate this variety of licence it is worth noting that at most World and European championships, the players, coaches and heads of delegation may be required to produce another form of ID, in addition to their licence, to confirm their identity.

Article 4, Licences

To be registered in a competition each player must present their licence, or, in accordance with the rules of their federation, a document proving their identity, and that they are a member of that federation.

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Glen Woodward

December 28, 2016

Hi Mike. I was just wondering if the piste dimensions rules apply to the inter regionals at Hayling island. I am asking because having helped to set up the pistes this year I know that some of them were as short as 11.2 meters. Should they be a minimum of 12 or 15 metres and if so will this be possible on the top car park at Hayling or will the curb to the road make this impossible? Also, 3 metres width could cause problems as I am not sure

whether the car park area could accommodate that size

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Mike Pegg Hi [Glen Woodward](#), the rules of our sport concerning the dimensions of a lane have not changed.

To quote the section of Art 5 relating to your question- the terrain for National Championships and International Competitions, must have the following minimum dimensions: 15m long x 4m wide.

For other competitions, the Federations may permit variations relative to these minimum dimensions, subject to them not being below 12m x 3m.

However, I know from past experience that a lot of the area for the Inter-Regional Championships at Mill Rythe is restrictive and it may not be possible to mark every lane to the minimum dimensions of 12 x 3.

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Glen Woodward If the dimension rules have not changed, then it seems strange that the lanes are not already to the specified measurements. None of the lanes at Hayling are 12 x 3 (the ones on the car park anyway). They probably average 11.4m x 2.6m. I'm not complaining at all, but when reading the new revised rules it just highlighted to me that the terrains at Mill Rythe are not at the specified standard size... Just wanted to see if it was something that the EPA would look into for future inter regionals, as it is always very crowded on those top terrains. I feel that if we could somehow try to get the pistes built to the recommended minimum requirements it would be a better and safer experience for all the participants.

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Mike Pegg You need to take this up with the EPA.... I'm not involved with the Association's management so can't answer for them. Just in case you didn't realise, this Facebook group has nothing to do with the EPA either. 😊

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Glen Woodward Cheers Mike. Just thought that because it related to the rules of petanque you could clarify if the dimensions at Hayling are within the rules... and you seem to have answered that question quite clearly. Thanks very much

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Brian Harris

December 26, 2016

Hello Mike. Please can you advise on the following. Rule 26 advises on the measuring of distances from the cochenet. Although not mentioned in Rule 26 people often state that if either the cochenet or the boule is moved when measuring, the team measuring lose the right to claim the point. Is this the case? If it is, is it also the case if both the cochenet and the boule are marked before measuring or can the items moved be replaced and the measuring continued?

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Mike Pegg Hi Brian, you are quoting an incorrect article number... in the old rules it was article 27, in the new rules (1st Jan 2017) it is article 28.

Article 28, Displacement of the boules or the jack

The team, whose player displaces the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point.

To be put back in their original place the jack or boule would need to have been marked.... but regardless the team/player has lost that point.

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Brian Harris Thanks Mike. It kind of puts you off measuring in a way.

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Mike Pegg I would hope not Brian... but of course you should always take care or if you have any doubts/concerns call the umpire
Have a good 2017 😊



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Raymond Ager Mike, please could you clarify, what happens if the umpire moves a boule or the jack when measuring?

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Mike Pegg yes of course.... If, during the measurement of a point, the Umpire disturbs or displaces the jack or a boule he will make a decision in an equitable way.

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Jac Verheul Although I'm not an umpire, when I'm asked to measure somewhere, first of all I'll do is an optical measuring. I know it's just an estimation, but it's better than nothing at such a moment.

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Derek Adam If your using a phone app, they are pretty inaccurate and don't take into account lens size share or distortion, in other words as good as a standard eye.

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Mike Pegg most of the time when the umpire is called it is because the difference between the jack and boules in question is difficult to split.... an "optical measure" is not going to make much difference if they are that close.

What the rule means, regarding the umpire measuring, is that he or she will make a decision in a fair and impartial manner.

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Jac Verheul What I meant was an optical estimation with the naked eye, just to have a first idea. And after that a real measurement with an appropriate tool.

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Raymond Ager **Derek Adam** about as accurate as a tape measure, then. 😊

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Derek Adam Phone apps definitely not. I worked with phone cameras for 6 years I know how good they are, or not.

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Raymond Ager I've seen a lot in inaccurate measuring with a tape measure - not measuring to the nearest edge of the boule, not being in line with the jack, Team A measures and announces "we're holding by 2mm", only for Team B to delare, "it's 3mm to us", etc. I would like to see an 'objective' measure to show how accurate - or not - a phone app measure is.

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Derek Adam The problem with a phone app is : it doesn't not take into account at what angle the phone is positioned, ie is it flat to the whole surface? Is the surface level? How steady is the hand using it? Is it in focus (bearing in mind dirty fingers obscure lenses). What resolution is the camera, and app, does the lens have any distortion? How many bad pixels are hidden in the camera hardware that can blur the accuracy? How much noise reduction or sharpening is applied to the camera software? This is a huge effect on 'edge' accuracy. And each and every phone and camera is different. Hence why I say they are not accurate enough.

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Raymond Ager I fully accept that - I would just like to see an objective test showing how accurate the app is, compared to a tape measure, where you can make the same comments about accuracy - hence the discrepancies when measuring and the need for umpires to adjudiate.

😊
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Derek Adam But for each test you do you will need multiple phones, by multiple manufactures. Lens distortion through vignetting is huge in very thin phones, but feel free to try it out and post the objective report results.

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Raymond Ager Afraid I'm not smart enough to have a smartphone. Any volunteers?

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Mike Pegg **Raymond Ager** what a waste of time.... please remember

this group is specifically for questions about the rules thanks 😊

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), if you don't want any discussion about issues relating to the rules - IMHO the very thing that makes the group interesting - it would be better to have a moderated group and vet all contributions.

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) asking for volunteers to test the inaccuracy of using a smart phone to measure has between little and nothing to do with the rules.

I monitor every post on here and I do not hesitate to delete inappropriate posts and in case you are wondering I will also remove people from posting on here if necessary 😊

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Tim Edwins What happens if, during an end, Team A measures and think they are on but accidentally move a boule. So they automatically lose the point and must play the next boule. The boule is thrown and nothing is disturbed. Are they then allowed to measure again the original two boules and now declare themselves on?

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Mike Pegg if nothing is disturbed then nothing has changed... they still do not hold the point with the boule they moved.

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Tim Edwins But if the boule moved only moved 2mm and didn't affect the outcome of the original measure, so your team's boule is holding, but because you moved a boule during measuring you lose the point?

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Mike Pegg [Tim Edwins](#) sorry Tim, I don't understand your question

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Tim Edwins Sorry, kind of hard to explain. So an end is in progress. Team A and Team B have both thrown 1 boule each. It looks like Team B are on but Team A ask them to measure. Team B measures and moves Team A boule by 2 mm. At that point, have Team B automatically lost the measure? If so, they have to play the next boule, it is well short and doesn't affect anything. After that can they measure again the first 2 boules thrown?

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Mike Pegg [Tim Edwins](#) OK, then I need just a little more information so that I give you an answer - which of the 2 boules played is actually holding the point - B or the moved boule of A?

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Tim Edwins B is actually closer to the jack. Before and after A was moved by 2mm during measuring

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Mike Pegg OK, thanks.... according to your scenario after team B played their 1st boule team A asked them to measure to be sure of which boule is holding.

Team B measure and move the boule of team A
This means that team B cannot have the point so must play again.

They play their second boule but it is short and nothing is moved.
However, because they moved team A's boule, team B's 1st boule still cannot have the point which means they must play another boule and either take the point or move the jack/boules to change the situation.

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Tim Edwins Thanks Mike, that's great.

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Mike Pegg [Tim Edwins](#) two things to remember, 1. mark the jack and boules and 2. take care when measuring or if not sure call the umpire to do it

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Tim Edwins Thanks. If Team B had marked both boules and the jack before measuring, and then moved Team A boule, could they just put it back on the mark and continue measuring?

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Mike Pegg [Tim Edwins](#) the idea of the rule is to prevent a team getting

an unfair advantage by accidentally or perhaps deliberately moving the jack or boule while measuring.

You say you have no umpire so I guess the two teams or maybe the team captains agree things - in which case you could agree to replace the boule and get on with the game.

Who enforces the rules or applies penalties? 😊

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Tim Edwins Cool thanks again. Both captains just agree I guess. If things are very very tight then sometimes an external person is asked to measure, i.e. someone from another game or spectator not connected to either team.

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Mike Pegg that's fairly normal in league games... happy New Year 😊

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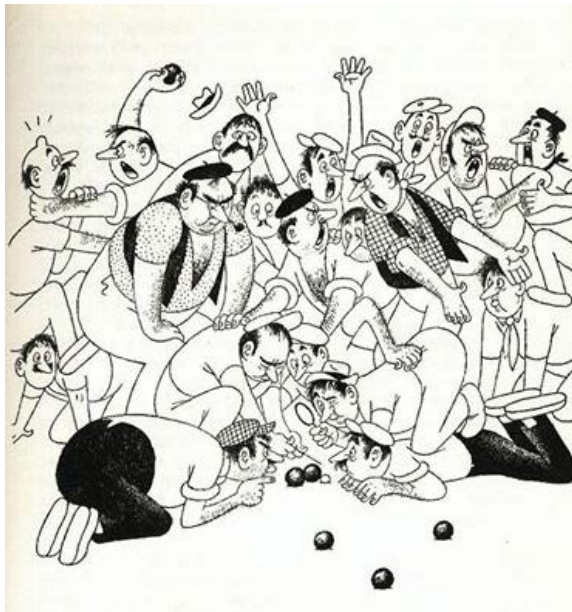
Tim Edwins Same to you, and thanks for all your work for pétanque!

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Mike Pegg updated the group photo.

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Raymond Ager

December 20, 2016

Concerning the new rule re only 1 throw of the jack: Art 8 "If the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules defined above, the opposing team will place the jack in a valid position on the terrain." If they wish to place the jack at 6m or 10m, are they allowed to measure first? If not, how do you determine the distance is valid?

As teams are only allowed 1 throw, I wonder if we'll start to see players testing the terrain before throwing the jack...?

BTW I notice that the jack is placed on the 'terrain', rather than down the 'lane' 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, assuming the opponents wish to place the jack at the exact minimum of 6m or maximum 10m it would make sense to measure first....

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Derek Adam As placing an invalid jack now results in a yellow card warning. Worth noting that as team 2 did not place a valid jack, it is still their responsibility to place a valid jack (after the yellow card).

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Mike Pegg the question it raises for me is WHY would they place the jack in an invalid position in the first place!

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Colin Stewart Derek really? Placing a jack in the wrong place punishable under Art 35? Can't see that reference myself. But clearly it's a moot point in any case - the rules state the jack must be placed in a valid position so play cannot continue until that has been done. The team who place the jack will need to get their tape out 😊

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Veronika Slobodová [Mike Pegg](#) mike, maybe not on purpose- i would "measure" 10m by steps only, place it and then oponent measures. It will be 10,01. Or 49cm from the line..

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Mike Pegg [Colin Stewart](#) exactly! 😊

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Colin Stewart All that's required is a change of mindset. Teams that have to place the jack have to do so immediately and in a valid place. Once teams realise that the onus is on them to put in in the right place first time it should be pretty straight forward. They can always ask an umpire to tell them what is and isn't valid if they really need to...

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Derek Adam [Colin](#), saw it several times in Madagascar. I was throwing jack and it was randomly flying over 10m. Niger then placed it at 5.8m. Just as well the umpire had just measured our over 10m jack so was able to check it. Witnessed it several times.

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Colin Stewart I see. I suppose it could be used to eat up some time in timed games

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Mike Pegg [Colin Stewart](#) maybe but from my experience at European and World events there has been very little in the way of issues with placing the jack.

Earlier this year I umpired an event in Norway.

Each year we have a problem with how long the games go on for so I asked them to trial the 1 throw and then placing the jack rule.

The teams very quickly adopted the rule and we saved a noticeable amount of time on each day.

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Colin Stewart I think it's a good change - we've been using it for 3 or 4 years for timed games up here, but in the absence of any written rule, we didn't really know what to enforce if the team placing the jack put it in an invalid place. Now we do 😊

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Mike Pegg [Colin Stewart](#) it was an inevitable change but as we know not everyone likes change... 😊

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Raymond Ager Thanks, [Mike](#), that's does seem the common sense thing to do. I can't help but wonder, was all this properly thought through? It will be interesting to see how this works out in practice, what players think and what referees think - I can foresee a rule change...

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Mike Pegg Of course it was thought through and tested. Placing the jack after one throw has been the norm for a while in timed games. It has reduced a lot of time wasting and has proven to work well.


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
Raymond Ager So do teams measure before placing the jack?



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 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) I've not seen it happen yet, the teams seem to know where a valid position is without measuring... don't you?
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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), if I was *that* good, there would be need to measure! Of course I like to think I have a good idea but I know perfectly well it can only ever be an approximation.
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
 **Mike Pegg** well the rule is you have to place the jack in a valid position and if that means you need to get your tape measure out then so be it...
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 **Raymond Ager** I'm going to print that out and quote you!!!
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
 **Mike Pegg** I don't see your problem... don't you have a tape measure?
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 **Raymond Ager** Of course I have a tape measure. I just think it will be interesting to see the opponents' reaction - and the umpires - if I get a tape measure out *before* throwing the jack. One could even argue it's in breach of Art 16: The player must not use any object or draw a line on the ground to guide him/her in playing... OK, I admit I cut out the bit about playing a boule, but it would be a departure from normal practice to measure before playing.
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

 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) we were discussing the need to place the jack in a valid position Ray.... you have, it seems, twisted the discussion to include throwing a jack.
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 **Raymond Ager** A typo 😊 Of course, it should be 'placing' the jack.
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
 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) that's one hell of a typo Ray "throwing" "placing" so very similar! 😊
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 **Raymond Ager** I have a French keyboard. 😊
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 **Mike Pegg** [Raymond Ager](#) good excuse.... or should I say a better one 😊
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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), I'm a bit perplexed as to why this is 'an inevitable change' - and judging by other comments on the French forums, I'm far from alone. Throwing the jack - and the 3 throws - is a fairly fundamental aspect of the game. WHY the need for change? And why no prior indication or consultation? Why no explication or justification for such changes?
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 **Mike Pegg** good evening Ray, In my opinion the change to the number of throws a team gets to throw a valid jack was inevitable because amongst other things it had been tested in timed games at both World and European championships and found to work well, by this I mean the teams accepted the rule and seemed to be in favour of this way to speed up the games. Of course the idea of making it the norm was muted and discussed with players, coaches and officials over the past 12 months (or more) at various events, from the feedback I'm aware of most if not all were in favour of the change.
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 **Raymond Ager** [Mike](#), I wished you'd been with me at my local club when I informed players of this rule change. The general reaction was it was my attempt at a bad joke or 'English humour', nobody took me seriously. The politest comment I can repeat is, "Maybe that's how they play in England but certainly not here!" I suspect that's a fairly typical reaction of grassroots players. Out of interest, I posted a poll on a French group. Initial reaction, 80 against, 11 for, with some pretty damning comments. I can understand restrictions being required for timed games. However, few events impose timed games - I don't see the logic for making this the norm for all games.
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 **Mike Pegg** and on other forums I have been looking at, they are discussing string lines, no smoking, picking up the circle, filling a hole v sweeping... the list goes on. As with previous changes, some players will take note others will not...

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Raymond Ager Perhaps the difference is that the changes you cite are not controversial. Throwing the jack has always been considered a fundamental tactical consideration in playing - hence the comments being made about such a change.

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Bouliste Steve Ferg I think that at the grassroots, at least here in the United States, players will accept the one-throw rule easily-- because this is the way we often play now. Already, in casual play, if the first throw of the jack is long or short, rather than re-throwing the jack players often simply move the jack or even, sometimes, move the circle. It saves time and walking, which can be helpful for ageing knees. And when you're playing a casual game among friends, it's all good. (Tournament play is of course different.)

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Raymond Ager Agreed that in informal, i.e. non-tournament games, players often 'adapt' the rules, including moving borderline jacks rather than insisting on a rethrow. However, competitions are different - players are expected to abide by the rules. As previously stated, it will be interesting to see whether or not this rule will be accepted. Personally, I have my doubts - time will tell.

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Derek Adam It is already, used in several countries and European and World championships.

Maybe find one thing positive about petanque and playing instead of constantly finding fault and not picking wording and finding confusion where there is none, unless created by people who do not read and understand the rules.

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Ernesto Santos Rather than weakening the tactical aspect of throwing the jack this rule makes it that much more important. It favors those player who can control the throwing of the jack. And it punishes those who can't. And it saves a lot of time. So it is a good change.

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Ernesto Santos Or to put it another way. You get one throw of each of your boules. No do overs. Now same with the jack.

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Raymond Ager [Derek Adam](#) 'Already used in several countries' - oh really, which ones?

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Derek Adam Scotland for timed marches for the last 4 or 5 years.

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Michal Dzurik [Raymond Ager](#) just adding other countries: slovakia, czech republic, poland, hungary, austria.

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Raymond Ager I presume for timed games in comps? Not for all events, which will be the new ruling.

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Diana Jacobs When timed games.... One throw. The opposed team places the jack in ANY legal place.

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Raymond Ager If the issue really is to save time in timed games, if Team A throws the jack and it's not valid, presumably the umpire has had to measure to determine this is the case. Why not have the umpire reposition the jack to the nearest valid position? To save time too, I would also amend Art 8 such that teams have to agree the jack is valid *before* playing a boule, rather than deliberately waiting until a boule is played before measuring. This would both save time and eliminate a common problem of 'gamesmanship'.

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Mike Pegg The issue is our sport needs to improve if we are to ever be considered seriously on the bigger stage.

Having 1 throw of the jack is much the same as most other related sports. Allowing the opponent to place the jack has proven to work extremely well in timed games so we have made it normal practice regardless of it being a timed game or not.

As for allowing the jack to be contested after a boule has been thrown, I would personally prefer that we did not have this rule as I consider it encourages an unsporting attitude to a game. However, it remains in the book for now to allow for those players that throw the jack and then their first boule before anyone

has had a chance to check the distance... I'm sure you have come across those sort of players many times Ray! 😊

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Jac Verheul In tennis, players has the right to serve two times! That's more competitive.

Like · December 22, 2016 at 3:19am



Mike Pegg so maybe we should change our rules so the player can throw his boule 2 times in case the first one misses or is not next to the jack - get real!

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Jac Verheul That would be a much better solution, but only for throwing the jack.

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Mike Pegg works for me, perhaps then I could stop buying boules in the attempt to find the ones that work properly and that get near the jack!

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Mike Pegg I think you are looking to the wrong sport for a comparison, the tennis boule is not a target.

As you know in our sport the jack is the target so you should compare with other sports that also use a jack.

For example "Bowls" but I think you will find that they only throw the jack the one time and after, if it's not in the correct position it's placed!

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Raymond Ager I agree 100% that many things need to change in pétanque for it to be considered more seriously. It will be interesting to see if players do accept the rule change. Re Art 8 and the problem of players immediately playing a boule before checking the jack is valid - I think this problem could also be avoided if the rule was made explicit that players must check before playing - it's what a lot of players do in practice - AND there was a penalty for playing a 1st boule when the jack is invalid.

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Mike Pegg next update in 2 years time... you never know it just may happen!

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Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) that's another one I'm going to print out and quote !!!

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), he's your golden chance: I put my reputation on the line and hereby declare it will not happen. PLEASE prove me wrong. 😊

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Mike Pegg what an update in 2 years time or removing the article about challenging a jack after a boule has been thrown... come on Ray be specific!

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Raymond Ager Seriously, changing Art 8 so that teams must agree the jack before playing. The problem with this badly worded rule is that it only deals with the exception - challenging the jack after a boule has been played - rather than the regular play.

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Mike Pegg I agree Ray.... and I argued that very point and although I didn't convince my colleagues this time around I plan to raise it again when we next meet in 2017!

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Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) Best of luck - seriously. I realise you have a difficult task as the official French umpires view is that there isn't a problem.

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) perhaps but France is not alone in having umpires and at our last Commission meeting we have only the one French umpire.

It is another part of our sport that has changed over the years.... the French may dominate the sport on the terrain but they don't anymore on committees!

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Peter Beresford It's not so much players accepting the rule, it's

whether umpires will apply the sanctions for those players/teams who choose to not play to them

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Tony Mann There is also the consideration of petanque as a spectator sport (which will be needed to be seriously considered at Olympic level). Allowing 3 throws of the jack would be tedious to watch by any stretch of the imagination. For petanque to progress on a bigger stage it needs to adapt and changes need to be made. I have managed teams at international championships and the one throw of the jack rule has been a welcomed change. Incidentally Ray I have also used this rule at your old club (Brighton & Hove PC) for their Open events and it has proved non-controversial and sped up play.

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Raymond Ager Good to hear BHPC is leading the way!

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Jac Verheul When speaking on petanque as a spectator sport, the most important thing to change will be to play with colored boules. Colored with markers, painted, synthétique boules, somehow or other...

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Raymond Ager On solution that seems to have been successful with the televised French Masters games is to have one team with black boules, the other with silver. This is another topic - and no doubt controversial! - but I would like to see the restriction that boules must be metal and hollow removed, allowing manufacturers to innovate with new materials and perhaps new techniques. Boulenciel have developed the technology for coloured boules but they're illegal for pétanque because they're not hollow.

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Mike Pegg BOULENCIEL (LI Inox, LC Acier au Carbone and IR) were approved in September Ray... I'm told that the coloured boules (resin coloured spots) are to be introduced in the new year

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Raymond Ager Yes, I know they do have approved boules - I've seen them in play. Interesting to hear that the coloured boules will also be allowed - does that mean a change in the rules, i.e. boules no longer have to be hollow?

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) no, according to the information I have the company have managed to find a manufacturing solution to produce the coloured 'hollow' boules.

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Raymond Ager What do you think of my idea that restrictions should be removed, allowing manufacturers freedom to innovate?

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Jac Verheul I wonder if these coloured spots are good enough to distinct them for the spectators on the stand or before there TV-screens. And how about all those different colours? Two bright colours will be enough, one colour for each team.

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Mike Pegg [Jac Verheul](#) no idea Jac... but I have seen the ones they use for Bocce and the colours are clear to see.

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Jac Verheul The most important will be that all players of one team have the same colour! If not, it will make no sense. But I know, that's another discussion than throwing the jack. However speaking on making it more attractive for a larger public, than it's the same discussion.

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Gary Jones This has been a long, interesting discussion. Reading back through the various responses, I have a question regarding the statement by Derek Adams that failing to place the jack in a valid position, after an invalid throw by the first team, is a yellow card violation by the second team. [Mike Pegg](#), is this the correct interpretation of the rule? Here is the English wording, "The team winning the toss or the previous end will have one attempt to throw a valid jack. If this jack is not valid it is handed to the opponent who may place it at any valid position on the designated terrain." The use of the word "may" as opposed to the word "must" could lead one to believe that if Team B placed the jack in a position estimated to be valid, for instance at six meters, but Team A challenged the placement and a measurement confirmed that it was actually only 5.9 meters, Team A could then assume the right to place the jack

"at any valid position" as Team B had failed in its attempt to do so. What is the answer, Mike? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, first rule of petanque - don't read one rule in isolation... The use of the word 'may' was not intended to give the opponent an option, look at art 7 - If the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules defined above, the opposing team will place the jack in a valid position on the terrain.

If a team placed the jack in an invalid position they would be told by the umpire to move it.

I'm not sure why Derek stated they would get a yellow card, perhaps his interpretation but my experience (as an umpire) the teams know where to put the jack and have not required an official warning - so far!

As for your scenario, the 1st team who threw the jack would not be given the opportunity to place the jack. The opponent is the only team to place it and they "must" put it in a valid position!

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. I'm working my way through the new rules and anticipate several more questions.

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Mike Pegg [Gary Jones](#) you can always email me Gary 😊

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Derek Adam [Mike](#) the yellow cards were issued at Madagascar world championships.

I would guess that it is for team 2 failing to place a valid jack position, which due to placing would be a deliberate act in contravention to the rules. Mr Patrick was head umpire there.

Like · December 22, 2016 at 8:44am



Raymond Ager As [Mike](#) previously asked, 'why' would Team B deliberately mis-place the jack? If the answer is 'gamesmanship' and/or to waste time, then this would negate any argument about changing the rule. To repeat, if the need is really to save time, it would make more sense for the Umpire to reposition the jack.

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Jac Verheul [Raymond Ager](#) With an umpire for each lane? 😊

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Raymond Ager [Jac Verheul](#) I think we're talking about timed games at World Championships, so yes!

Like · December 22, 2016 at 8:57am



Jac Verheul I know, but the new one-throw-jack-rule is not only there. And as regards to the WC, there are normally speaking 24 games at the same time and normally 2 umpires...

Like · December 22, 2016 at 9:01am



Gary Jones [Jac Verheul](#) We had 24 lanes at a recent USA National Men's and Women's Championship Doubles event- timed games- and only one non-playing umpire. I would not have wanted to place every invalid jack throw, for sure!

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Jac Verheul It would be a hell of a job! LOL

Like · December 22, 2016 at 9:03am



Raymond Ager Seriously, the question is, 'who is measuring to determine that the jack is invalid?' If it's an Umpire, then they can reposition the jack. If the players are measuring - I don't see that many with a 10m tape - then they could also reposition the jack. If teams don't agree, they have to call the Umpire anyway.

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Aina Ika Ratovo I can't believe how someone could throw nicely a +/- 720g boule at 10 meters almost right on the spot she/ he wants it to land... in one try.

But couldn't throw a wooden jack inside a 4meters x 4meters area at 6 meters from the circle! 🤔

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Jac Verheul [Aina Ika Ratovo](#) Landing a boule at 10 m is quite different as regards to place a boule at this distance! After landing at this spot, the boule will normally continue its course for some other

meters. And of course it is very easy to throw a jack between 6 and 10, but (top)players want to throw (and stop) the jack exactly (or almost) at a distance of 10 m. Or at a distance of some centimeters farther than 6 m. That makes a big difference!

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Aina Ika Ratovo Jac Verheul exactly! And that's why the normal way is that one's should learn how to throw the little one before the big one, (the case of these Africans and Asian countries- the Malgache way of throwing the jack as they said it in jargon-) most of the players in Europe and elsewhere omit that because they can afford the boules and tend to skip the process but want to play right away

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Raymond Ager Perhaps one lesson to learn it that it's always helpful to know why things are being changed. I'm sure a better 'PR exercise' would have helped. Perhaps it's not too late. I do think that timed games at World and other Championships are a special case, not the norm, and I've seen very little evidence that throwing the jack leads to time problems in other events. I think by the same logic, you could argue, "all games should be timed" - but I don't think that would go down too well. 😊

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Raymond Ager BTW I love one of the comments on the French forum: "how much time is wasted in comps throwing the jack? And how much is wasted at the bar in between games?" LOL!

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Eli Nielsen

December 22, 2016

Art. 6 "Any player not respecting this rule shall incur the penalties as described in Article 35" Why is this specified here ???

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Mazlan Ahmad Perhaps due to the gravity of infringement of this article which has been wilfully and constantly ignored by players !!??

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Mike Pegg Mazian has answered the question correctly.... it was added for both the players and umpires to emphasise there are penalties for standing with one or both feet on the circle instead of in it, or for lifting a foot off the ground or for touching the ground outside of the circle before the boule has landed.

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Eli Nielsen

December 22, 2016

In time limited games, the distance to "side lines" is given 50cm, which is understandable to reduce "faulty throws". However, I miss this in non time limited games, where reduced dimensions (12 x 3) is accepted. Is there a reason for not having this in the rules?

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Mike Pegg Do you mean why have we not included a minimum distance from the dead ball line for the jack to be valid on a lane that is less than 15 m x 4 m... if yes it is because we don't know what "other" dimension the lane will be so consider it better left to the Federations when they use smaller lanes.... a sort of "local rule" if you like!
Don't forget the rule does not say you must use 12 m x 3 m if says that this is the minimum you can reduce a lane to.

"For other competitions (not National or International), the Federations may permit variations relative to these minimum (15m x 4m), subject to them not being below 12m x 3m.

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Eli Nielsen

December 22, 2016

Just a comment to Art3 Approved jacks
As an Umpire, we now also need to possess a device, with which we can control the weight of a jack. Any suggestions to such a device ???

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, you can buy a small digital set of scales

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Mike Pegg uploaded a file.

December 19, 2016

Modified rules for Precision Shooting.
two main changes are: 1. The coach is not allowed beyond the 4 shooters circles, in other words the coach is not allowed near the target circle. 2. The score achieved in the 1st round is added to the score in the 2nd round (repechage) to decide their ranking order.



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Mazlan Ahmad One question though. How do we determine who goes first (shoots first) from the quarter finals (one on one) onwards? There's nothing expressed or implied regarding this. Is it :-

- a) The better ranked player shoots first, or
- b) The better ranked player is given the choice, whether to shoot first or shoot second (last), or
- c) toss a coin.

Not quite certain which to follow/employ.

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Mike Pegg normally the two players will flip a coin to see who plays first

Like · December 19, 2016 at 1:56pm



Joe Martin

December 6, 2016

Hi Mike,
Just hoping you are returned in fine fettle from Madagascar and the Congress there.
Might you have any news to share about changes/updates to the rules that you and the committee have been working on?
We are all very eager to know of any recent developments.
Many thanks.

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Derek Adam Mike was not in Madagascar. There were no rule updates or changes as some still need agreed upon by fipj executive.

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Joe Martin Oh, that is helpful, thank you.

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Mike Pegg Hi Joe, interesting that other people can answer for me..... but as Derek has stated I was not in Madagascar. However, the rule changes are going ahead we are just waiting on a decision of the FIPJP exec regarding 2 articles. The modification to the shooting rules were obviously accepted as they were used during the World Champs. Soon as I know more I, perhaps personally, will let you know.... 😊

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Joe Martin Much appreciated, thank you.

[Like](#) · December 8, 2016 at 12:19pm



Mike Pegg Hi Joe, I'm expecting the new rules to be published any day... a copy showing the changes is posted on here, I have a version for printing purposes - send me your email address (by message) and I can send you a copy 😊

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Raymond Ager

December 4, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, are there any official guidelines on what is allowed and what isn't, as far as 'filling in a hole' is concerned? The reason for asking, playing in a small club comp, there was some fairly thick gravel at one end. The opponents shot, taking out our boule but making a fairly large hole in the gravel, approx. 20 x 15cm. Before pointing, I filled in the hole and was accused of 'gardening' by the opposing shooter who'd just made the hole. Any advice?

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Mike Pegg the rule is you can fill the mark made by a previous boule - which means you are within your rights to fill this 20 x 15cm divot, but watch out for the new rule when they are published!

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Raymond Ager Many thanks. 😊

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Bouliste Steve Ferg Any idea about when we can expect the new rules to be published? I presume they will appear on the FIPJP web site.

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Mike Pegg [Bouliste Steve Ferg](#) Hi Steve, I am waiting for the decision of the FIPJP Executive concerning 2 rules that the Commission could not agree over. Once I have the decision I can prepare the documents (French and English) for publishing.... just waiting for an email, how long that will take I have no idea

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Raymond Ager 2018 - you read it here first. 😊

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) lol.... don't tempt fate

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Bouliste Steve Ferg [Mike Pegg](#) Thanks! 😊

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Mazlan Ahmad Is it that... If you fill a hole, you hv no choice but MUST point with your turn. And if you wish to shoot an opponents boule with your turn, then you cannot fill any hole. Or something like that, the new rule.

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Mike Pegg no, that is not what we have decided..... assuming the modification is accepted it will be:

Article 10, Displacement of obstacles

It is strictly forbidden for players to press down, displace or crush any obstacle whatever on the playing area. However, the player about to throw the jack is authorised to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the

ground no more than three times. Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

For not complying with this rule, especially in the case of sweeping in front of a boule to be shot, the players incur the penalties outlined in article 35.

So basically if you prepare the ground directly in front of a target boule you will get a warning and for a repeat occasion a boule will be disqualified.

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Raymond Ager Just to be 100% clear, the 'trial' at the Masters and PPF of not allowing shooters to touch the terrain hasn't been adopted?

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Mike Pegg assuming our modification has been accepted - that's right... but to make it very clear, I am waiting on confirmation

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Raymond Ager I'm suprised - I thought it would be accepted. Will await confirmation...

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Mike Pegg [Raymond Ager](#) wise move..... there were a few others

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Geert Peers

November 3, 2016 · Elsloo, Netherlands

Hoe many players can you Let play in one team of 9 players from a other country?

Team like you play the championship for clubs

Greatz

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Geert Peers Mike?

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Mike Pegg Hi Geert, I am guessing you are asking about the rules for the CEP's EuroCup.

For each opponent that you play the max number of players permitted is 8, not forgetting that 2 of these players must be of the opposite gender to the rest of the team e.g 6 men 2 women.

Like · November 7, 2016 at 9:54pm



Geert Peers Hi Mike. And for example its a Belgium team how many players can be there how are not from Belgium? (france, Holland, germany. ..)

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Mike Pegg Hi Geert, I assume I was right and it is the CEP EuroCup you are asking about. You can read the rules for this European Championship yourself, you only need visit the "Documents" page on the CEP website www.cep-petanque.com

Article 17 of these rules states -

A Club Team may be registered with any number of players subject to the following conditions:

- i) All players must have a valid International Licence with the Club that they represent at the time of the competition and may not, under any circumstances, play for another club during the course of the competition.
- ii) For each Match a team must consist of 6 (min) to 8 (max) players as follows:
 - a) Teams of 6 players must possess at least 1 player of the opposite gender to the rest of the team
 - b) Teams of 7 or 8 players must possess at least 2 players of the opposite gender to the rest of the team.

Don't forget it is the Federation who is responsible for licences and for the club team that will represent them in the CEP EuroCup.



CEP Website

The website has as its objective the promotion of petanque in Europe, commonly known as French...

CEP-PETANQUE.COM | BY MIKE PEGG

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Eli Nielsen

October 25, 2016

From time to time I get a question about boules' wear and tear. A set of boules are often used for many years - often decades, and they might loose some material during those years, which will cause loss of weight. Is that accepted as long as manufacturer and number is visible ?? Are there any reasonable limit (%) of which the boules' weight are acceptably reduced?

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Mike Pegg About 5 Grammes loss is acceptable..... but have you checked any 'old' boules to see if they have lost weight...

Like · October 26, 2016 at 12:06am



Mike Pegg Next year you will be checking the weight of jacks 😊

Like · October 26, 2016 at 12:06am



Mazlan Ahmad But the variance allowed is rather wide - jack is to weigh between 10 - 18 grams!

Like · October 26, 2016 at 2:30am · Edited



Mike Pegg [Mazlan Ahmad](#) and the problem with that is?

Like · October 26, 2016 at 3:52am



Tony Scott One of our club members uses an old Coche. Which is as light as a feather. The wind catches it on the terrain. I checked the rules and couldnt see weight for a Coche. Is this something new coming in?

Like · October 26, 2016 at 11:04am



Mike Pegg Hi Tony, I guess by coche you mean cochonnet, yes it will be a new rule for 2017 that the jack must weigh between 10 and 18 gms

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Raymond Ager Under the new rules, how much weight can a jack lose and still be valid? 😊

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Mike Pegg No idea Ray, to answer that question I would need to know how much the jack weighed in the first place...

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Raymond Ager I presume jacks will have to be stamped with the weight? 😊

Like · October 27, 2016 at 3:28am



Mike Pegg no Ray, they just need to be weighed to discover if they are valid or not

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Jac Verheul In the past jacks of beechwood (hêtre in French) had a weight of about 9 to 10 g. They could float in water! Boxwood (buis in French) jacks weigh about 14 to 15 g and doesn't in water. Plastic jacks weigh about 17 g. I have tested it!

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Mike Pegg clever rule isn't it....

Like · November 2, 2016 at 12:03am



Raymond Ager

October 29, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

An interesting situation that occurred in a friendly game. A fairly uneven terrain with the jack in a rut. Four boules were resting on the jack and the opponents decided to shoot. This was the result - one boule dislodged and the shooter's boule ended up on top of 3 other boules!

Mike, 2 questions:

1. Have you ever seen such a situation?
2. How on earth would you measure?



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Robert Arthur No never seen this before it rearly happens. With measuring you would surely count the boule on top as being the 2nd boule as it's hanging over the other 2

Like · October 29, 2016 at 8:49am



Raymond Ager Obviously the front boule is holding - but I think it would be very difficult to measure the other boules.

Like · October 29, 2016 at 9:16am



Mike Pegg set of callipers will do the task quite simply....

Like · 3 · October 29, 2016 at 1:17pm



Raymond Ager Next time it happens, I'll call you, Mike. 😊

Like · October 29, 2016 at 1:23pm



Mike Pegg I won't hold my breath Ray...

Like · 1 · October 29, 2016 at 10:41pm



Derek Jones I'd want to look to see if there are any markings on the two silver left boule as they look worn

Like · October 29, 2016 at 1:42pm



Brian Harris From the photo the silver boule at the back on the left hand side is second, but it could look very different from another angle.

Like · October 30, 2016 at 11:28am



Mike Pegg which is why you measure using the correct equipment, in this case callipers!

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Brian Harris [Mike Pegg](#) Hello Mike. Thanks for the comment. I have a small pair of calipers attached to my measuring tape but I do not find it easy using them. Do you have any tips on how to use calipers?

Like · November 1, 2016 at 5:33am



Derek Adam get a seperate set, the ones on a tape measure arent great to use

Like · November 1, 2016 at 6:31am



Brian Harris [Derek Adam](#) Thanks.

Like · November 1, 2016 at 10:01am



Mike Pegg [Derek Adam](#) precisely.....

Like · November 1, 2016 at 11:24pm



John Mcallister Surely the boule on top would be deemed out as its not on the playing surface?

Like · November 1, 2016 at 2:09pm



Raymond Ager I don't think there's anything in the rules that would

deem the boule dead - [Mike](#) ?

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Mike Pegg sorry Ray, I just realised that I didn't answer your first question....

1. Have I ever seen such a situation - in over 20 years in our sport as an official I have never seen such a situation and I doubt I ever will.
2. How on earth would you measure - with callipers

and now your third question - is there anything in the rules that would deem the boule dead - no

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Brian Harris

October 25, 2016

Hello Mike.

I was recently asked a question I could not answer and would appreciate your thoughts on the subject. Generally speaking when you play with a large number of people it is very likely there will be a number of boule with similar markings/patterns which can make it difficult to recognize each other's boule. Because a number of people are less young than others they need to use magnets to pick up their boule and due to age their eyes may not be as sharp as the younger players. As a consequence it appears to be common practice to mark the boule by coloring the patterns or writing your initials in indelible ink on the boule. The question I was asked was " Is it legal or illegal to color/mark a boule?". I look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards. Brian Harris.

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Mike Pegg It is perfectly ok to mark the boules this was as the only advantage will be the player should know which boules to pick up!

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Brian Harris Thanks Mike.

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Jac Verheul In the Netherlands we sometimes mark boules completely with thick markers to have a better sight for the spectators around or on web-tv. Some say that it is forbidden, because the international rules should say that it is forbidden to make any change on your boules. I don't agree with them.

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Mike Pegg what the rules mean by tampering or modifying the boules is to change that characteristics of boule....

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Jac Verheul I know, [Mike Pegg](#), and I've told that many times, but still there remain people who doesn't believe that...

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Jac Verheul And of course, I was speaking on final games in some special and international tournaments.

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Raymond Ager I remember when Obut used to sell tubes of paint to mark the lines in your boules.

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Jac Verheul Me too, but that had not any sense to a better visibility for the spectators, just for the (pleasure) players themselves.

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Michal Dzurik the problem might be when people use colors in which there is substantial amount of natural rubber, india rubber, latex, whatever we call it, as this can affect the characteristics of a boule.

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Raymond Ager Given the number of times this question has been asked, perhaps it's time to make it clearer in the rules - rather than leaving things open to interpretation - what is actually allowed.

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Brian Harris Many thanks everyone for your comments.

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Mike Pegg uploaded a file.

October 23, 2016

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The FIPJP have recently updated the list of approved boules and jacks to include OBUT® GOLD and OBUT® BLACK (see attached file)



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Raymond Ager Just in time for Xmas! 😊

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Noam Seifer havn't found anything on their website about it... anybody knows something ?

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Jac Verheul 2017, I think. The new stock.

Like · October 23, 2016 at 8:53am · Edited



Jac Verheul Some news about the coloured boules of Boulenciel?

Like · October 23, 2016 at 6:44am · Edited



Derek Adam No mention of Mercury boules [Mike!](#) Must have missed the cut off date for publication 😊

Like · October 23, 2016 at 8:50am



Raymond Ager



Like · October 23, 2016 at 9:29am



Magnus Halleen

October 20, 2016

Hi Mike. Like to hear your opinion on what hapend in the quarterfinal in triples veterans in the game between Sweden and Germany. If one players boules were out of ruels why only disqualify this player, not the whole team? Are there other ruels in championship?

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Mike Pegg Hi [Magnus Halleen](#), Sorry but the incident in Monaco is current at this time I cannot comment or even give you my opinion.

You will have to wait until we (CEP) make a formal announcement 😊

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Magnus Halleen Ok. No problem.
Like · October 22, 2016 at 10:04am



Steve Frampton
October 8, 2016

Hi Mike. We had a situation in a doubles tournament recently, and I can't think of a rule that covers it.

Player 1 on Team A has played a boule and is holding. Both players of Team B play their boules but there is no change (Team A is still holding). Player 1 of Team A plays their second boule and then leaves the circle. Player 2 of Team A then starts throwing their boules, however after he has thrown his first two boules, it turns out that his first boule was actually the last boule of Player 1 from Team A (his playing partner) and he still has 2 boules in his hands. So technically he was holding four boules during the end, and threw all of them.

What should happen in this case? Are any of the boules dead, or do Team B just have to accept that the one player on the opposing team has been allowed to throw four boules?

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Victoria Lloyd Why did he throw the last boule if it was obvious that he had already played 3.
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Steve Frampton First he tried to claim that the first one he had thrown had actually been thrown by his partner (as it was their boule), and then realised that he had just been holding for her and "not realised" that he had four boules in his hands. As the other three were his he threw them as we couldn't get a clear ruling from anyone (we didn't have an on-duty umpire during the competition).
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Victoria Lloyd I can't understand why the last ball was not played by player 1
Like · October 9, 2016 at 1:39am



Steve Frampton Because player 1 had no more boules - their third boule had been thrown by their partner. What I'm trying to find out is should the incorrectly thrown boule have been swapped, would it be dead, or does nothing happen?
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Victoria Lloyd I would think he should of swapped it and his team mate play the boule.
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Peter Bursill Did this incident occur in the Carlton Hayes petanque league .
Like · October 9, 2016 at 2:00am



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, pity you did not have an umpire available but that is often the case in local leagues... As this is a doubles game both players have 3 boules each (total 6 boules) and it appears from your scenario that Player One had played 2 boules and then Player Two played 2 boules which left 2 boules yet to be played.

I've read your scenario several times and cannot see how you can claim one player has thrown 4 boules as you clear state they have both thrown a 2nd boule.

If one or two of these boules have been thrown by the wrong player then the boule(s) are replaced by the correct boules.

The player and perhaps the team should get a warning - but you don't have an umpire - so I suggest both players see a coach, take a crash lesson in how to play petanque and perhaps practice holding their own boules and counting 1 to 3 😊

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Steve Frampton Hi Mike. Basically both had thrown two each before it was noticed, but as nobody could make a ruling, player 2 carried on throwing his remaining boules, so ended up throwing four himself while

his partner had only thrown two.

At the time I said to them that I couldn't understand how he didn't realise that he was holding four boules in the first place, and we initially thought that they would just get a warning if there had been an umpire around.

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Mike Pegg Hi Steve, so what you are actually saying is player A threw 2 boules and then Player B threw 2 boules and after that Player A threw another 2 boules... he didn't realise!!!
(Art1) In Doubles each player uses 3 boules - a very clear rule.
Had I been the umpire at your event I would have disqualified the 4th boule thrown by player A and given him a warning.

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Steve Frampton Hi Mike. Not quite. Player A threw two boules, then player B threw two boules (the first one of which was actually the last boule of Player A, which player B had also been carrying - meaning he had been holding four boules in his hands), and then player B threw his last two boules.

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Mike Pegg Why would player B think it is OK to play 4 boules!
The 4th boule, regardless of who it belongs to should have been disqualified as a player in doubles may only play 3 boules.
Player B should have been given a warning.
Player A ought to be holding his own boules
Both players need a lesson on how to play petanque! 😊

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Sheikh Ismail Silan In the first place no one should had played other boule than his own. For this, if it's a first case, the boule had to be replaced and the player should be given a warning.

For throwing 4 boules it's very obvious the last boules played is dead. And again another warning "Orange card" can be given to the player.

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Mike Pegg an orange card is not a warning, it signifies the disqualification of a boule

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Brian Harris

October 8, 2016

Hello Mike. Is there a rule for the following situation? An end is in play but before all boules have been played the throwing circle is removed. What is the situation if both teams have boules left or if only one team has boules left?

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Chris Romeril If the circle has been marked just put it back. had this myself in a game with my mate flipper.

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Chris Romeril Ps I'm not Mike [Brian Harris](#) lol

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Steve Clark Circle must be marked, although we have "agreed" where it should go if not marked. I am a wheelchair user, and I skid the damn things all over the place, so I always mark it

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Brian Harris Thanks guys. Any thoughts on the situation if the circle is not marked?

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Chris Romeril Dead end

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Brian Harris Even if only one team have boules left?

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Chris Romeril Yup

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Steve Clark Theoretically, it can't be replaced. But, if both teams agree, it can be placed, best to mark it

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Brian Harris Thanks

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Brian Harris However, if there is no agreement on replacing the circle, what then?

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Chris Romeril Fisticuffs

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Tony Thompson To answer your actual question, there is nothing in the rules about this but watch this space when the next updated rule book is published.

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Mike Pegg Hi Brian, unfortunately the 'current' rules do not cover this sort of incident. So strictly by the rules the umpire should call the jury to make a decision.

At an International Umpires seminar a few years ago we discussed this problem and the solution muted was that if the player or his team have boules they cannot play them.

However, if the opponent had boules the circle is replaced and they play their boules.

Of course there is the issue of "was the circle marked" and as has been stated a previous post the umpire may be able to place the circle if there are sufficient marks.

So you have a choice - both teams agree the position of the circle and the teams complete playing their boules or call the umpire who may decide the position of the circle or he/she may call a jury to decide.

The modified/new rules for next year deal with this possible scenario.

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Brian Harris Thanks. I was recently in this unfortunate incident when I not only picked up the ring but also removed the markings. I mistakenly thought that mine was the last boule to be played. There was a search of the rule book on hand to no avail. There was plenty of discussion and the opponents claimed boule in hand to which we eventually conceded as it was my mistake. However, I wanted to try and establish if there was a rule or not.

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Raymond Ager Mike, can I ask a follow-up question - as a general principle, when should the Jury be called? My assumption would be for more difficult, more serious, more contentious issues. Isn't picking-up the circle a fairly minor incident that normally players would sort out amongst themselves, otherwise surely the umpire could give a ruling?

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Mike Pegg as a general rule, the jury is called for any case not provide for in the rules - art 40.

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Brian Harris Thanks.

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Raymond Ager

September 25, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

For the thrown jack to be valid, is there any minimum distance stipulated from another jack already in play? NB Simply the thrown jack, not a jack displaced during an end.

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Derek Adam Not that I recall, circles to be 2m apart. But common sense should apply...

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Raymond Ager 2m would make sense for the jack as well - but I can't find anything in the rules to that effect.

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, there is no specific rule stating the jack must be a specific distance from another on the terrain but as the jack from another game could be considered an obstacle it is acceptable to apply art 7(3) the jack must be 1 metre for any obstacle etc

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Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for your answer. It makes perfect sense to say a circle must be 2m from another circle but odd that there's no similar stipulation for the jack. I always think it's best when the rules are clear, rather than having to 'interpret' rules, which can so easily lead to arguments. Maybe something for the future?

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Noam Seifer

September 24, 2016

Hello Mike,

A question i was asked recently :

The cochonet being shot, went towards a tree and below the tree there are a LOT of leaves, not just 1-2 but a whole bunch, the cochonet went straight into/under the pile and is no longer seen from the circle (or from anywhere else without moving the leaves),

I'm assuming that if the same occurred with stones/pebbles/sand, the mene is considered dead and the scoring would be as if the cochonet went "out of bounds", is it the same with leaves ?

to be 100% precise, there is no wind, it's not the case where wind moves a leaf to the position it's hiding the cochonet.

Thx in advance, and in general for all your work !

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Mike Pegg Hi Noam, had it been a leaf that had blown onto the terrain and masked the jack the advice would be to remove the leaf and continue play... however, in this case the jack has been knocked or rolled into a lot of leaves so art 9 (2) applies and the jack is considered dead.

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Eli Nielsen

September 20, 2016

Hi Mike

A player from team A is measuring two boules and when leaving the area he accidentally touches another team A boule so it is now holding the point.

No boules are marked. What will/should happen hereafter?

I have read art. 21 and it states the boule is to be repositioned... unmarked

??? Later in art. 21 it is stated that it is recommended (!!!) to mark all

boules. I find it a bit confusing.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Michal Dzurik eli, unmarked boules should stay where they were moved. "No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule."

what would you as a player do if you kick in your boule making it the closest boule? i would probably pick it up and throw it to the out of bounds area and apologise to my opponents and teammates for my clumsiness.

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Mike Pegg not the best or most helpful reply from an umpire Michal

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Michal Dzurik Mike Pegg maybe you read it wrong, mike. i quoted the rules, but yes, maybe they are not the best or most helpful. then i asked a hypothetical question and wrote what i would probably do as a PLAYER, not as an umpire.

you wrote "agree with your opponents" - are you suggesting that teams can move unmarked boules to and fro (or do other things against the rules), if they agree to do so?

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Mike Pegg I suggest it is better for the two teams to agree replacing a boule that was moved accidentally, for sure it happens all the time without incident or need to call the umpire. But I also made the point very clear that the umpire has one choice because the players do not bother to mark the jack or boules.

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, it should not be confusing.

1. the boule is moved accidentally so should be replaced.
2. to replace a boule it should be marked... if not then agree with your opponent, do not call the umpire because if you do he or she will say the boule must remain where it is.

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Eli Nielsen Thanks Mike.. and exactly my point. It cannot be replaced when unmarked (which is common way) , so there should be a clause explaining how this must be handled.

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Mike Pegg I'm not sure what you mean... if the boule is not marked (strictly by the rules) it must remain where it is. What more?

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Eli Nielsen So team A has got an advantage by "accidently" kicking their boule into a better position. That cannot be right. Team B should have the option to place the boule in a position designated by a rule. It could be in last position of team A's boules...??

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Eli Nielsen Art21 state, that it is recommended to mark all boules. Not that you MUST.

Like · September 20, 2016 at 1:43pm



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, it is not a recommendation art 21 states - To avoid any dispute, "the players MUST mark" the boules. No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain.

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Eli Nielsen Then I understand this.. Team A, who accidently kicked their own boule to a better position, will have the benefit; since the boule was not marked (commonly), it cant be replaced - and to call an umpire will only result in a decision, that all boules must stay in their positions. Is that what we conclude of this?

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Mike Pegg yes, and Team A will be given a warning and more importantly both teams have learnt the lesson to MARK THE BOULES!

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Raymond Ager These sorts of incidents - accidentally moving an unmarked boule - are fairly rare but perhaps there should be a rule that ensures that players can't gain an advantage if/when this happens? Like, if you move a boule when measuring, you lose the point. Mike, I know - of course 😊 - that you're right as an umpire in saying that boules should be marked but in practice it doesn't happen.

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Mike Pegg The problem is not the rule it is the players no marking the boules and jack..... so instead of inventing a new rule Coaches must educate players - MARK THE BOULES!

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Lee Jamieson Mike, on a practical note, if every boule (and jack) were marked every end, after a few ends the pistes will be "covered" in marks, some very close to each other, introducing the possibility of disputes about which is the correct mark if a boule is moved (I understand such marks can't be erased in between ends). Any advice/suggestions on how this can be avoided?

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Derek Adam Remove a non required Mark after each boule is moved during the end.

Then at the end of the end repair any marks, the marks shouldn't be regarded as gardening provided it's just fixing the marks not holes in the piste

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Lee Jamieson Is this correct Mike? Can you erase such marks after each end? I thought the only thing you can erase after an end was the drawn circle (if a plastic ring isn't being used)?

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Raymond Ager The problem is - although the rules say you should mark positions - in practice 99% of the time there is no need, hence nobody bothers. It's difficult to 'educate' players when they know it serves little purpose. Interestingly, in le Jeu Provençal, players do mark positions - this is because the rules re shooting require it, i.e. it serves a useful purpose so everybody does it.

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Mike Pegg [Lee Jamieson](#) Hi Lee, it is perfectly acceptable to remove the marks that identify the position of a boule, after the boule has been moved of course!

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Colin Stewart I had one of these the other week. The players explained that a boule had been kicked accidentally and was unmarked, so they picked it up and put it back where they thought the original position was. They then proceeded to ask me what the ruling was after all that. Ball picked up was dead was my answer.

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Raymond Ager IMHO the sporting thing to do is to replace an accidentally moved boule - as Mike originally indicated.

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Colin Stewart Agree, but they asked me for a ruling.

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Eli Nielsen It could be a tricky rule... Teams should not get advantage displacing own boules. That boule is dead. However kicking other teams boule should be repositioned by the other team....? Similar to stopping a boule in eg. pointing.

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, you stated in your original post that the player accidentally moved the boule and asked what should happen, which has been answered.

Now you appear to be asking about a deliberate action of kicking/moving a boule...

very often there is more than one rule that will solve the problem for you - in this case look at art 21, 27, 37, 38 and 34 of course... I'm sure we will talk again soon 😊

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Eli Nielsen

September 20, 2016

During a championship the teams can approach their coaches for advise or whatever. How many times can they use the coach? ...and is the time spent included in the one minute rule?

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Mike Pegg at this present time (current rules) the answer is they can approach the coach as many times as they wish but the clock is ticking, they have only 1 minute to play the boule or throw the jack

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Arnold van der Pol

July 29, 2016

Hi Mike Pegg,

Here the following situation:

When the two closest boules to the jack belong to opposing teams and are at an equal distance, party A, which played the last boule is pointing again a boule, it is better and is shooting by B.

Now is the same situation, equal distance.

Two questions:

- Who should play now
- after he played nothing has changed, who should play then.

Arnold van der Pol.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mike Pegg If I understand you correctly... the boules are equal distance from the jack

Team A who played the last boule play again and are now holding the point.

Team B shoot and remove the boule leaving the two original boules equal distant from the jack - Team B will play next because they played the last boule

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Arnold van der Pol Hi Mike Pegge,

Like · July 29, 2016 at 5:42am



Arnold van der Pol Thank you for the quick answer, but remains one question:

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Arnold van der Pol then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them.

e Pegg,

Like · July 29, 2016 at 5:45am



Derek Adam Yes swap until beaten, disturbed or run out of boules

Like · July 29, 2016 at 5:50am



Mike Pegg **Arnold van der Pol** yes alternatively exactly as stated in the rules until one or the other has the point

Like · July 29, 2016 at 6:35am



Sheikh Ismail Silan

July 21, 2016

We had practice not allowing players to leave their boules in the playing area. The boules either in their hand or left it at the end behind the dead boule line where the circle is. By doing this the pitch is cleared of unnecessary obstruction. Some of the players/coach complain as it is not in the rule book. What say you.

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Mike Pegg the only boules that should be on the ground/playing area are those that have been played

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

July 21, 2016

A player leaving the plying area without the authorizing of the umpire. The player should not be allowed to participate the on going end. Thus this mean he/she is not suppose to be in the pitch together with his/her team, not to conduct measuring and other action that has to do in that end?

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Mike Pegg that's right

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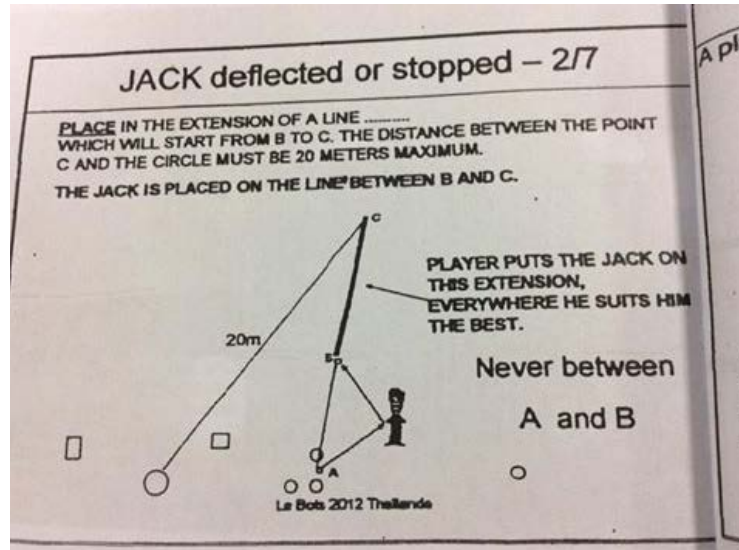


Phuong Luong

July 17, 2016 · Hanoi, Vietnam

Hi Mike Pegg, in Article 14, please help me understand "placing the jack anywhere on the EXTENSIONS of a line going from its original position to the place that it is found, up to a maximum distance of 20 meters from the

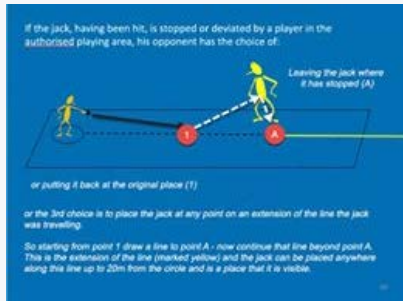
circle". Thank you a lots!



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Mike Pegg I hope the attached image answers your question....



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Phuong Luong It is very clear. Thanks Sir!
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Phuong Luong Philippine Petanque
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Raymond Ager Mike, have you considered having an online annotated copy of the rules with your diagrams? They give a much needed clarification of points which aren't always clear to everybody from the rules themselves. It would be a really useful resource.
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Mazlan Ahmad Obviously mike's answer is for game on an open terrain, opting for the 3rd choice by placing the jack anywhere more than 15m and less than 20m.
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Mike Pegg on a terrain with marked lanes once you have crossed 1 lane next to the one you are using the jack is considered dead.... hence the 20M
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Trevor Gibb
July 13, 2016 · Bath, United Kingdom

Hi Mike. Please clarify where I can stand on the piste when my partner throws a boule. If my opponent throws I try and stand behind the player or the jack at least 2 metres away out of 'line of sight' but anywhere I fancy when my partner throws; is this correct?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Tony Thompson Yup

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Mike Pegg Hi Trevor, when your opponent is in the circle you should be either behind the circle or behind the jack and in both cases 2m to one side... so that you are not in the line of sight. When your team is playing you may stand more or less anywhere as long as you do not interfere with the travel or the ball or player

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Trevor Gibb Thanks both!

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Huub van den Broek

July 14, 2016 · Bilthoven, Netherlands

Since when is the Mark of 1 point in Figure 5 of the Shooting rules changed?

Before you could score 1 point if the jack has been tipped but without being moved.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mike Pegg Hello my friend, I don't recall the exact year but certainly before 2013. I am sure of that because it was in 2013 that I worked with Joseph Catarelli to produce the new rules. You can download a copy of both the French and English versions of the Precision Shooting rules from the documents page of the CEP website www.cep-petanque.com



CEP Website

The website has as its objective the promotion of petanque in Europe, commonly known as French...

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Huub van den Broek I have seen the versions of the CEP and of the FIPJP, the CEP gives the Year of the new rules, the FIPJP does not do that.

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Mike Pegg Hello Huub, I always include the date in a document to mark when it has been adopted or modified. I thought the FIPJP did the same but maybe it was missed on their copy.

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Eli Nielsen

July 9, 2016

Does anyone know where to find the document which is referred to (specific provisions for disputed time-limited games) in the "Rules of Championship" on FIPJP's homepage?

Article 14

The Petanque world championships shall take place in accordance with the Rules of Play of the FIPJP, including specific provisions for disputed time-limited games.

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the translation from French to English is exceedingly poor... What the rule actually says is - The World Championships of Petanque take place according to the rules of the game of the FIPJP, including with the specific provisions for the parties contested in a limited time.

I don't think the FIPJP have published any specific rules for timed games but (subject to a small modification) the CEP has.... 😊

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Eli Nielsen The reason is, that the term of second attempt of throwing the jack (when team A has failed to throw correctly), can be

interpreted in more than one way. "Placing" the jack should be replaced by "dropped from an upright position with arm stretched in horizontal position" or something similar. I see players putting the jack on the ground next to a stone, or even measuring 9,95 and putting it on the spot. Not the intention, I assume.

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Mike Pegg The intention is to place, or drop the jack "in a valid position" so that the game can continue quickly.... if the team take advantage of being able to put the jack in a difficult position, so be it.

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Eli Nielsen I'm just thinking about golf rules, where you must drop the ball - not to get advantages by placing it.

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Magnus Halleen Tried the "dropping" and the jack hit a stone and went out of bounce, The confusion of who to throw/dropp/put was a little time funny to see, then the original jack throwing team placed it in a correct position.

If the aim for this rule is to save time i would say place the jack is the best.

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Mike Pegg [Eli Nielsen](#) in golf you are dropping your own ball.... In petanque the jack is the target and it should be an advantage to throw or place it.

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Derek Jones Mike a follow up question if I may.

If team (a) throw the invalid jack and team (b) place it in an invalid position (e.g. As per last post or they don't measure and place the jack less than 6m or more than 10m).

Do team (a) now get to place the jack or do team (b) get another go to place the jack in a valid position?

I'd assume it's alternate goes to place it and so team (a) get to place it?

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Derek Adam We play alternate with this in Scotland events when someone has been a bit daft!

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Mike Pegg Hi Derek, Team A have not thrown the jack in a valid position so it goes to Team B to place it in a valid position... No choice, it MUST be placed in a valid position.

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Derek Jones Hi Mike,

So team (b) if they placed it in an invalid position would then be able to move it again until they place it into a valid position.

OK, I guess like me Derek A. was thinking the non timed, 3 throw, alternate go would have applied. I'm glad I asked now.

Cheers Mike

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Mike Pegg Hi Derek, team B would be told that they "must" place it in a valid position.

Just recently I umpired the Norwegian Masters and to speed thing up a bit we imposed this rule. Over the 4 day tournament I can only recall advising 3 teams to move the jack "they had placed" as it was either too far from the circle or too near the dead ball line.

Personally I think the rule works very well... I'm hopeful that the FIPJP will be removing the rules, allowing for 3 throws of the jack and challenging the position of a jack after a ball has been thrown, from the rule book - we shall see!

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Derek Adam Just a joke Mike, we know it's persuading the fipjp to accept recommended rules put forward by the umpires commission and then getting Congress to approve them.

Just as well local adaptations can be made, as long as we publish them to entrants beforehand.

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Mike Pegg Hi Derek, I removed the post... but I do agree that some changes take time and effort. I spent quite a few hours going over the most recent modifications a couple of weeks ago. I suggested a few changes but am still waiting to hear the outcome - all I know for sure is there are to be some changes to the rules and I'm confident that when they are posted there will be a number of moans and groans!! 😊

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Derek Adam No problem, I suppose written text can be construed different ways, as with some of our current rule interpretations. Hopefully any changes as for the better, I'm sure we won't like them all.

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Derek Jones Hi Mike, I agree it would greatly simplify the rules. I think however in non timed games the team winning the point should have the advantage of positioning the jack. So perhaps limiting it to only 2 throws and then the opposition placing it may be an alternative. Only a thought

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Mike Pegg keep it to yourself Derek.... 😊

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Derek Jones



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Mike Pegg [Derek Jones](#) It's taken nearly 3 years to get some modifications considered and we are close to publishing (I hope) so don't go changing the changes just yet 😊

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Derek Jones People don't like change so it'll always be hard to get things changed, but your suggestion I hope we'll be implemented as it simplifies the rule for all formats which can only be good.

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Raymond Ager

June 30, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

This is an interesting - or rather, unfortunate - situation, for all who say "you must mark positions"; Team A hold the point, Team B shoots the holding boule, only for a boule from another game to stop the boule, which is still holding. Here, obviously impossible to mark positions before the boules come to rest. Apparently this did happen and the question (on a French group) was 'what's the ruling?'

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mike Pegg Unless you have missed something in your explanation of the scenario the answer is very simple, the shot (moving) boule that has been stopped by one from another game remains where it has come to rest.

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Raymond Ager Indeed, that is the case. Apparently there was a (very!) heated discussion about what was a) the ruling and b) what was the sporting thing to do 😊

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Derek Adam seems some just cant read and understand the rules 😊

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Raymond Ager I think it's more a case of "what's the sporting thing to do?" rather than a question about the rules.

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Mike Pegg then why ask "what's the ruling"!

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Raymond Ager Fair point - I think the answer is that, in addition to the 'correct' ruling, these sorts of questions invariably generate a debate about what is the 'sporting' thing to do in such situations. It's what makes the groups interesting 😊

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Eli Nielsen What was the outcome of your debate?

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Raymond Ager After an informal FB poll, 189 voted for "the boule stays where it is", 37 would replace it.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan There should not be a demand for sporting thing to do as the rule already covered the situation. As it is stopped by a boule from other game, it has to remain where it stopped, final.

The rule constructed as it is for sure after being consider the possibilities: the pitches, the time consume and so forth.

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Raymond Ager There are some who think the 'sporting thing' is important, rather than 'taking advantage' of the rules. Interesting to note that a boule was accidentally moved in today's Marseillaise semi-final - Marco Foyot immediately put it back 😊

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Mill Park Pétanque

June 25, 2016

A players has one ball to play, the last of the mene, he steps out of the circle to look at the scoreboard then reenters the circle to play. In the meantime a player from the opposing team thinks the mene is over and picks up the cochonnet. The cochonnet was not marked. What is the correct call?

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Mike Pegg Unfortunately the jack cannot be replaced because its position was not marked. Tye player that picked up the jack is given a warning, the player with the boule in his hand to play gets 1 point. It may seem unfair if the team had more points on the ground, but it is an excellent example of why your are told to mark the jack and boules at all time.

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Raymond Ager I realise such situations are difficult when positions aren't marked, although, rightly or wrongly, this is the norm in practice. However, I'm uneasy about such rulings: supposing Team A is playing and, for example, holding 3 points with a boule to play. In this scenario, Team B picks up the jack and thus denies Team A 3 points. This doesn't seem fair.

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Magnus Halleen In Sweden we have an amendment to the marked jack or boule, it say

- Marked or in any other way known place.

This gives the players the right to put the jack back in play and give the teams the points they should have in the round.

This gives me the right as a umpire to at least discuss with the teams where the jack was and hope they are in for sportsmanship.

To mark every boule is the proper way but in our already slow sport that would make the game even slower.

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Raymond Ager That sound sensible - true, perhaps you can't replace the jack in the precise spot but generally players have a pretty good idea of where the jack was, "we were holding 2 and your boule there was 3rd." The problem with Mike's ruling is that it rewards the team that made an error and penalises the team that has done nothing wrong. If one accepts that it's the offending team that should be penalised, then it would be fairer for Team A to replace the jack that Team B has removed.

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Mike Pegg the problem is not the rule, it is the players failing to mark the position of the jack/boules.

Instead of trying to invent rules to get around the problem it would be better to educate the players to mark boules and jack!

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Raymond Ager I fear it's probably a losing battle to expect everybody to mark everything all the time. Personally I only mark positions when I think there's a risk of things getting moved by boules from another game, the jack when it is borderline 6 or 10m - to prevent problems with the dreaded Art 8! - and sometimes when measuring. I'm never going to mark positions, "because an opponent might pick up the jack before we've played all our boules." To return to the original question: is there actually a rule that deals with this or is a question of 'interpretation'? If it is the latter, then I think the principle of "giving the advantage to the non-offending team" should apply.



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Dave Smith Having to mark boules and jack all the time just seems daft to me. It is very hit and miss anyway. Ray's advantage rule sounds sensible.

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Raymond Ager Art 23 does indeed cite "the advantage rule" - the problem is that this is only in relation to boules being played contrary to the rules. Perhaps we need a more general advantage rule to cover unknowns that can always occur and are impossible to include in the rules.

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Mike Pegg or perhaps players should mark the jack as stated in art 6 - To avoid any argument, the players must mark the jack's position. No claim can be accepted regarding boules or jack whose positions have not been marked.

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), while you are of course right as an umpire to state this, in practise it will never happen unless there is a fundamental change in the 'culture' of the game and a programme of training and educating players. It needs a directive "from the top" to effect such a change and it needs for players in the top comps, e.g. Masters, PPF, Trophée de Villes, etc, to respect such changes. But this will be incredibly difficult as most of their games are played on showcase terrains where there are no boules from other games and hence no need to mark anything.

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Andrey Voloshko

June 15, 2016

Hello, friends.
Do someone know a link to official standards of petanque uniform?
Especially I'm interested in trousers and shorts. I know they must be below the knee in length, but can't understand is it common fixed standard for official tournaments or that must be separately mentioned in regulations.
Thanks in advance.

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Mike Pegg Hi Andrey, the information you are looking for will be found in the rules for each Championship. At this present time there is no detail in the rules of petanque but that is about to change...

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Andrey Voloshko Understood. Thanks much

Like · June 15, 2016 at 12:22pm



Mike Pegg for the European Championship rules visit <http://www.cep-petanque.com/documents.html>
for the World Championship rules visit <http://fipjp.org/.../2015-05-10-11-11-42/rules-championships>

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Michal Dzurik [Mike Pegg](#) but Mike, article 11, 2nd paragraph and of course consequently the 5th one, are not really taking into consideration during the champs 😊

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Mike Pegg I assume you are talking about the CEP Championship rules which are new this year and will be enforced....

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Michal Dzurik [Mike Pegg](#) from what i saw at various european and world championships, many teams do not have logo of their federation on the front and name of the country on the back - including our national teams and including me, to be honest. i think these sentences were written also in previous championship rules, but nobody was "persecuted" for not having logo or for having the name of the country on the front.

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Andrey Voloshko Oh, that's good. thanks again

Like · June 15, 2016 at 12:25pm



Derek Adam Mm they seem to miss the extra layers and waterproofs that we frequently need...

Like · June 15, 2016 at 1:09pm



Mike Pegg that's because they are mostly played indoors...

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Ruben van Stockum

June 1, 2016 · Zeist, Netherlands

Hi Mike, i'm a little confused, maybe you can shine a light on the following: you've given different answers about similar situations. The first answered was the post of Raymond Ager on 1 aug 2012 in comparison to the post of Sheikh Ismail Silan on 21 april 2014.

Here are the posts: An interesting pétanque puzzle from the French forums: the first 2 boules are played, equidistant from the jack. After a shot, no boules remain on the terrain. Who plays next, the team who shot or the opponents?----> and the other: A throws first boule and followed by B. Since the both boules were equal distant to the jack, B throws the second boule and hit one of the boule (which cause the first case of equidistance dissolve) but still having another new case of equidistance. Thus this make B to throw another boule? -----> The situations seem equal because still no one is holding the point but in the first situation you've said that team A has to throw again and in the second situation you explain that it has to be team B.

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Alice Guild Sheach, 邱信龍 and Raymond Ager like this.



Raymond Ager I'm sure Mike will give the correct answers to the question.

Just to repeat what has been said previously, the « equidistant rule » does cause confusion - the second question was asked on a French forum and different umpires gave contradictory rulings. It would be much simpler and avoid all confusion to have one single rule, « if you don't hold the point, you continue playing ».

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Tim Edwins But if boules are equidistant then neither team holds the point!

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Raymond Ager True - but there is always a first boule played, Team A, followed by Team B. If Team B doesn't hold/win the point, they continue playing, as per normal. Basically the 'alternate play for equidistant boules' is an anomaly in the rules.

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Dave Smith I'm with you on this Ray. In fact there is no need for the equidistant rule at all. When this sort of thing happens in a match it throws my concentration every time.

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Toni Tinkerbelle Gates In the second case it is a different boule that is equal not the original one, maybe this is why team B plays again.

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Veronika Slobodová I agree with you

Like · 1 · June 3, 2016 at 5:33am



Mike Pegg sorry for the delay, I have been a little busy working on the "new" rules.....


Q1 - Both teams play 1 boule and are now equal distant from the jack. Team B, the last to play, shoot and all 3 boules go off the terrain.


A1 - Team B will play to now establish a holding boule.


Q2 - Both teams play 1 boule and are now equal distant from the jack. Team B, the last to play, shoot but hit their own boule with a perfect carreau leaving the boules equal distant once more.


A2 - Team B will play because it is a different boule that is now equal distant from the jack.


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 **Ruben van Stockum** Thanks Mike
Like · June 4, 2016 at 11:40pm


 **Raymond Ager** Will the new rules see the 'anomaly' of alternate play - and the resulting confusion! - changed?
Like · June 3, 2016 at 3:18am


 **Mike Pegg** Hi Ray, from what I have read so far the answer to your question is no.
Like · June 3, 2016 at 3:21am


 **Raymond Ager** Shame, for me, when there is confusion over a rule - and *especially* when different umpires give contradictory rulings, as is the case here and similarly with the dreaded (!) Art 8 - it's clear sign that there's a problem that needs addressing.
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 **Dave Smith** The equidistant rule winds me up no end. It is embarrassing trying to explain it to newcomers (you don't see them ever again!).
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 **Mike Pegg** The rules regarding boules that are equal distant from the jack is very simple.... art 28
When the two closest boules to the jack belong to opposing teams and are at an equal distance from it, 3 cases can apply:
1) If the two teams have no more boules to play the end is dead and the jack belongs to the team which threw the jack at the preceding end.
2) If only one team has boules at its disposition, it plays them and scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule.
3) If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them. When only one team possesses boules, the arrangements set out in the preceding paragraph apply.
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 **Dave Smith** Mike - it would be easier just to omit the rule. I really don't understand why it is needed.
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 **Mike Pegg** really Dave.... so without a rule how do you deal with the occasion when 2 boules are equal distant from the jack?
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
 **Derek Adam** remembering that it is not only equidistant from the jack, but also touching the jack, or both boules being "dead"
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 **Mike Pegg** you are just trying to complicate things Derek 😊
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 **Derek Adam** Maybe we should have another slightly unconfused rule for those occasions, just so some umpires can understand them
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 **Sheikh Ismail Silan** If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately "until the point belongs to one of them". This statement cause the confusion. To my understanding the second boule that make the equidistant does not meant any of the team holding the point, so the turn to throw the boule should be team A and not B.
If it was meant the B should throw the boule than a direct wording for that should be written.
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 **Dave Smith** Mike - I think Ray explained it earlier - that if boules are equidistant, the last team to throw should continue until they better it, or run out of boules. Isn't that the nature of the game?
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 **Raymond Ager** I think people are commenting on two different situations: 1. When all boules are played and there's an equidistant situation and 2. When there's an equidistant situation but there are still boules to play. It's the latter case when it would be simpler and more logical to continue in the 'normal' way, i.e. if you haven't beaten the opponent's point, you continue to play - there is no need or logic for playing a 2nd boule and then switching to alternate play. This would avoid all the confusion that's arisen with the (rare) cases when boules are equidistant and then a subsequent boule replaces one of the equidistant boules.
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Mike Pegg Not only have you not beaten the opponent the situation now is



neither team is holding the point, or you could claim both are... This is why after the team have played another boule and nothing has changed that the teams now play alternatively.

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Dave Smith Well all I can say Mike is that teams having to throw alternately (like bowls) spoils it for me. It is not what the game is about.

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Raymond Ager In this scenario - and all similar ones where this is confusion over who plays next, where one equidistant boule has been replaced by another - the basic fact remains: Team A played first and Team B has to beat Team A's boule. Logically, Team B should continue playing until they win the point or run out boules. If boules are equidistant, then Team B has failed to win the point - illogical to switch to alternate play.

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Mike Pegg on the contrary, neither team is holding the point so it is quite logical to play alternatively.

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Raymond Ager On the contrary, Team B hasn't beaten Team A, therefore they should continue playing 😊

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Peter Astle Personally I don't find it confusing and actually like the rule it adds an extra dimension particularly tactically especially when one team has more boules than the other to play

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Raymond Ager Does it really add an extra dimension tactically??? For me, the issue is, either the rules of the game should be "teams play alternately" - as is the case with, say, lawn bowls - or "you continue playing until you hold the point (or run out of boules)". I just think it's an anomaly to switch to alternate play and, as has been demonstrated here and on other forums, can lead to confusing situations - admittedly rare.

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Peter Astle "Admittedly rare" hmm sounds very much like a foot has just been shot 🙄

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Raymond Ager How many times have you seen one equidistant boule replaced by another equidistant boule? 😊

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Are we discussing how the game should be played or the understanding of the rule art 28?

For what it is we should agree that if an equidistant happen, the team that throw last has to throw again. If none of the team hold a point then they have to play their boules alternately. No problem on that.

If the situation stays i.e. no team holding a point even though different boule cause the equidistant (still no team holding a point) then who should throw the next boule? If the last team throw has to throw again a big question WHY will arise. No team is holding a point yet, then the turn should go alternately. If the art actually meant that since the the equidistant is caused by new boule (new situation) than it has to be stated clearly.

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Mike Pegg



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Raymond Ager The inevitable result of having confusing rules 😊

Like · June 11, 2016 at 11:59am



Mike Pegg the problem is not in the rule!

Like · June 11, 2016 at 12:23pm · Edited



Raymond Ager So why do umpires give contradictory results about who plays next, in these cases of one equidistant boule being replaced by another? You can't blame the players!!! 😊

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Mike Pegg I wasn't blaming anyone Ray... but you have identified an issue which we (CEP) are looking to deal with in the near future to establish a central location for umpires to be trained.



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Raymond Ager That sounds like an excellent initiative.

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Dave Smith It shouldn't matter whether neither team holds the shot or not, for it should be the team that last played to beat or better their opponent, no matter how many boules they have to throw in succession to accomplish it. Quite simple logic really 😊.

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Raymond Ager

June 8, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

Yet another example from a French forum of confusion and unsporting behaviour, resulting from Art 8 : Team A throws the jack 3 times, invalid, Team B throws the jack and Team A play their first boule, only for Team B to then challenge the jack (sic!) which is invalid!!!

The question was, "which team should throw the jack?" but the real question is, "WHEN will this rule be changed to prevent such behaviour?!!!!"

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Dave Smith likes this.



Mike Pegg assuming Team B have only thrown the jack once it is for them to throw the jack again as the rule very clearly says they have 3 tries.

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Derek Adam its quite simple, team A and team B should have made sure it was valid before playing

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Raymond Ager Of course - but the problem is that a badly worded rule encourages unsporting behaviour. "Wait and see if it's a good first boule - if it is, we'll challenge the jack".

Like · June 8, 2016 at 2:41am



Raymond Ager Mike, you didn't answer the *real* question! 😊

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Mike Pegg That's because I don't have an answer other than to say I raised the question over changing this article some days ago but haven't had a reply... yet!

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Raymond Ager Many thanks - my breath is duly bated. 😊

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Robert Pugh

June 4, 2016 · Cardiff, United Kingdom

Hi. I'd like a quick clarification on scoring, if possible?

During a recent league match my team scored 2 points, finishing at the end remote from the scoreboard.

We went to throw the jack for the next end and one of our opponents remarked that we hadn't put the points up. I said I'd do it when I walked up the piste after the first boule was thrown, to which he replied that if the points weren't put on the board before the next end started (i.e. a legal jack was thrown) we couldn't have those points!

I can't find anything in the rules covering this, but surely it can't be the case? Thanks in advance.

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Raymond Ager and Lynda Williams Cardiff like this.




Derek Adam total and utter tosh!!!


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
Robert Pugh Thanks Derek - succinctly-put 😊


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 **Derek Adam** it was the public version
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 **Colin Montgomery** I think the official version goes likein order to make the assertion that two points had been scored , then the two teams had agreed that to be the case , you dont need a rule book from there on .
Like · June 4, 2016 at 4:05pm

 **Mike Pegg** It's not the first time I have been told about this "so called" rule. My understanding is that some clubs and leagues have this rule to overcome the issue of players forgetting to register their score resulting in disagreements later on in the game.
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 **Raymond Ager** There's nothing in the rules about how to record scores - it's a matter of common sense. The only problem with common sense is that it's not very common. 😊
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 **Mike Pegg** This is not the first time I have been asked about this "so called" rule. It seems some clubs and leagues have added a "local" rule to make sure the teams register their results each and every end in an attempt to overcome disagreements over the score later in the match.


Robert you need to check your league rules to make sure they have not adopted this rule.


As for the "normal" rules of petanque, these require the teams/players to "agree the points" on completion of each end.


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 **Robert Pugh** Thanks Mike. I put most of the League rules, so I know this isn't in them.
I was just querying that I hadn't missed anything in the FIPJP rules. 👍
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 **Mike Pegg** hi Robert, you may consider asking your opponent if they have played in Spain in what I believe is called the Swedish League... I know they include this rule of 'put your score on the board or lose it'
😊
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 **Robert Pugh** Mike - I think that's probably the case 😊
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 **Jamie Lewis** What a ridiculous and quite frankly idiotic person you were playing. They shouldn't be playing sport in any form at all
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 **Dave Smith** They obviously wanted to win at all costs.
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
 **Mike Pegg** I think they were just confused with the rules they will have picked up in Spain 😊
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 **Magnus Halleen**
June 6, 2016

Who will throw the next boule in this situation?
Team A throw the jack and point their first boule.
Team B shoot and both boules goes dead.
Team B pointing but their boule goes dead.
Which team will play next boule?

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 **Mike Pegg** Team A
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 **Raymond Ager** Mike, don't beat about the bush! 😊
Like · June 7, 2016 at 1:10am

 **Magnus Halleen** Thanks. That was my reply but a player was strongly arguing that it should be team B.
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Raymond Ager Another argument for 'revising' the rules and doing away with the anomaly - and resulting confusion - of alternate play.
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Raymond Ager
May 25, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

A question about Art 7, drawing the circle: ...the player may step back, in line with the previous end's play...

Does this mean that you can only step back in the direction A - not B?



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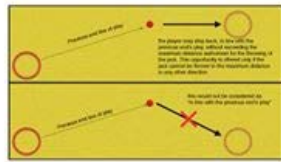
Derek Adam I believe so yes, direct line from previous circle to marked cochonnet, you can then step back in line from there until your 10m distance can be achieved
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Victoria Lloyd I think its rule 7 you can move back in line .but .only if can not be thrown in any other direction (open terrain)
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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, hope this is of some help 😊



Like · 6 · May 26, 2016 at 2:39am



Raymond Ager Perfect - seriously, the rules would benefit from diagrams such as this.
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Mazlan Ahmad Crystal clear explanation, thnx mike. Note the pre-condition in the article. "... opportunity is offered only if the jack cannot be thrown to the maximum distance in ANY other direction", a clause easily overlooked.
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Mazlan Ahmad
May 23, 2016

Can somebody pls relate what was that all about - - the recent quintas + suchard spat in a recent french championship? Need to understand the rulings/rationale from an arbiter's standpoint.

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Robbie Stronach Heard they had been Disq but no idea what for...
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Derek Adam Disqualified for not wearing the correct team uniform. They were



supposed to wear the winners kit from last year, but weren't. They were not told so on day one, but day 2, part way through the game they were excluded.
No warning or opportunity to rectify the situation.
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Mazlan Ahmad Quite ridiculous! We record champions by their teams and names, not their uniforms.

Suppose quintas n suchard were to win for the next 5 consecutive years....are they required to wear the same 6 years old rags??(shirts and pants)
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Mike Pegg Hi Mazian, from the reports I have read it was not a matter dealt with by the umpire.
In fact it seems it was the jury decision to disqualify both players for not wearing the Championship shirts in accordance with the region championship rules.
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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Just follow the rules...
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Raymond Ager
May 15, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, you mentioned in a recent post that, if pétanque is accepted as an Olympic sport, there would probably need to be some changes to the rules. I'm just curious, what do you think needs changing?

Do you think that the pétanque rules should be change to eliminate the element of luck - such as accidentally moving the jack or nominating a boule to hit when shooting - i.e. more in line with le Jeu Provençal and La Boule Lyonnaise - or do you think that the element of luck is just part of the game?

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Derek Jones and Steve Clark like this.



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, to clarify, the post was in another group and was primarily about representation and eligibility... however, I am reasonably sure that the rules of petanque will need to be modified when, or if, we are accepted as a sport in the Olympics.

As for would any changes have anything to do with the luck element in our sport, as you put it, I have no idea or opinion at this time.
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Sheikh Ismail Silan
May 4, 2016

In time game, the jack cannot be found after 5 minutes search, does this 5 minutes is considered part of plying time or extra 5 minutes has to be given to the game? Argument:

- A. If extra 5 minutes is given then it will cause the smoothness of the competition.
- B. If not given then the leading team will be smiling.

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Mike Pegg extra time is not given to find the jack....
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Eli Nielsen Has anyone considered to reduce this time in timed games? To 1 minute ??
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Mazlan Ahmad Agree with [Eli Nielsen](#). Art 10a probably is meant for games with gamepoint of 13 where there's no time constraint. To circumvent this article perhaps a house rule (complementary /administration per art 39) be drafted, whereby a lost jack is to be IMMEDIATELY replaced with a similarly

approved jack, and then after when the lost jack is found, it is to be used again, commencing from the next new end. This arrangement would be fair to both teams competing.

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Mazlan Ahmad As in football/soccer, when the ball goes out of play, a new ball is substituted immediately, for the very reason of avoiding playtime wastage.

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Raymond Ager Excellent idea!

Like · May 5, 2016 at 11:04pm



Mike Pegg Hopefully when new (modified) rules are released this will be picked up... 😊

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Eli Nielsen But when Mike?... how long shall we suffer 😞

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Mike Pegg suffer! you have the rules from Izmir (2010) use those. No need to suffer!

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Eli Nielsen I know, but good people often comes to us umpires and ask when the rules are been adjusted to the international competitions, which they read/hear about. In DK we try to rule by the "Izmir rules", but timed games with Swiss-system are now the official way to run our local tournaments, so we have to "adjust" to timed games. It just would be nice to have the rules formalised and adjusted to "the real world".

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, I will be very surprised of the rules include much more about timed games than they already do. It is more likely that the rules for timed games will continue to develop and be published separately for each championship much the same as we do at CEP Championships.

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Raymond Ager I think one problem is that the rules essentially cover "how to play" but parts are about competitions. It would be helpful to have a clearer distinction - perhaps a supplement or separate guidelines for comps.

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Derek Adam [Raymond](#) like a competition manual?? refer back to the old BPA one, which could have updated appendices for timed matches....

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Raymond Ager Indeed, it was an excellent resource, shame it's disappeared.

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Derek Adam we still have copies in the SPA, unfortunately all paper ones

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Mike Pegg Both the CEP and FIPJP have specific rules for their Championships. Last year the CEP issued a set of rules specifically for "timed games" so that all our members and competitors would know what the rules are for the qualification rounds. The old BPA competition manual you refer to was about how to run a competition using one of several formats.

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Raymond Ager I guess a lost jack in timed comps is a fairly rare occurrence...

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Mike Pegg well it is at a Championship event which are nearly always played indoors.... 😊

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Eli Nielsen Where can I see these rules for timed games?

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Derek Adam i think they were on the CEP site for when we went to Bulgaria. Or if you want one very similar, look on the Scottish petanque website for competition rules, they are based on the same thing. I wont say which set was created first....

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Mike Pegg The rules for Timed Games are on the CEP website - Documents page

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Raymond Ager Isn't changing the jack something competition organisers could simply introduce for timed games?

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Mike Pegg uploaded a file.

May 5, 2016

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Seb Renaud

May 4, 2016

Hi

I know the rule that opponents must be quiet when other team is about to play. But what can you do when a team comes to watch obviously waiting to see the result but they constantly chat only one certain player plays as they know it irritates that person what can u do

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Chris Romeril Complain to the umpire deb.I did on Monday.same thing only it was a player making comments maybe to try and put us off.

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Mike Pegg the rule is - During the regulation time allowed for a player to throw a boule the spectators and players must observe total silence.

So the team that came to watch are spectators and should be quite and standing away from the game.... if they are disturbing the player/game the umpire should be called to either ask them to be quite or move them away from the game.

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Alexandra Shevchenko

March 30, 2016

Dear petanque friends. Could you please clarify?

We have a player who has congenital disease (neural amyotrophy charcot-marie-tooth), which does not allow him to put fingers together. To play petanque he must gum up fingers with plaster (like on photos).

And the question is if he allowed to take part in international tournaments using plaster? May referee have any questions about that? And if some document about disability would be enough?

thanks for the help!



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Jac Verheul Why not, you are also allowed to play with gloves.

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Alexandra Shevchenko would not this be counted as cheating? As for example wetting a rag to wipe balls.

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Jac Verheul No.

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Derek Adam you can play with gloves if you want. Although in [Mike Pegg](#)'s opinion this would mean you cant play as well as someone without. But no reason in the rules for you not to allow them to play

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Mike Pegg It is unlikely that taping your fingers together will give you an unfair advantage over your opponents.... for sure there is not a rule to prevent this so carry on.

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Dave Smith It is not that different to a plaster, so I would say that it would not be a problem.

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Alexandra Shevchenko Thank you all for your answers! I will tell to athlete don't worry about it)

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Roman Kapeš I am an official referee in the Czech Republic, and would let the player use the plaster. Anyway, he needs to throw a ball in the right direction as well as to use the right energy length of the through.

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Jac Verheul The most important thing is that the guy can play now thanks to this plaster. You know, petanque was invented more than 100 years ago by an old provençal player who had a handicap: rheumatism. So, good luck for you and have a lot of fun!

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Sheikh Ismail Silan A question might arise. The plaster has sticky element which may stuck to the boule. This could give a situation that might give advantage to the player especially the pointer. I'm not referring to the problem above, but allowing using plaster to wrap figures for normal player.

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Mike Pegg unlikely to give the player an advantage... more likely to give the player problems throwing the boule.....

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Dave Smith Yes I agree with Mike - more likely to be a disadvantage.

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Mike Pegg



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Eli Nielsen

April 3, 2016

During a time-limited competition, we ended last end equally (11:11) and should find the winner by pointing to the jack at 8m. Distance from jack to boule is measured and summed after all players have made their pointing. Winner is the team with shortest total distance.

A player pointed in such way the bouled ended outside the pitch, so how should that be treated?

- A. The boule is re-played
- B. Distance is measured (despite out-of-bounds)
- C. Distance is set to 8m
- D. ???

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Michal Dzurik this is a petanque rules forum, dear friend. you played some different game



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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, it seems you are making up your own rules for timed games so why not invent a rule to deal with this sort of situation.... as a suggestion a boule that is over the dead ball line is "dead. So you do not need to measure it meaning the opponent only has to keep their boule in the lane to win! 😊

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Raymond Ager Isn't normal procedure to play 1 or 2 extra ends for timed games that are tied?

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Mike Pegg normally the teams inform the umpire and depending on the stage of the event and time he would allow them 1 more end....

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Eli Nielsen Hi again. I know this is not a part of the official rules, but time limited games are often used in combination with the Swiss-system, and if you have to play 1 or 2 extra ends, you can also have an equal score... depending on which set of unofficial rules applies. I only hoped you have experienced such a situation and could reveal any suggestion for a solution.

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Derek Adam the solution we run in Scotland for tied timed games, is 1 extra end, if still tied, then each player (triples) has 1 boule each for one final end. if a boule is out of bounds it is dead.

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Michal Dzurik but eli, even after that pointing at 8m you can get an equal numbers. i believe a good way to minimise the chance that after the time limit the score is even steven, is to set the time limit to e. g. 55 or 60 minutes + 1 extra end, or to 50 minutes + 2 extra ends. of course, sometimes the score is even after that, but hey, it is usually less than 10 minutes for one end. so if the competition starts 10 minutes earlier next time, everyone will be happy 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, at our (CEP) championships we run the Swiss system with success.... if two teams are tied the umpire will allow them 1 extra end. For the 2 teams to remain tied is very rare, but if it did happen then perhaps 1 more end. There certainly is no need to over complicate the game anymore than it has been already!





Ioannis Giakoumis

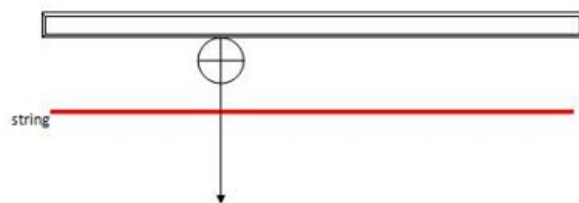
March 26, 2016

Dear petanque friends and umpires, hello from Greece! Recently, during a tournament game, a player from Team A tried to shoot an opponent's boule.

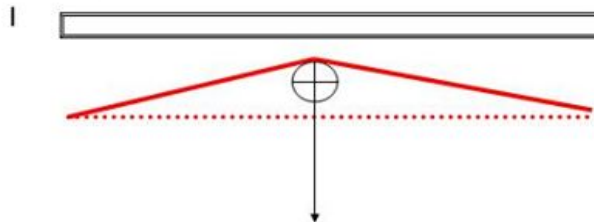
But after the shot (he missed) his boule headed towards the out of play line (the terrain was marked with strings), but somehow(?) it ended up inside the playing area. Team B claimed that it hit the physical border (backboard) of the field and rebounded, so it was dead, but

Team A insisted that it was stopped by the marking string itself (a normal string nailed on 4 corners right on the ground) and got back, so they claimed it was live. What would be a right call according to the rules in this case?

What Team B claims



What Team A claims



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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad The string must completely on the ground...i saw this case before but by jack..

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Ioannis Giakoumis The string was completely on the ground (nailed on 4 sides just on the ground) and for such thing to happen with a boule (to be stopped) seems highly impossible.

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Aina Ika Ratovo Did it make a noise? If it's a loud and thud noise then it's dead..

If it sounds like a bow then it's live
Next time don't make the string too tight

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Ioannis Giakoumis Team A claim they didn't hear anything, Team B say they saw and heard it hit the backboard. There were 3 games taking place at the same moment, so the attention of others on the court was on their own play.

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Tony Thompson I think an umpire would call it live since he can only make a judgement call on what he sees, in this case a boule on the Live piste. Of cause if he/she was watching the game he would know what happened.

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Mike Pegg Hello Ioannis,

The answer to your question is the boule would be considered live if it has not fully crossed the dead ball line.

For your information, the strings which define the terrain must not interfere with the course of play (art 5) and taking into consideration the health and safety of players you should also make sure the lines do not create a trip hazard.

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Ioannis Giakoumis In the scenario depicted in the second part of the picture, should the ball be considered to have crossed the line or not? I, personally don't think that such a thing has really happened because the string was really firm on the ground, but since some insist I asked. Thanks again!

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Mike Pegg in the second image the boule has not crossed the line.... so it is not dead.

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Raymond Ager Isn't the real problem here that both teams are saying different things happened and how does an umpire resolve such conflict? Could you clarify, was the target boule close to the dead-ball line? If so, if the shooter misses, their boule is pretty likely to hit the back board. Or was the target a long way away, the shot was gentle and the shooter's boule just rolled towards the dead-ball line? In which case I could see more room for debate.

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Mike Pegg there is nothing to debate.... if the two teams cannot agree what happened the umpire has little choice but make a decision based on what he can see..... in this case it would appear the boule has not crossed the dead ball line so it remains live.

An exception would be if the umpire could see proof that the boule had crossed the line and bounced back onto the lane. Perhaps a track in the ground or a mark on the back board.

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Ioannis Giakoumis

March 27, 2016

Another question from Greece for the umpires. During a time limited game (45mins) Team A, who also lead the score, claim their boule is closer to the jack.

Team B say that their boule obviously is closer and propose to measure. A player of Team B, the most experienced of the whole field measures, 2 players from Team A looking close and they all agree that Team B's boule is closer by more than 1cm.

The third player of Team A insists that they all are mistaken, yells to the opponents and asks to re-measure, the opponents say that it is a highly unacceptable behavior and causes upset (and that it is an insult to the person who measured at least) to the whole game, and after some quarel, the 'arbiter' comes (a neutral player) and measures. Team B's boule was indeed closer to the jack, by 1.4 cm. (33.6cm vs 35cm).

Please comment on this event, in regard to the game being time limited. How should this delay be handled?

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Mike Pegg Art 25: The measuring of a point is the duty of the player who last played or by one of his or her team-mates. The opponents still have the right to measure after one of these players

Of course if they are unsure or disagree the umpire should be called and his decision is final.

If you do not have an umpire but you ask a player from another game to measure then whatever decision that player makes when measuring would also be considered to be final.

If a player or team deliberately delays play they would in the first place be given a warning.... but you need an umpire for this to happen!

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Ioannis Giakoumis Thanks for your reply. I really hope that there will be some umpires in Greece in the not so distant future.

Like · March 27, 2016 at 4:47am



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 21, 2016

Boules being thrown continuously one by one. Does it considered as throwing more boules at a time?

Is a player need to wait the last boule thrown to stop completely before throwing another boule?

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Derek Adam According to the rules, yes.

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Mike Pegg I think these articles answer your question... it is worth remembering that you should not take each rule (article) in isolation. Often to deal with a scenario you will need to consider or apply several rules.

Art 15 - The first boule of an end is thrown by a player belonging to the team that has won the toss or has been the last to score. After that, it is the team that does not hold the point that plays.

The boules must be played one at a time.

Art 20 - Once the jack is thrown each player has the maximum duration of one 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

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 18, 2016

A player throws 2 boules (or more) at a time. It's against the rule. How do we rule? Allowing a boule alive and the others dead? What if the opponent wish to play advantage rule?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Pedro Serrano Unanue Art 23

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Mike Pegg Very simple answer.... The boules must be played one at a time so in this case both boules are dead.

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Raymond Ager Does the question really mean, "throwing two (or more) boules simultaneously" or does it actually mean playing a second boule without properly checking who has the point?

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Mike Pegg you can judge for yourself.... the rule actually states: "The boules must be played one at a time"

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Mat Jue

March 8, 2016 · Seputeh, Malaysia

Hello mr mike Here one situation team a throw the boule and near the jack....then team b close one hole but when he go to the circle he shoot the boule team a so it is the boule team b is live or dead?

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Mike Pegg I'm sorry but I don't understand your question



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Mill Park Pétanque I wonder if he means team B fills a hole but then elects to shoot instead of pointing?

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Fredy Harke one hole filled does not mean the next boule must be a laid one ... by the way I seldom see players that acribly close a hole then cross that areal ...

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Ur right mill

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Derek Adam By current official FIPJP rules then boule B has been played correctly, so is live.

I believe the FFP are playing a modified version of the rules which may cover the original situation.

So depends on where you are playing and against who

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Mike Pegg assuming you guys are right about the post and he is talking about filling a hole then shooting, this is perfectly acceptable as the player about to throw or one of his/her team can fill the mark made by a previous boule. Regardless of any rule changes the French Fed may be imposing on their members, the official rules have not changed "yet"! 😊

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Raymond Ager Perhaps there is some confusion. This - possible future rule change - has been trialled at the French Masters and PPF competitions. This was only a trial, it is not (yet) an official rule change - not even in France 😊

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Christophe Chambers This is good info because ever since the PPF, some folks around here have been touting the "you can't fill a hole before shooting anymore" supposed rule change. Now I get to fill a hole AND correct them! 😊

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Mike Pegg



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Eli Nielsen This is unfortunately what happens.... countries start to "create" their own rules from "hear say". Please, let us have a new set of official rules, so we will not waste our time explaining what is speculations and what is official rule.

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Derek Adam but there already is a full set of rules, published by the FIPJP on their website. Until the International Umpire committee make recommendations to change them, and they are adopted, the rules are the same as they were since 2010. We may suspect there are updates (over)due, but until they are adopted by the FIPJP the rules are there, black and white, and French.

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Michal Dzurik this rule would be difficult to follow - just think about the raffle shooting or about pointing hard. sometimes you can't decide if it was pointing or shooting. 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, you don't need new rules, you just need to take notice of the current rules which were adopted by the FIPJP on the 7th October at the Congress in Izmir, Turkey.

We often talk about "possible" new rules or "possible" modifications to the existing ones but at the time of writing this post there are no "new" rules! 😊

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Raymond Ager I agree 100% it would be better to a) better educate players to respect the existing rules and b) ensure that the umpires apply those rules. The problem - certainly in France - is that, even at the top level - players have for too long abused the rules and the umpires have been very lax in enforcing them. However, this possible rule change has been trialled at 2 of the top French comps - the players respected it and the umpires enforced it. My guess is that it will in due course, become a new rule - unless, Mike, you run a few course for French umpires. 😊

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Tan Zubir So... No new rules after 2010 congress in izmir turkey...

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Trevor Gibb

March 7, 2016

I recently played on a piste and the rules were "any boule that hits the back board is a dead boule." there were no strings just a back board. The scoreboard was on a pole and the pole was affixed to the backboard by a large bracket that protruded some 4 inches onto the piste. It was the same height as the backboard, some 6 inches. If a ball or cochonnet touches the bracket is it out?

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Robert Arthur Yes

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Trevor Gibb Yeah yeah 😊 trouble maker 😊 hahaha

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Tony Thompson I reckon it depends on the local rules. Another reason to string the piste then everybody knows then it is dead.

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Trevor Gibb My thinking is probably wrong but unless the bracket is seen as part of the backboard then the boule is live! After all it is a post bracket and not the backboard! Like I said my thinking may be wrong.

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Jac Verheul Tony, there are no local rules, there are just international rules!

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Tony Thompson Jac I agree when playing formal competitions and I am in full agreement with that. Here I think the reference is in a friendly local game where there are often local amendments to suit the terrain. I did point out that stringing would alleviate the problem.

Two pistes on my local terrain have sloping concrete supporting concrete kerb stones. For club games we play the support concrete as live and the kerb stone as dead. This is a local rule. For formal games we string it, although that leaves the piste a touch narrow

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Jac Verheul I understand.

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Trevor Gibb To be fair this was played in a winter doubles match and does not, in my opinion, constitute friendly or local rules but petanque rules. There was no explanation at the outset that anything was out other than the side strings and the neckband! In my head I counted it as an obstacle.

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Mike Pegg If the local rule is anything touching the backboard is dead then a boule or jack hitting a post or bracket fixed to the backboard will be dead. clearly by being fixed to the backboard the post/bracket becomes a part of the backboard.

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Trevor Gibb Thank you. Brain now straightened!

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Robert Pugh On one of our pistes we have a metal post holding the lights - the post is against the backboards (which are dead, with no strings, like you describe) and the bottom of the post is covered by a tyre to protect it and out boules. The post and tyre are considered dead.

Conversely, on another one of our pistes is a wooden electricity pole, which doesn't touch the backboards, so we play it as "live".


These are always explained to any visiting players.

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Mike Pegg Hi Robert, from your description I would suggest the wooden electricity pole should be designated an "obstacle".


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 **Robert Pugh** Yeah - but it's fun seeing the look on people's face when you tell them the electricity pole is live 😊


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 **Mike Pegg** 😊 I guessed as much Bob when I read your post. 😊

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 **Trevor Gibb** Mike in my head I had it down as an obstacle rather than! the backboard


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 **Trevor Gibb**
March 2, 2016


If a plastic circle is being used and a player mistakenly thinks the end is over and removes the circle before the final ball is played what is the ruling? I would have said end over but I was recently overruled by an umpire!

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
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 **Eddie Hollestelle** If the circle is marked then put it back and play the ball. Otherwise the end is over. But..... when you are a friendly player you let them play the ball and replace the circle as good as possible at its original position

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
 **Colin Stewart** The end isn't over. If the position of the circle wasn't marked you should call the umpire and they will make a decision about where the circle should be placed, based on what they see on the terrain (foot prints for example). All prefab circles should be marked to avoid this happening.

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
 **Raymond Ager** There are some minor amendments to the rules for 2016, including, Art 6: ... If a player picks up a plastic circle and their team still has boules to play, they cannot play them. [Mike](#), are these changes being adopted by all Federations?

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 **Michal Dzurik** ray, where did you get that wording? as for now, the official rules (published at FIPJP website and CEP website) are from 2010 and these we should follow. i don't think federations are adopting some unofficial changes 😊

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 **Raymond Ager** This is actually (my translation) from the rules on the FFPJP site http://www.fppj.net/.../Arbitrage/REGLT_Petanque_2016.pdf. I have checked on the FIPJP site and can't find the rules - help!


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 **Mike Pegg** Hi Ray, it would appear the French Fed are playing to a different set of rules than that or the rest of the world for the 2nd year running.....


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 **Raymond Ager** Vive la différence !!! 😊


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 **Fredy Harke** [Raymond Ager](#) - I do not see any new rules ... sure you did not get a phishing site??


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 **Raymond Ager** The above link is to the FFPJP site.

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 **Fredy Harke** [Raymond Ager](#) - ah - I was checking that link while your assurance came - - - my usual language is german ... so now I will go and see if the german petanque asociasion has adapted ... thanks ...

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 **Raymond Ager** From Mike's comments, this is just a French rule change. 😊

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Fredy Harke [Raymond Ager](#) should not be - think about the discussion



in international game ... we do not enforce this at home ...

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Michal Dzurik [Raymond Ager](#) rules in french at fipjp are here: fipjp.org-reglements-discipline-petanque. you easily find the english version accordingly.



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Raymond Ager OK, got it at last 😊 I was misled by the 'Discipline' menu 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Trevor, unfortunately the 'current' rules do not cover this sort of incident. So the answer to your question is the umpire should call the jury to make a decision - as per the rules!

At an International Umpires seminar a couple of years ago we discussed this problem and the solution muted was that if the player or his team have boules they cannot play them.

If the opponent had boules the circle is replaced and they play their boules.

Of course there is the issue of "was the circle marked" and as has been stated earlier the umpire may be able to place the circle if there are sufficient marks.

So you have a choice - both teams agree the position of the circle and the teams complete playing their boules or call the umpire who may decide the position of the circle or call the umpire and he/she can call a jury to decide.

Hopefully the FIPJP will be arranging an Int. Umpires Commission meeting soon and we will be able to resolve this and deal with other overdue modifications!

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Fredy Harke - ok we had this with drawn circles already ... removed marking - the removing team can not play any boules left , while the opposing team may play ..

Like · March 3, 2016 at 11:04am



Fredy Harke The usual thing in Petanque is to mark ... using a ring means >mark its position< - throwing a legal jack : mark its position --- and so on

Like · March 3, 2016 at 11:12am



Dave Smith Mike - more often than not, there is no umpire to call upon. In this instance I would personally let the opposition re-position the circle based on circle or tread marks as Eddie and Colin have already stated.

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Raymond Ager I think that's a common sense and sporting thing to do. Of course, if an umpire is present, players have to accept their decision but in this case, it's more a 'mistake' than unfair play. I personally think that, for situations like this, i.e. 'mistakes' rather than infringements of the rules, the 'diplomatic' thing for the umpire to do is to first 'educate' the players, rather than penalise them.

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Mike Pegg and how is the umpire to know if it was a mistake or intentional?

Players need to learn that it is important not only to mark the boules and jack but also the position of the circle!

Like · March 7, 2016 at 9:45am



Dave Smith I have always felt that marking the position of boules and jack is a bit hit and miss. Returning them to their original positions after they have been moved might not be accurate enough. Whereas, in the case of the circle, an inch here or there won't make any difference.

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), of course, nobody can know if it was intentional or not - that's why I said, if an umpire was present, you have to accept their ruling. But [Dave](#) suggested what he would do if no umpire was present - which is often the case and where 99% of the time players agree amongst themselves. If not, they will call an umpire, if present.



Christophe Chambers

March 6, 2016

Hi Mike- here is my scenario: Boule A comes to rest approx. 5 cm over the end line (dead). It is not removed before the next boule is played. Boule B (next boule played) hits boule A, which prevents boule B from crossing the end line. Is boule B dead?

I thought I knew this one, but now I'm not so sure.

Thanks for your reply.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Fredy Harke - someone should have removed the >dead< boule .. and now boule B is alive ... --- holding the point - ha,ha.

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Mike Pegg Hi Christophe, Boule A is removed. Boule B which did not cross the dead ball line is live. The player of boule A and his team is given a warning for not removing the dead boule.

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Christophe Chambers Got it! Thanks.

Like · March 7, 2016 at 6:46am



Raymond Ager

March 7, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

A question on a French forum which hasn't had a definitive answer: a player shoots the jack which rolls along the ground in the direction of the dead-ball line. However, the shooter's boule rebounds from the back barrier onto the terrain and stops the jack from going out of play. What is the ruling?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mike Pegg the boule is dead but the jack is live....

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Raymond Ager Does Art 18 apply? "If the boule then comes back into the playing area, either because of the slope of the ground or by having rebounded from an obstacle, moving or stationary, it is immediately taken out of the game and anything that it has displaced after its passage into an out-of-bounds area is put back in place."

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Mike Pegg the boule is dead and of course removed immediately. But the jack is not put back to its original place before it was shot as it was moved from that place by the boule "before" it went into the out of bounds area. So the jack is left in the place it stopped... on the terrain and live.

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Raymond Ager So just bad luck? Supposing the jack had been stopped by a boule from another game?

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Mike Pegg assuming we are talking about the same jack that is "rolling" along the ground after being hit by the shooters ball and is then hit by a boule from another game- the jack remains where it is found.

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Raymond Ager OK, thanks.

Like · March 7, 2016 at 4:40am



Bobby DarkDestiny

March 4, 2016

hi mike...team A throw first ball and team B throw her first ball and team B

not measure the ball distance..he play second ball...and when team A measure the ball it see team B have two points..team B the first ball he thrown was point... tell me the rule here..thanxx

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Fredy Harke Take the second "ball" - it is invalid - continue game ...

Like · 1 · March 5, 2016 at 11:59am



Bobby DarkDestiny thanx

Like · March 5, 2016 at 6:05pm



Mike Pegg Hi Bobby, team B should not have thrown their 2nd boule without first checking to see if they were holding.

So the opponent (team A) has the choice either it is dead and if marked everything it put back in the original positions or they play the advantage rule, the boule and anything that was moved remains where there are.

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Bobby DarkDestiny mike

...in this situation the second ball must be remove... thanx

Like · March 5, 2016 at 6:08pm



Bobby DarkDestiny

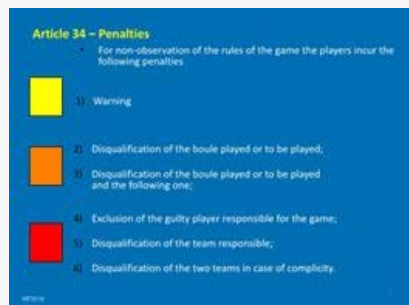
March 1, 2016

hi mike... tel me the Card rules..thanx

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Mike Pegg



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Fredy Harke - I love point 6.) ...

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Bobby DarkDestiny thanx boss

Like · March 2, 2016 at 1:39am



Tim Edwins

February 24, 2016 · Gravesend, United Kingdom

Team A throws a legal jack 9.8 metres and then points their first boule which trails the jack so it is now 10.1 metres.

Team B say they haven't had a chance to play a legal jack and the jack is re-thrown by Team A.

Does this first throw of the jack now count as illegal and one of the 3 throws of the jack allowed?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Ruben van Stockum The re-throw isn't right. The jack should have stayed where it finished. They should have marked the jack for arguing. The thrown jack can't be measured anymore. It's not about the thrown jack wich is then moved by a boule.

Like · 1 · February 24, 2016 at 5:59pm



Victoria Lloyd I think it should remain. Jack only has to be legal at the start of the end. However if it was not marked before first boule played and umpire measures he will only be able to rule on where jack is now, so may deem it a dead end. Always mark your jack and boule

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Raymond Ager Mike, now do you believe me? 😊

Like · February 24, 2016 at 11:41pm



Tim Edwins Oh so we got this wrong?

Like · February 25, 2016 at 3:33am



Raymond Ager This problem has been discussed several times, here and on other forums. I'm sure Mike will clarify but you can only challenge the THROWN jack, not the DISPLACED jack. The sensible and sporting thing to do is for both teams to agree the jack, "before" playing a boule.

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Mike Pegg Hi Tim, Art 7 states "For the thrown jack to be valid" If it was thrown to 9.8 m it was valid and play continues.

No where in the rules does it state that the opponents should have the opportunity to play a "legal jack".

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Tim Edwins Thanks Mike!

Like · February 25, 2016 at 6:53am



Mazlan Ahmad I would give team A a warning for picking up the DISPLACED playable (illegally) jack ex-parte and re-throwing it. Should be team B's right to the re-throw now that team A is in breach.

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Fredy Harke Ha, ha - why is there always this >unmarked< problem ...

Like · February 26, 2016 at 8:30am



Raymond Ager In this scenario, both teams incorrectly understood the rule - perhaps it would be better if the umpire 'educated' them, rather than penalising one. The real problem is, of course, the confusion over the rule - see previous discussions.

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Eli Nielsen

February 11, 2016

Team A wins the end played to 6,15 m. and decides to continue in the same direction (which is valid), but is it allowed to take the throwing ring back in the same direction to obtain the valid 10m to throw the jack ?? If so, you could play in the same direction for the whole match!! Not that I would mind, but is it according to all rules?

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Mat Jue and Raymond Ager like this.



Aina Ika Ratovo If you play in a huge court, or terrain sauvage why not?

Like · February 11, 2016 at 3:45pm



Eli Nielsen My mistanke. I took it for granted, that we are playing on a marked terrain.

Like · February 11, 2016 at 10:04pm



Victoria Lloyd I think, the circle can only be moved if they can't reach maximum distance in any direction

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Mazlan Ahmad Circle maybe moved backwards (in a straight line to the preceding position of the circle) along the direction of the nearest/easiest/most logical maximum 10m allowable distance (or 11m from the deadball line). This 10m may be straight or diagonal in nature.

Of course one may not be allowed to move back 5m or 6m or 7m to enable play in the same direction when there is ample distance in the opposite direction.

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the answer to your question is no... I shall explain: Before you can move the circle you must first check that you cannot throw the jack to the max distance (10m) in any other direction.

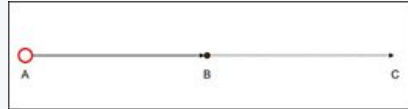
If this is not possible the rules allow for you to "step back" in line with the previous end's play - that is why my answer was no!

You can move back any distance you like 1m, 3m etc place the circle and throw the jack - but you must stop if you reach a place when you can throw the max distance of 10m.

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Raymond Ager Rain makes work for idle minds - just to be clear about the rules: playing a 15m terrain, Team A throws the jack to the middle of the terrain, A-B. 1. If they win the end and wish to play a short jack, can they continue in the same direction, B-C? 2. If they fail to throw a valid jack and decide it might be better to play in the opposite direction and perhaps a bit longer, can they then move the circle towards C and then throw in the opposite direction?



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Mike Pegg I'm beginning to wish it was raining here.... to answer your questions:

1. can they play in the same direction (B to C) - YES
2. to achieve a longer jack they MUST move the circle towards C and then play C to A

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Raymond Ager Many thanks - you'll be pleased to hear it's stopped raining. 😊

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Eli Nielsen Then the wording of Art. 7 is a bit confusing... "...the player may step BACK, in line with the previous end's play..." Does step back mean backwards? A better wording would be "... continue in direction of the previous end's play to obtain maximum throwing distance".

Like · February 12, 2016 at 8:37am · Edited



Raymond Ager A diagram is worth 1,000 words. 😊

Like · February 12, 2016 at 8:40am



Mike Pegg in this case "step back" does mean backwards

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Mike Pegg are you sure it is 1000 Ray?

Like · February 12, 2016 at 8:42am



Raymond Ager In this case, yes 😊

Like · February 12, 2016 at 8:43am



Mike Pegg lol.... almost worth a new jack! 😊

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Raymond Ager

January 9, 2016 · La Ciotat, France

If players in a team fail to agree tactics and take more than 1 minute, which player will the umpire warn?

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Justin Chen, Fredy Harke and Eileen Maguire like this.



Colin Stewart I'd wait until they play the shot, then warn the player who just played.

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Matthew Eversden The player who played the next shot

Like · January 9, 2016 at 10:05am



Phil Winston Fucks sake, do you ever play a game and not worry about the rules?

Like · 🇺🇸 5 · January 9, 2016 at 10:56am




Mike Pegg language!

Like · January 9, 2016 at 12:30pm




Phil Winston Sorry Michael, I was right though, wasn't I?



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Mike Pegg 😊

Like ·  3 · January 9, 2016 at 12:47pm



David Plumhoff Brutal Phil. Brutal.
Legend.

Like ·  1 · January 9, 2016 at 10:58am



Mike Pegg all the players (the team) would be warned

Like ·  3 · January 9, 2016 at 12:29pm · Edited



Raymond Ager Thanks for the explication.

Like · January 9, 2016 at 12:28pm



Michal Dzurik dear Mike, it is not really in concord with what can be seen at tournaments umpired by certified world umpires - the umpire waits until the player throws the ball and then he gives the warning to that player (famous yellow card not mentioned in any official rules 😊). would you give yellow card to all 3 players?

Like · January 11, 2016 at 6:52am



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, from my own experience at many world and european championship when the umpire gives a warning will depend on if the player is in the circle or not... in the scenario Raymond has given I assumed that the players were discussing tactics and not one of them was in the circle.
In such a case I would give a yellow card (warning) to the team.
Once again I shall explain - the yellow card is not in the rules because it is a tool for the umpire to use. Much the same as the folding measure is a tool and is not specifically state in the rules!

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Raymond Ager I believe the idea of giving a warning to the team, rather than an individual, has been discussed. This situation did occur during the 2015 PPF comp, where the umpire's decision caused a lot of disucssion and also happened to me in a minor comp, hence the reason for the question.

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Eli Nielsen What if only one player has a boule left, will only he get a warning, or is it still the team?

Like · February 11, 2016 at 2:26pm



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the player or the team can both be given a warning. It does not matter that it is the last boule of the match between these two teams, the warning can still be given and the next time the player takes more than 1 minute (in another game) a boule can be disqualified.

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Raymond Ager If it's the last boule of the match, it would be academic, as they couldn't receive a subsequent card. Otherwise, the umpire ought to give a warning. In the recent PPF Finals in Lyon, they trialled a rule change where the team was given a warning, rather than an individual player. My guess is this will become the official rule, in due course.

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Mike Pegg It is not a new rule Ray, the team and/or the player can be given a warning... perhaps it is just new to France!

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Derek Adam [Mike Pegg](#) the French are always a bit slow in applying rules. Perhaps they will catch up one day...

Like · February 12, 2016 at 1:39am



Mike Pegg It is not a new rule Ray, the team and/or the player can be given a warning... perhaps it is just new to France!

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Raymond Ager [Mike](#), I'm sure you're right, however, perhaps the reason the French are confused is that, apart from 'disqualification of a team' all references for sanctions are to 'players'. Rather than having to 'interpret' the rules, perhaps it would be helpful to be clear when/which penalties are for players and when a penalty is given to a team.

Like · February 12, 2016 at 2:59am




Mike Pegg Exactly Ray - "the players" or put another way, the team! Of course the umpire may only warn the individual, this is perhaps "normal" practice, but there are occasions when the team should be warned.... collective responsibility!

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 **Raymond Ager** I do agree that it makes sense to warn the team, certainly in the case where 'the team' breaks the 1-minute rule. Mike, I bet you a new jack that the rules will be amended in due course to reflect this - along with shooters no longer being allowed to touch the terrain.

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 **Mike Pegg** lol.... I don't need a new jack Ray 😊

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 **Raymond Ager** I do!!!

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Raymond Ager

December 27, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

A slight variation on "who should measure?": the opponents play their 1st boule and we play all 6 of ours. Embarrassing I know but it happens... Before playing, the opponents measure their boule and our last boule and say, "I think we're still holding but it's pretty close" and then insist we measure to confirm. My response, "We're out of boules, you've got 5 boules to play - it's for you to decide tactics - anything can happen when you play your boules. If there's any doubt, we'll measure when all boules are played". What is the correct ruling?

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Jac Verheul It's up to the team which has left the last boules to play to measure in order to decide tactics. Common sense, I would say...

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Raymond Ager I agree it's common sense - the problem is, it's not that common... 😊 I would, nevertheless, like to know what is the official ruling.

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Victoria Lloyd Sportsmanship comes in on this one. If you refuse to check I would call umpire for him and explain why.

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Christophe Chambers Easy, just reply "we have the point, I don't have to measure, I can see it." 😊

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Mike Pegg It makes no difference if you measure or not, they have 5 boules to play. Get on with the game!

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Raymond Ager True - but they insist on us measuring. I guess the 'diplomatic' thing to do is measure and say, "I'm not sure..." 😊

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Mike Pegg if they insist just measure - why not!!!!

Of course if there is some doubt or there is a chance that by measuring you will move a boule call the umpire and ask him to measure

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Raymond Ager Thanks, sound advice.

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Raymond Ager

December 24, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

This is more of an observation than a question - umpires in the French Trophée de Villes competition are enforcing a (possible?) change in the rules: if you're going to shoot, you can't fill in a hole. If you do, you are obliged to point your next boule. This is as a result of players filling-in non-existent holes in front of the target boule - something the French umpires were far too lax for far too long about challenging.

If the umpires are suddenly capable of enforcing a change in the rules, why weren't they capable of enforcing the rule before? Merry Xmas.

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Fredy Harke likes this.



Mike Pegg I have no idea why French umpires were not capable of enforcing this rule before.... have a good Xmas 😊

Like · 2 · December 24, 2015 at 8:54am



Raymond Ager Mike, I think that's the first question you didn't know the answer to!!!

Like · December 24, 2015 at 8:55am



Mike Pegg It was a diplomatic response!

Like · 3 · December 24, 2015 at 8:56am



Fredy Harke Merry Xmas - so why should it disturb someone if 1 (one) hole (existing or not) is flattened for doné.. as long as the area is not bulldozered - and that bulldozering is what they want to stop .. besides you do not discuss interpretation of rules with french umpires - that's the situation they get them red, red eyes ...

Like · 1 · December 24, 2015 at 9:03am



Matthew Eversden Are you sure you just can't fill any hole or smooth out the spot before a boule you want to shoot? In my set of rules I can do whatever I want. I am never ever going to buy something from that bloke in the pub again.

Happy Christmas all lots of love and keep smiling

Like · 2 · December 24, 2015 at 9:20am



Raymond Ager "Pub rules!"

Like · December 24, 2015 at 9:52am



Fredy Harke yes, as far as it is only 1 hole (limited diameter ...) - not a highway towards the cochonet .. and no foot-dragging on the way back to cirle ... I love my yellow card

Like · December 24, 2015 at 10:08am



Jac Verheul Can anyone tell me what's the difference between 'normal' shooting and hard pointing in order that you hit a boule and deplace it? In contrary to the game of provençal, with different positions and gestures of the shooter and the pointer, in the game of petanque that difference doesn't exist at all...

Like · 3 · December 24, 2015 at 3:01pm



Raymond Ager Good question, Jac. I really think the solution to the problem of players smoothing out the terrain is to enforce the existing rules not to change the rules.

Like · 2 · December 24, 2015 at 11:40pm



Robert Arthur

December 24, 2015 · Gloucester, United Kingdom

What is the rule for a yellow card is it just for slow play or other reasons

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Mike Pegg The "yellow" card signifies the umpire has given a warning. The warning can be for any breach of the rules including asking questions on the night before Christmas when all was quite in the house.... have a good Xmas 😊

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Raymond Ager

December 15, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Is it correct that boules have to be within 15g of the stated weight? Where is this actually specified?

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Mike Pegg No idea where you got that from Ray, it certainly is not written in the rules

Like · 4 · December 15, 2015 at 4:51am



Mazlan Ahmad hmm...

Like · December 15, 2015 at 4:58am



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Omg

Like · December 15, 2015 at 5:05am



Raymond Ager I thought it was a well know fact... 🤔 Is there any limit or guidelines on boules losing weight?

Like · December 15, 2015 at 8:21am



Fredy Harke - and or diameter ... all there is to this is that the manufacture has to be legible

Like · December 20, 2015 at 1:24am



Bernie Miles In my experience pétanque is full of "well known facts" that are neither well known nor facts.

Like · 5 · December 15, 2015 at 8:49am · Edited



Raymond Ager That's a fact!

Like · 4 · December 15, 2015 at 8:49am



Gary Jones [Raymond Ager](#) True, but it's not well known.

Like · 2 · December 16, 2015 at 11:35am



Raymond Ager A bit like common sense - it's not very common. 😊

Like · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 12:32pm



Raymond Ager IT *IS* A FACT!!! But perhaps not that well known... "La perte de poids ne devra pas dépasser 15 grammes en dessous du poids marqué." (Boules must not lose more than 15g of the marked weight.) Actually, this is from the controls for manufacture - so not 100% sure if this actually applied to boules that may have lost weight over time.

See:http://www.fipjp.org/images/pdf/reglement_agrementBoules.pdf

Like · December 21, 2015 at 3:42am



Mike Pegg no, it is the control of manufacture "only"

Like · December 21, 2015 at 5:50am



Raymond Ager [Mike](#), the reason I asked the original question was the result of a discussion on a French forum re playing with 650g boules. One player said that an umpire, seeing that he was playing with 650g boules, weighed them. One was 640g and was declared illegal - with a comment that 645g would be acceptable but not 640g. I know there's nothing in the rules about boules losing weight - but I did remember the 15g reference.

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Eli Nielsen Strange quality parameter. 15g lost on a 650g boule is much more (in percentage) than 15g of a 800g boule...???? If there should be a rule, it must be a loss of percentage of the actual weight.

Like · 1 · December 21, 2015 at 2:29pm · Edited



Raymond Ager That would be more logical. However, given that most boules are manufactured in the range 680 - 720g, in practice there would be little difference.

Like · December 21, 2015 at 11:46pm · Edited



Mike Pegg it is only to give the manufacture a tolerance to work within.... remember these specifications were drawn up many years ago! 😊

Like · 2 · December 22, 2015 at 2:25am



Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) Like the rules... 😊

Like · December 22, 2015 at 3:32am



Mike Pegg no, the rules have been updated several times and are always under review

Like · 1 · December 22, 2015 at 8:52am



Raymond Ager That document is dated 2013. The rules were drawn up in the 1940s, I think. True they've been updated with numerous additions and modifications over the years - that's the problem. The view that's been expressed on various forums, including this one, is that a 'fresh approach' would probably result in a clearer version - perhaps with less need for so many questions and interpretations. 😊

Like · December 22, 2015 at 11:50pm



Mike Pegg I agree the playing rules could do with re-writing to sort out a few ambiguities, but I doubt that would mean less need for so many questions... have a good Xmas 😊

Like · 2 · December 23, 2015 at 1:08am



Raymond Ager Happy Xmas - thanks for all the answers. Umpires Rule!



Raymond Ager

December 17, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

A slightly unusual situation which occurred in a 'friendly' today: the opponents are out of boules, we have 3, shoot and the jack rebounds just behind the circle. Where should the circle be drawn for the next end - where the jack stopped or at its previous position?

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Mazlan Ahmad likes this.



Jac Verheul If the jack didn't pass a dead line, it's still valid and then the new circle has to be drawn at the spot where it stopped, I should say.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 10:46am



Raymond Ager Jac, the jack is dead as it's less than 3m from the circle.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 10:48am



Jac Verheul You are right. It's the same question when a jack floats freely in a puddle.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 10:52am · Edited



Mazlan Ahmad Owhh...good question Ray.

Jack is dead (art 9), but the end is not void (art 13(2)). And since the end is not void, I think the jack's final resting place (behind the circle in this case) is the spot for the new circle next end. (Art7).

Similar to..if the jack shot crosses a dead ball line, then the new circle would be the jack's final resting place BEFORE crossing the dead ball line.

That's what I think, but let's listen to Mike.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 11:12am · Edited



Victoria Lloyd Was the jack marked ?

Like · December 17, 2015 at 11:02am



Raymond Ager No. 😞

Like · December 17, 2015 at 11:04am



Victoria Lloyd I think the circle would be drawn in the nearest valid position to where it stopped.

Like · 1 · December 17, 2015 at 11:13am



Eli Nielsen I would agree with Jac. If it was a normal played end, where the jack was displaced to a new valid position, the new end would start there, so I see no difference in this one. It hasn't crossed a dead ball line.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 11:59am



Raymond Ager But it's not a valid position - less than 3m from the circle.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 12:01pm



Victoria Lloyd But it is still on a 'live' playing area.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 12:25pm



Raymond Ager True - but it's 'dead', Art 9.3, less than 3m from the circle.

Like · December 17, 2015 at 12:29pm



Victoria Lloyd It can't be returned though if not marked

Like · December 17, 2015 at 12:29pm



Raymond Ager That's my understanding, although I don't think the rules specifically state where the circle should be drawn when an unmarked jack is dead. That's why I asked the question. 😊

Like · December 17, 2015 at 12:32pm



Eli Nielsen A good question then 😊

Like · 1 · December 17, 2015 at 3:27pm




Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the jack may be dead because it is less than 3m from the circle but it is still on the terrain - so the circle is placed or drawn around the jack's position... another very good reason to always mark the jack and boules!

Like · December 18, 2015 at 4:04am



Victoria Lloyd Would it make a difference if it was marked?

Like ·  1 · December 18, 2015 at 4:08am



Raymond Ager Many thanks - that was my understanding, although, of course (!), the opponents thought the circle should be drawn where the jack was, even though not marked. Do the rules actually specify where the circle should be drawn in such cases? I seem to remember in a video of the French Masters series, the jack was shot out of bounds, the players thought the circle should be drawn where the jack was but the umpire insisted it be drawn where it went out of bounds.

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Mike Pegg Art 7 states:

At the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished at the previous end, except in the following cases:

- The circle would be less than 1 metre from an obstacle.
- The throwing of the jack could not be made to all regulation distances.

In the first case the player draws or places the circle at the regulation distance from the obstacle.

In the second case, the player may step back, in line with the previous end's play, without exceeding the maximum distance authorised for the throwing of the jack. This opportunity is offered only if the jack cannot be thrown to the maximum distance in any other direction.

So it follows that if the jack was not marked and went out of the defined playing area you should place or draw the jack and the nearest valid point to where the jack went out of play.....

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Raymond Ager Just to be 100% clear - if the jack *was* marked, what should you do in the following cases: 1) it goes out of bounds? 2) as per the scenario above, it's dead but remains on the playing area?

Like · December 18, 2015 at 4:24am



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, to answer your questions

- 1) the circle is placed at the marked position of the jack before it was knocked over the dead ball line (out of bounds)
- 2) it would depend on why the jack has become dead "on the playing area" but in the above scenario the circle is placed at the point the jack has been moved to even though this was within 3m of the circle

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Victoria Lloyd



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Victoria Lloyd Sorry I didn't mean to do that!!!

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Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#) Many thanks, all is clear.

Like · December 18, 2015 at 8:12am



Raymond Ager

November 21, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Just 1 more question... something that I have seen occur. You carefully measure your boule and the opponent's to see who is holding the point. You're not sure and ask the umpire to measure. If you think the umpire has made a mistake in measuring, can you - politely - challenge their decision? I've seen measurements where one measurement is taken to the centre of the boule but the other is taken more to the base of the boule, thus introducing an inaccuracy.

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Mike Pegg No, the umpires decision is final

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Raymond Ager Mike, I know you are, of course, correct but I'd feel peeved and I'd be very inclined to politely point out the error.

Like · November 21, 2015 at 9:00am

 **Fredy Harke** - and some umpire might get annoyed and advise you with a yellow card ...

Like · November 21, 2015 at 6:36pm



Mike Pegg I suggest you read the 2nd para of article 25, no matter how polite you are Ray you must accept the umpires decision.

Like · 3 · November 21, 2015 at 9:10am



Mazlan Ahmad Oops fredy...arguing (disputing) with the umpire is not a yellow card offence. It is mandatory a red card offence (straight away excluded from the competition) as per article 37 and/or article 38.

Like · November 21, 2015 at 7:26pm



Raymond Ager Perhaps you could 'diplomatically' ask if it's ok for a player to measure to the centre of one boule but the base of another? 😊

Like · November 22, 2015 at 12:16am



Mike Pegg in either case it would be wrong because a correct measure is from the nearest edge of the boule to the nearest edge of the jack - not centre to centre or base to base or any combination of these.

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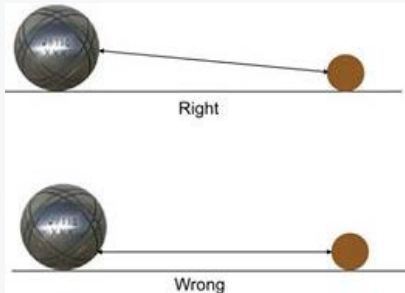
Mike Pegg



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Raymond Ager I think that was a question of terminology - when I said 'centre' I meant the 'edge'.



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Jac Verheul Thus, the 'centre' in the thoughts of Mike was the 'top' of the boule. Instead of saying 'from edge to edge' you could also say; from belly to belly'...



Like · 1 · November 22, 2015 at 1:08pm



Veronika Slobodová

November 21, 2015

Hi Mike, I have one question:

Team A has no bowls left. Team B has one bowl on hand and is looking at the situation around the cochonet because they may have 13 points (9 already+4 on the ground) and one player from the A team comes, takes away 3 closest bowls and says "3 and you can measure the 4th one.

None of the bowls was marked. What if the 4th bowl is not the point and team B has still this one bowl? Can they play it? Should it be automatically considered as a 13th point as with taking away those 3 pts the opponent team make the situation more difficult? (Cochonet not covered, no bowls to stop on..) thanks a lot

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Jac Verheul As team A doesn't have boules to play they also haven't the right



to measure and they should stay at at least 2 m from the jack. In this case, I would say that team B plays the last boule and if they win the point, they also are the winners of the game. But let's see what Mike will say.

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Raymond Ager Presumable the scenario is that Team A mistakenly thought Team B had played all their boules and were trying to be helpful, in agreeing and removing the 3 obvious points. We've all done it!

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Mike Pegg Hi Veronika, sorry for the delay in replying but I have been thinking this scenario over...

If this was a social game I would say play the 4th boule and if it is closer than the opponment you get 4 points.

If it was a championship game I would consider art 21 but the position of the boules were not marked - art 26 for sure the player from Team A gets a warning and art 27 to make sure Team A do not have an advantage.

So my decision would be to give a warning to Team A and then advise Team B of their options... take the 3 points removed by Team A or play the 4th boule without the 3 points.

It may seem unfair to team B but in a way it is their own fault, they did not mark their own boules!

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Veronika Slobodová Thanks 😊 it was a serious and important match. Boules were not marked as it is a very isolated terrain where there is no way that other boule or random person/animal gets in the game..

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Mike Pegg it matters not if you are in the middle of a isolated terrain, your opponment or maybe one of your own team can accidentally move a boule or the jack so you should "always" mark your boules and the jack

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Raymond Ager Mike, I think your ruling is harsh on Team B when it was Team A that removed the boules.

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Veronika Slobodová Of course it should be marked, I totaly agree. I was just explaining why boules weren't marked 😊

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Christophe Chambers

November 21, 2015

Hi Mike— I had a situation come up in this year's Petanque America Open and I would like to get a ruling on it.

I couldn't find the answer in the rulebook.

Team A is holding the point (ball A). Team B shoots (ball B). Ball B casquets off Ball A, dislodging it, and continues on its path, hitting the wooden barrier marking the dead ball line. Dead. However, Ball A follows Ball B and comes to rest touching Ball B, which is dead & touching the wood. Question: Is Ball A dead as well? I've always said No, its still live, you simply remove the dead ball (ball B) and the round continues. But there were a lot of folks, including high level players who disagreed.

Help Me! 😊

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Derek Adam So you don't have a boundary string round the piste, which when a boule crosses wholly is dead, making life so much easier?

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Mike Pegg Hi Christophe, it is unfortunate that you do not have a proper dead ball line however, if to become dead a boule has to "touch the wood" then in your scenario boule A remains live.

The rule you are looking for is art 18 which states: The boule is dead only after having completely crossed the boundary of the allotted playing area. In your case you can substitute crossed the boundary (dead ball line) for "touched the wood".

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Christophe Chambers Thank you Mike. Yes, in this tournament there are string lines between the courts, but the end boundaries are actually pieces of wood, with the rule that if a ball touches the wood, its dead. This is a fairly common practice in tourneys here in the US, so knowing the answer is very helpful. No wonder the French players didn't know! Next time, we string all 4 sides of the courts. Thanks again.

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Raymond Ager My experience in France is that players - and umpires - will treat everything as 'live', unless there is a marked dead-boule line. That's why they considered the wood as live.

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Claus Engelbrecht Pedersen Isn't Frenchmen supposed to follow the international rules, or can they do as they wish? 😊

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Raymond Ager Perhaps the problem is more with the rules - if there is no marked dead-boule line, there is nothing that says hitting the wood is dead. Thus, "everything is live".

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Mike Pegg That's not a problem with the rules, it is a problem of ignoring them!

Like · November 22, 2015 at 5:11am



Raymond Ager But isn't the problem, if you stick rigidly to the letter of the rules and there is no dead-boule line, then anything that hits the barriers is still live?

Like · November 22, 2015 at 8:48am



Mike Pegg having a terrain with lanes is an option but sticking to the letter of the rules means there should be a dead ball line.

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Claus Engelbrecht Pedersen I ment it as a joke. I had a situation earlier this week, where a Jack was stopped by a dead boule bounced back from the boundaries, stopping just behind the string. It happend so quick that nobody had a chance to remove it. Is the Jack alive or dead?

(In fact same question, but with propper strings and so on..)

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Christophe Chambers The organizers announced these boundaries before the competition started. The wooden barriers were declared to be dead boule lines and any boule that touches the wood is to be considered dead. Is this not allowed? This is an open tournament, privately run, and not sanctioned by the federation.

Like · November 21, 2015 at 3:45pm



Raymond Ager Personally, I think it's the sensible thing to do. I always think it's crazy when you play "everything is live" - when shooters miss and hit the barrier, their boules are still considered live. The only problem - more with pointing - is that you can get occasional disputes as to whether or not a boule hit the barrier.

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Jac Verheul Exactly, Ray! So, the only way to avoid this, is to have dead lines everywhere.

Like · November 22, 2015 at 12:20am



Christophe Chambers In a perfect world all 96 pistes would have string lines all around. Or as my dad used to say, "People in hell want ice water too" 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Christophe, it is much the same as playing football in the street, you don't have the lines marking the pitch but you agree the boundary of your game... it is ok to play this way but it raises the question, if you don't have a terrain marked out as per the official rules why try to impose the official rules of our sport. Just agree things as you do about a dead ball!

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Raymond Ager

November 21, 2015

A hypothetical situation: the opponents (black) are clearly holding with 1. You (white) measure 2 & 3 to see if they have 1 or 2 points. If you're not sure which is closer, can you ask the umpire to measure?



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Mike Pegg Yes, of course

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Raymond Ager Many thanks, I wasn't sure if you could ask the umpire to adjudicate on what is a tactical situation.

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Mike Pegg The umpire measuring to see which boule is closer has nothing to do with a tactical situation... it is what you do with the knowledge!

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Mike Pegg

November 19, 2015

FIPJP Approved Boules and Jacks

the FIPJP have just issue an updated list of Approved Boules and Jacks... you should be able to get a copy from your Federation, if not you can download it from the "Document" page on the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque website www.cep-petanque.com



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Barra Ó HEireamhóin Always think that updates should be italicised or something. What's new? A longer list of Decathlon Geologic boules?

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Mike Pegg It would seem that the only change is to include (GEOLOGIC: PI)

Like · November 20, 2015 at 6:32am



Raymond Ager The MS 1PACT is also new.

Like · November 20, 2015 at 11:45pm



Mike Pegg nope, that was included in the previous list....

Like · November 21, 2015 at 5:28am



Raymond Ager I know - that was to prove the point that new items need to be highlighted. 😊

Like · 1 · November 21, 2015 at 7:09am



Mike Pegg



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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

November 15, 2015



Hi Mike Pegg

I just need your opinion about:

Umpire can take boules(must mark before take it) when he/she want to make measuring..

How about, if the umpire didnt marking it..?

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Derek Adam Then the umpire isn't an umpire and shouldn't be doing the job.

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Mike Pegg Hi Atif, the answer is very simple.... yes, the umpire must mark the position of the boules and jack if he/she is going to move a boule to measure.

If you do not mark the position how will you know where to replace the boule after measuring? 😊

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Yes i know that mike.. the question is if umpire take boules thats didnt marking yet?..how we have to settle this problem?..

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Alex Chen red card for the umpire.

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Mike Pegg Hi Atif, if you don't mark the position of the boule you cannot put it back in the exact position.... to overcome this silly mistake you could put it back at what "you" think is the correct place and inform the teams what you have done.... after that I would suggest you return your umpires licence

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Hahhahaha...its 1 of question that in umpire course in jakarta yesterday..and i answer same like yours..

Mr **Alex Chen** said that just redcard...hahhahahah...nice

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Tom Wilson I have a problem with this. When the margins are often closer than a millimetre how can marking a boule guarantee that the marked boule is not moved by that fraction which is sufficient to change the point?

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Mike Pegg It's very simple Tom, if the position of the boule that needed to be moved was so critical to the outcome of this game the umpire would not move it but instead would use callipers or similar equipment to effect the measure.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

November 5, 2015

Mike Pegg I.m rather confused with the tie breaker in shooting event.

1. At the first round if tie still happen after checking the number of 5 and 3 points, should we make them challenge at 7 meters circle as given for the tie breaker for the 2nd round?

2. For the 2nd round those tied are given 1 throw for each workshop from the 7m's circle. Does this mean they have to throw all the workshops or considering the point they obtain during this trail. eg A scores 5 pt win if B scores 3 pt.?

3. There is a statement in the rule that the trail has to be stopped if one player missed the target. What does this missed mean? Get less score than the opponent or total missed?

4. From 1/4 final onward, they are given 5 shots from 7m's circle only for figure 1. In case of further tie this procedure is repeated. Checking back to paragraph for the tie at 2nd round there is a statement written, procedure use in the 2nd round should also be used in case of tie in the final. So which is which?

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Mike Pegg Hello friend, thank you for your post... I shall do my best to answer your question and the tie break situation in the Precision Shooting Championship.

In the first of the 2 qualifying rounds the best 4 (1-4) qualify to the 1/4 finals.

The next 16 qualify for the 2nd Qualifier, often called the Repéchage, but if 2 or more players are tied for 16th place the rules allow for these tied team to be included in the 2nd Qualifier.

At the end of the 2nd Qualifier the top 4 go to the 1/4 finals. In the case of a tie the first criteria is the number of 5 points achieved.

If still tied it is then the number of 3 points achieved.

However, if the players remain tied then a barrage (knockout) is organised and each player shoots from 7m one boule at each discipline. They start with zero points.

The player with the highest score wins... but if still tied this procedure is repeated until either one player misses a target or of course if they do not miss it will be the score at the end of shooting at each discipline.

This is also used to decide a tied situation in the finals.... hope that it is now clear.

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Kim Badcock

September 29, 2015

Please forgive me if this very basic query has already been dealt with but it is to do when a team reaches a score of 13 points. Article 5 says "Games are played to 13 points,..."

Our local interpretation of this is that the game is won if one team reaches 13 points but only after the opposing team has tossed all their boules. We end the game at that point even if the winning team still have boules at hand.

Is our interpretation valid or must all boules be tossed before the victory dances are performed?

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Jac Verheul The game ends when one team has reached 13 points and the opponent has played all his boules. Never the mind if the winning team still has boules to play. It should be ridiculous if they had to play them, they could drop their boules just near the circle...

Like · 5 · September 30, 2015 at 12:17am



Kim Badcock Thanks Jac, it is the most logical interpretation. We had a visitor from Dieppe on the weekend who insisted that all boules from both teams had to be thrown.

Like · September 30, 2015 at 1:30am



Fredy Harke [Kim Badcock](#) - what a nonsense - Game is over when 13 points are achieved and the loosing has played all boules - even if the winner has only played one boule to reach 13 - the loser has had all chances - there is no score like 18:12 (18:00) .. only 13:12 (13:00) 😞 will be recorded

Like · October 9, 2015 at 11:30pm



David Alfred Kim - Alors il est un silly burke.

Like · 1 · November 4, 2015 at 12:13pm



Jac Verheul Hi Kim, maybe he made a mistake between an end of a game and an end of an end in the middle of game. For instance when there are no more boules of your opponent in the game (or far away of the jack) and your team has still some boules to play. Than you have to play these boules, even if it would be enough to drop them some meters of the circle.

Like · 2 · September 30, 2015 at 1:52am



Kim Badcock Yes, he mentioned the distance of three metres as being a valid throw. Our club's Terrain is in a public park and we have lots of

visting players join in to play. Some bring with them a lot of the "local rules" they are used to playing by. Ours being a new club we stick fairly closely with the latest published international rules.

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Fredy Harke what for??? reaching 13 and the opponent without boules the game is over

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Raymond Ager 3m is the minimum distance for the jack to be valid, if it moves during an end - 20m is the maximum. Nothing to do with the distance a boule is thrown. Sometimes it's prudent not to play a last boule(s) when you risk giving away points. It's very silly for opponents to insist a boule is played. As Jac has said, you can simply just drop it onto the terrain.

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Kim Badcock Agreed! It was already our Club's own interpretation of the rules. We are prepared to consider other people's viewpoints but in this case were seeking confirmation that ours was the correct interpretation!

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Derek Adam Just ask our Estonian opponents at CEP, holding one, 3 in hand, first wide, 2nd knocks holding boule out. 3rd didn't recover, game against them. Not that we are complaining.

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Kim Badcock Ouch!

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Mike Pegg Not sure I can add anything to the answers you have been given except to say, if you have got 13 points why would you need to throw any more boules... and if you have 13 points it is to late for your opponent !

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Kim Badcock Thanks everyone!

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Even within an end. If you decided not to throw any more boules, worrying the thrown boule might disturb the situation that earn you, you may do so, what more if you already reach 13 point.

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Mazlan Ahmad

November 4, 2015

Of Void and Dead ends.

Art 9 details all the instances of the jack being dead during an end, including for time limited games.

As to how to treat these instances are elaborated in art13. Art 13(1) states that if the jack is dead & both teams have boules to play, the end is VOID. Art 13(3) states if both teams have no more boules in hand, the end is VOID.

Note the article uses the word VOID as opposed to DEAD. So it seems a void end is not dead and a dead end is not void. They are two different things.

VOID by definiton is 'not containing anything', of no effect, vain, useless, empty.

Suppose the 7th end of a game is declared VOID, then a new end would need to be started. This new end would be considered as REPLACEMENT end and would be designated as the new 7th end still - i.e a re-do to fill the void created.

In contrast, suppose the 7th end of that particular game is declared DEAD, then that 7th end is deemed completed or done with, resulting in zero or no score for the end, and the next new end to start would be designated the 8th end.

So there exist a significant difference between a VOID end and a DEAD end.

Further consider art 28. Art 28(1) uses the term "... the end is DEAD".

As above, supposing the 7th end of a game is declared DEAD, then the

game continues with new end but now designated as the 8th end, with the jack belonging to the team which threw the jack at the dead 7th end [= preceding end as mentioned by art 28(1)].

Supposing the 7th end of the particular game above (with a slight twist of event) is declared VOID, then there would be a need for a REPLACEMENT 7th end, not the succeeding 8th end. And this is in agreement with the final para of art 28, which uses the term " null and void".

Whether an end is declared VOID or DEAD has significant consequences, especially in time limited games. For example a game is played to 60mins + 2 extra ends - supposing the jack was shot out of play in the 2nd extra end, rightfully declaring the end as VOID would require the end to be replayed; but declaring the end as DEAD would abruptly ends the game! I think the latter is wrong decision.

My contention is that a VOID end is different from a DEAD end, and a DEAD end is not a VOID end. A DEAD end ends the end, but a VOID end calls for a replacement end.

Your views pls.

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Mike Pegg Hi Mazlan, thank you for your post which I have read a couple of times and hopefully I understand what you are actually asking.

I guess you have looked up the meaning of VOID and it seems you have selected only a part the meaning.

If you check further you will see that Void also means "invalid, null and void, null, nullified, cancelled" so in this case and our sport the term void means that the two teams score zero... or put another way as the jack is dead, both teams either have boules or have no boules then neither score and a new end is started.

As for your specific scenario during a timed game... after the time limit the teams are given 2 more ends of play, if they have not reached 13 points.

If during the first of the two ends the jack is knocked out of play then it is the jack that is dead.

In this case, if both teams have or have no boules the end is void - no score. If one team has boule then they score a point for each boule they have.

The teams now have 1 more end to play. Should it happen again in the second of the two ends then the jack will again be dead and the match is over.... they have had their two end, there is no such thing as a replacement end!

Like · 3 · November 4, 2015 at 2:04am



Sheikh Ismail Silan

November 2, 2015

A game at a point 10-12 was stop after finishing the end as it was dark and no lighting. The organiser ask the team to continue the game tomorrow morning. What's your opinion on ruling aspect and organising running ? Please advice

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Mike Pegg The organisers have 2 options when the end is finished- 1. stop the game and start again in the morning or 2. stop the game and the score 10-12 is entered as the final result.

In my opinion it is better to accept the score as the final result so that everyone gets a good night sleep and they all start at the same time in the morning... but it would depend on the event and at what stage in the competition

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Raymond Ager That's a really tough call. I'm sure if I was the team on 10, I'd feel pretty peeved! How about starting 30-mins earlier in the morning?

Like · November 3, 2015 at 12:33am



Jac Verheul But what to if it was the final match?

Like · November 3, 2015 at 1:29am · Edited



Mike Pegg if it was a final match you would not be starting again in the morning!

Like · 1 · November 3, 2015 at 1:30am



Raymond Ager Would you finish the final in the dark?

Like · November 3, 2015 at 1:32am



Mike Pegg No, I would have started it earlier....

Like · 3 · November 3, 2015 at 1:33am



Raymond Ager Not always possible - sometimes games do take a long time...

Like · 1 · November 3, 2015 at 1:34am



Fredy Harke Short (11 points) or timed (45 minutes) to start ..

Like · November 3, 2015 at 11:47am



Derek Adam Timed games then Ray :-S

Like · 1 · November 3, 2015 at 9:46am



Sheikh Ismail Silan First thing in the morning they played where the leader point in a boule and hold the point until the opponent played the fourth boule. The leader second boule was good which cost the opponent the last two boules. The game finish with one end. 13 - 10

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Валерий Крапиль

October 24, 2015

Hi all

I'm sorry, I know that my question was discussed here... But with my bad English I can't find...

The question is about this situation. After both team play (for example) two balls each team A decide that ball of team B is closer to jack. They play third and fourth ball (that don't change situation)... and say "our second ball is closer!" The measurement shows that yes, team A hold a point. What happened?

Please answer again or give me a link to precede discussion

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Mike Pegg My guess is you are thinking of art 15 and that the 3rd and 4th boules of Team A have been thrown out of turn.

So what happens: In accordance with the rules Team B must now play and this team has the choice (1) to leave the 2 boules of Team A in place (advantage rule) or (2) having them removed from the terrain.

If they choose (1) everything remains in place, if they choose (2) everything that has been moved is put back to the original places but only if the places are marked.

Both teams are in need some coaching about how to play pétanque

Like · November 2, 2015 at 3:07am



Валерий Крапиль Thank you, Mike!

Like · November 2, 2015 at 3:09am



Ruben van Stockum

October 21, 2015 · Zeist, Netherlands

Hi Mike, when playing indoor, a boule or jack, for whatever reason, hits the ceiling above the marked terrain and lands/falls on the authorized playing area, is it valid or dead?

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Seb Renaud We play inside and if anything hits the roof boule is dead and taken away

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Jac Verheul And what to do if your boule hits a branch of a tree outdoors? Or a lamp or a beam indoors? There is no difference between these objects. So all objects hitting another object (an the ceiling is also an object, isn't?) will be valid. Common sense, I would say!

Like · October 21, 2015 at 11:37am · Edited



John Booyah When we play indoors and it hits the ceiling it's live if it lands on the terrain.

Like · October 21, 2015 at 10:28am



Ruben van Stockum Exactly Jac, two opinions and i'd like to know which one is the right one, A European umpire says it's dead, another umpire whom i asked says it's still live.... So i asked different umpires and the case seems divided into two camps.. there are a lot of theories that speak for both.

Like · October 21, 2015 at 11:08am



Robert Karreman I asked Mikethe same question but till now on i did not receif his answer because the European Championship Espoinres were held in the Netherlands

Like · October 21, 2015 at 11:18am



Raymond Ager This is the reply [Mike Pegg](#) gave when this questions was asked before: It varies considerably Gary, some venues will rule it is a dead ball whilst another, like the venue you were at will rule it is live...

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Mike Pegg The French Federation used to have a set of rules specifically for bouldromes but they caused some confusion for the umpires and lots more for the players...

So back to my original post on this subject, it is up to the venue.
If the ceiling is that low to cause an issue make a rule - if you must

But I prefer that it remains live because if a player hits the ceiling or a beam they will be lucky to benefit from it.

Like · 2 · October 21, 2015 at 12:27pm



Jac Verheul Or, in the contrary, they could have bad luck...

Like · October 21, 2015 at 1:55pm



Ruben van Stockum Thnx Mike

Like · October 21, 2015 at 12:49pm



Jac Verheul But I would like that all venues applicate the same - international - rules. Branches, beams, ceilings, etc. are normal obstacles like trees, poles, benches, and so on.

Like · 1 · October 22, 2015 at 12:26am



Robert Karreman Thanks Mike for the clear answer.

Like · October 22, 2015 at 1:30am



Raymond Ager I'm rather inclined to agree with [Jac](#) - I've seen endless arguements over whether or not trees, walls, etc, are obstacles or boundaries and players are never in agreement. One clear rule for all venues would certainly help.

Like · 1 · October 22, 2015 at 2:21am



Mike Pegg does the rules state that a jack or boule striking a branch of a tree, a beam in a ceiling is dead? NO! so it is live... get on with your game!

Like · 4 · October 22, 2015 at 3:19am



Jac Verheul Exactly!

Like · October 22, 2015 at 3:22am



John Booyah

October 20, 2015

Hi Mike, as a triple, you are allowed a 4th player. Why are you not currently allowed a 3rd player in a team of doubles?

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Brian Forbes likes this.



Mazlan Ahmad Theres nowhere in the articles that allow a fourth player in triples, or a 3rd player in doubles.

But the organiser's complementary administrative rules (Art39) may allow a team's registered substitute be played.

So one hv to look into the organiser's complementary rules as to the existence of permissible variations in triples and/or douvles.

Thats my take, but lets listen to Mike.

Like · October 20, 2015 at 7:52pm



Michal Dzurik substitute (or 4th player) is allowed at world champs and european champs by specific regulations written for these championships. it is not a general rule of the game.

however, surely you can organise your local competitions where you allow teams to have a substitute when playing triples, doubles (or even singles 😊)

Like · 1 · October 21, 2015 at 6:10am



John Booyah I agree with substitutes in triples but in doubles?? Surely it's like playing a completely different team especially as each player has 3 boules each. And singles well, I won't go there haha

Like · October 21, 2015 at 6:24am



Mike Pegg In Triples only 3 players are allowed to play, in Doubles only 2 players are allowed to play.

However, for the European Triples Championship and the Espoirs "Doubles" the CEP allows 1 player to be replaced during a game but only between 2 ends and then only after advising their opponent.

This rule for replacing a player can be found in our "Championship" rules which compliment the Official Rules of the game of Petanque

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John Booyah Thanks for your response [Mike Pegg](#). You may continue with your birthday 🎂🍰🍰 hope you have a good one!

Like · October 21, 2015 at 7:09am



Jac Verheul The same is in the worldchampionships and in some French competitions like the finals of the Masters de Pétanque.

Like · October 21, 2015 at 10:23am



Eli Nielsen

October 20, 2015

Article 23 states that any boule played illegal is invalid (dead), but how does it comply to this situation?

Team A has played all boules and has since boule no. 5 hold the point of 13, which nobody confirmed and since Team B thought they have palyed all 6 boules, Team A threw their last boule. However, Team B now realise they still have one boule to play.

Obviously the last boule from Team A was illegal, since no one is marking boules, at cannot be used.

Can Team B still play their last boule? No one has picked up any boules from the ground.

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Mazlan Ahmad and Fredy Harke like this.



Fredy Harke What a pair of lousy Boule-Teams .. actually all Boules team A played after getting the point are (should be) illegal ... 1. - no one looking for the point . 2. - why didn't they count the boules on the ground before throwing all the boules ... poor sods ..

Like · October 20, 2015 at 11:14am



Mike Pegg yes of course team B may play their boule... as for the last boule played by team A it is either taken out or team B may decide to play the advantage rule in which case team A's boule remains.

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Eli Nielsen That rule is an advantage for Team B, who deliberately could "forget" to throw thier last boule, if Team A did not notice. If Team A's boule would be blocking for a good point - remove it, or it could be used to stop at - leave it in its position... hmmm.

Like · October 20, 2015 at 1:26pm · Edited



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, to be blunt , I would question team B would even know what to do with this so called advantage, clearly they don't have the sense to count the played boules!

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Raymond Ager



October 10, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Who should measure in the following situation? We, Team A, point and clearly win the point but nudge the jack. The opponents, Team B, want to know if we're holding 1 or 2 points? If we're holding 1, they will shoot, if we're holding 2, they will point. My gut reaction is, "We're clearly holding - it's not for us to help you make a tactical decision measuring other boules." I realise the rules say the team that plays should measure but I presume this means just to determine who is holding, not for other measures.

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Derek Adam If it is clear that your team hold the point, then it is team B who should measure to ascertain their tactical decisions. Finding out whether you hold one or 2 shots is not team A requirement.

Like · 5 · October 10, 2015 at 11:30pm



Mazlan Ahmad Spot on!
Like · October 11, 2015 at 1:20am



Fredy Harke Tactical measurement goes off the 1 minute rule as the point is clear ... besides measuring might move something ... 🐼

Like · October 11, 2015 at 6:45am



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates
September 9, 2015

Hi, where can I find the EPA rule on permitted footwear?

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Adrian Emson 9.3 of the EPA 2015 competition rules
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Vivien Middleton-Sams It is in the playing rules dress code for the Inter regional competition this weekend.
Like · September 9, 2015 at 5:42am



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates dozy mare I was trying to find it in the rule book. Thank you both
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Syri Noble under "covering of cloven hooves"
Like · 1 · September 9, 2015 at 5:48am



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates 🙄
Like · 1 · September 9, 2015 at 6:02am



Mike Pegg Hi Toni, the current rules of petanque do not include footwear but they may next year if the modification/proposal is approved.

There used to be a rule but it was removed some years ago as it was felt this was better covered in a Federations competition rules

So my guess is what you are looking for is the English Petanque "Competition" rules which last time I saw them included an article (9.3) All players are to wear enclosed footwear

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Toni Tinkerbelle Gates thanks x
Like · September 9, 2015 at 10:07am



Jac Verheul In France also open shoes are forbidden.
Like · October 1, 2015 at 9:18am



Alexandra Shevchenko
September 27, 2015

Hello! Please help me to understand:

1. If an athlete, who play in another country in National team, and now wants to play in our country... Can he take part in the selection on National team and also after play in Championship? Or not, and how many years he must wait?
2. If the athlete has played in another country federation, but never been in the National team (or 2 year not play in National team). He also necessary to wait for some time?

Thanks a lot!

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Alexandra Shevchenko We find rules FIPJP (Article 10):
Any player selected must have been a member of the federation that he or she is representing for at least six months.
This period may be extended to 3 (three) years for a foreign player and to 5 (five) years if he or she has already played for another country in an international competition, such as a world championship, a confederations world cup, a continental championship, world games, or a multisports event.
<http://fipjp.org/.../2015-05-10-11-11-42/rules-championships>



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Alexandra Shevchenko The same rules about 3 and 5 years in CEP?
And also what to do with European or World Championship TET-A-TET...
Can foreign player who meets these criteria play for another country?

Like · September 27, 2015 at 3:34am



Alexandra Shevchenko [Mike Pegg](#), please help in this quetion)

Like · September 30, 2015 at 2:09pm



Mike Pegg Hi Alexandra, sorry for not replying earlier but I have been busy with the European Championship...

To answer your questions
Participating teams for the World Championships shall consist only of players of the nationality of the country represented. However, exemptions linked to international agreements between states may be allowed by the Executive Committee and on condition that the International Congress does not decide other wise, one non national is permitted.

Any player selected to represent your Federation/Nation must have been a member of the federation for at least six months.
For someone who is a "non-national" this period may be extended to 3 (three) years or to 5 (five) years if the person has already played for another country in an international competition, such as a world championship, a confederations world cup, a continental championship, world games, or amultisports event
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Alexandra Shevchenko "non-national" must be member of our Federation 5 year? Or just 5 year from the time when he played for another country in an international competition?

for example:
Athlete 4 years ago playing for another country at the championship. But three years is already a member of our federation. He was waiting for 1 year or 2 years to represent our country?

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Alexandra Shevchenko aforesaid rule, we found about foreign athletes in the triplet.

What do we do with the tete-a-tete ?
If an athlete meets all criteria (3 or 5 years), can he single-handedly represent the country at the championship but not being a citizen ?
Thank you!

Like · October 1, 2015 at 2:29am



Mike Pegg Hi Alexandra, I think for the tete a tete that the person must be a national of the Federation but I would need to check with the FIPJP as this is a new category and I have not seen any specific rules for the event

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Alexandra Shevchenko Thank you, Mike! It is important for us, as we plan to hold qualifying games. We will wait for the decision FIPJP and CEP.

Like · October 1, 2015 at 9:17am



Mike Pegg as for your other question it is 5 years with your Federation...

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Ross Woodward

September 5, 2015

Is there a rule that any boules left on the ground during play are dead, including during measuring?

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Mazlan Ahmad Yes, why not? Circumstances may arise.

Pay particular attention to article 18, whereby boules having crossed a dead boule line are rebounded back into the piste.

Even though those boules are not immediately removed, they remain dead for the duration UNTIL the OPPONENT plays the next turn, in proper order.

Only thereafter would those boules be considered 'live' if not removed prior to the opponent executing his turn.

Note well -- boules rebounded remain dead until the OPPONENT executes the next turn.

But lets wait for Mikes verdict!

September 5, 2015 at 12:52pm · Like



Ross Woodward I'm not on about rebounding boules. An example, a player goes to measure and places his unplayed boules beside him whilst he does. Some people have been saying this means those boules are dead. Or a player leaves his spare boule behind the circle but still on the terrain whilst he plays a shot. Again people are saying this spare unplayed boule is dead.

September 5, 2015 at 12:58pm · Edited · Like



Tony Thompson I've not seen that enforced here Ross but woe betide anyone leaving unplayed boules on the terrain in New Zealand. It is almost universally applied there

September 5, 2015 at 2:48pm · Like



Raymond Ager This has been asked before - surely it's more a matter of common sense, rather than any over-zealous application of the letter of the rules? Personally, especially when shooting, I prefer to place my unplayed boules next to the circle when playing. Of course, I pick them up again as soon as I've played. Ditto when measuring - have you tried to measure while holding 2 or 3 boules? What you shouldn't do is to leave boules lying around during an end, where they could be a tripping hazard.

September 5, 2015 at 11:13pm · Like · 2



Mazlan Ahmad Ray, I agree.

September 6, 2015 at 2:34am · Like



Ross Woodward So where there is no umpire the rule stands

September 6, 2015 at 2:35am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ross, the only boule on the ground should be those that have been played.

If you put your boule down to measure then you should pick them up again... they are not dead or considered out of play.

September 6, 2015 at 9:41am · Like · 3



Phuong Luong

August 26, 2015

Hi Mike, do you agree with the umpire's decision in this situation?: team A plays 1 boule and team B plays 2 boules but not yet advantage. At that time it's raining heavily, the umpire decides this end is canceled and skip the score and playing continuously after the rain. Team A disagree with him and asks for this end must be completed.

Thanks!

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Fredy Harke The umpire decides - period .. a possible variation is to let the MARKED boules stay where they are.

August 27, 2015 at 4:39am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Sorry for the delay in responding, I am not on Facebook every day and I switched notifications off some time ago.... To answer your question, the umpire has given his decision and both teams must comply with that. If they do not they risk the penalty as stated in Art 39

August 28, 2015 at 12:40am · Like · 1



Phuong Luong Thanks Mike, but maybe the umpire is unfair with team A?

August 28, 2015 at 4:59am · Like



Fredy Harke Unfair ??? What about the other teams in the middle of an end?

August 28, 2015 at 5:28am · Like



Raymond Ager I guess having to stop play because of rain is always going to be a difficult decision. I'm sure if I had the only boule left to play to win a match and the umpire stopped play, I'd feel peeved. Are there any guidelines as to when to stop play, when to stop immediately, when to allow an end to finish, etc.?

August 28, 2015 at 9:17am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi **Phuong Luong**,

You stated in your scenario that team A had played 1 boule and team B 2 boules... with only 3 boules played and it is raining heavily the umpire had few choices.

1. he allows the game to continue
 2. he stops the game leaving the boules where they are so they can continue when it stops raining
 3. he cancels the game and if it stops raining they start again by the team that won the last end throwing the jack
- From your description it would seem the umpire chose option 3
That was his decision to make and in accordance with art 35, both teams must comply

August 28, 2015 at 9:45am · Like · 3



Phuong Luong I understand completely. Thanks a lot, Mike! 😊

August 28, 2015 at 11:19am · Like



Michal Dzurik i believe much more sensitive decision would be to stop the game in between the ends, not during the end. the referee probably did not wear a water-proof jacket 😞

August 30, 2015 at 1:48pm · Like



Mike Pegg It is better to stop the game between two ends but if it was raining so very hard then maybe the umpire has no choice

September 1, 2015 at 9:52am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan

August 28, 2015

Hi Mike Pegg, Article 27 – Displacement of the boules or the jack

The team, whose player displaces the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point.

If I'm not mistaken, the old rule book did state the rule stays until the contested boules or the jack being moved. How come it is not written in this latest rule book?

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Mike Pegg Hi **Sheikh Ismail Silan**, the old rule, as you call it adopted in 2002 stated in what was then art 28 -

if, during a measurement, the umpire disturbs or moves the jack or boule and if, after re-measuring the point remains with the boule which the umpire had originally judged to be closer to the jack, the umpire in all fairness declares it so.

This was a clumsy and unclear rule so we modified it but we did not remove anything about the rule staying until the boule or jack was moved.... because there was no such section.

The new (adopted in 2010) art numbered 27 states -

If, during the measurement of a point, the Umpire disturbs or displaces the jack or a boule he will make a decision in an equitable way.

I think this is much easier to understand

August 29, 2015 at 2:00am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Since it's not written then how can the decision to decide the condition is no longer applied, be made. Common sense? or as understood by traditionally how it is played?

August 29, 2015 at 11:28am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Because the umpire has stated which boule is holding the point or 2nd, or 3rd etc it remains that way until something changes, either boule or the jack is moved.... I would have thought that was fairly obvious

August 30, 2015 at 10:49am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan The best answer I would have thought of.

August 30, 2015 at 11:05am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

August 18, 2015

mike vs atif (single)

1st situation

-1st boule mike pointing to the jack.

-1st boule atif pointing to the jack.

-distance is equal between 1st boule mike n 1st boule atif

-so atif must play, atif decide to shoot mike boule and hit and move it to a new situation.

-measure between mike 1st boule and atif 1st boule..equal again..

so who have to play next?

2nd situation

-1st boule mike pointing to the jack.

-1st boule atif pointing to the jack.

-distance is equal between 1st boule mike n 1st boule atif

-so atif must play, atif decide to shoot mike boule..but atif hit his own boule and stop at the same position

-measure between mike 1st boule and atif 2nd boule..equal..

so who have to play next?

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Ivan See Hua Boon and Phuong Luong like this.



Mike Pegg lol, you're back 😊

Situation 1 - Mike plays because the two boules (Mikes 1st and Atif's 1st) are equal and Atif's 2nd boule made no difference

Situation 2 - Atif plays again because it is a different boule that is now equal with Mike's 1st boule

August 18, 2015 at 9:42am · Edited · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I think you should play "best of 3"! 😊

August 18, 2015 at 9:43am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok clear..thanks..let play single mike..hehhe

August 18, 2015 at 9:44am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan Art 28: If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them. When only one team possesses boules, the arrangements set out in the preceding paragraph apply.

Mike, for the 2nd case, the other team should throw the boule because the TIE SITUATION is not broken yet, the point is not belong to any of the team.

August 22, 2015 at 11:56am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager This point has been made before - unlike other games where you play alternately, the unique feature of pétanque is that you continue playing until you beat the opponent's boule. The switch to alternate play is something of an anomaly and as has been shown, can introduce uncertainty

as to who plays next. A simple, clear, consistent rule - you continue until you hold the point or run out of boules - would avoid such problems.

August 22, 2015 at 12:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) - The rule (art 28) is about two boules being equal distant from the jack.... In scenario 2 the player shot his own boule so now it is two different boules that are equal distant.

August 23, 2015 at 3:52am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan Hi [Mike Pegg](#), the rule clearly written the alternate move is continued until one team hold the point or no more boule to be played by one of the team. So what ever happen to the boule or the jack that originally cause the tie dose not matter. It's totally concerned with the 'SITUATION'.

August 26, 2015 at 9:53am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager

August 20, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, can I ask your views on a regular discussion on the French forums? Many feel that too many players abuse "filling in 1 hole" to smoothing out half the terrain and that shooters invariable "fill in a hole", i.e. also smooth out a landing-strip before shooting. Do you think the answer is to a) enforce the existing rule properly or b) change the rules such that you can longer fill-in a hole?

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Derek Adam Just enforce the current rules. Until someone stops the practice it will continue. No point changing a rule because it's being ignored. A few warnings and cards will stamp it out.

August 20, 2015 at 10:55am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager [Derek](#), I agree with you but I fear that, at least the French, umpires think it easier to change the rules rather than enforce the existing ones. I wonder if they've thought it through - they'll have to enforce the new ones! And will the same offending players miraculously start obeying a rule while prevents them doing what everybody does...? I'd appreciate [Mike's](#) comments. I understand that in the French Master's series, they're experimenting with a rule change - shooters are not allowed to fill in a hole.

August 20, 2015 at 11:01am · Like · 1



Fredy Harke a.) - The actual rule is not enforced, though most players abide and just fill 1 hole or step on the gravel just in front of the target. So I enforce the existing rule .. when I see it offended, - and keep an eye those players, because they also like standing outside the circle - picking obstacles and so on ...

August 20, 2015 at 12:34pm · Edited · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, my answer is to enforce the current rule... give the player a warning (yellow card) for the first offence and follow it up with disqualifying a boule (orange card) the next time he does it

August 20, 2015 at 1:14pm · Like · 4



Raymond Ager Great minds... 😊 Just need to convince the French umpires, then... 😞

August 20, 2015 at 11:13pm · Edited · Like



Perrier Pierre I've seen players filling the hole and slowly dragging back their feet discretely on their way back to the circle !! (Sometimes, some professional players !!) I guess it's part of the game ???

August 20, 2015 at 9:21pm · Like



Fredy Harke [Perrier Pierre](#) - No - that is not part of the game. If I see that the player sees yellow - like standig accross the circle-line . This kind of player counts on not been seen by the umpire and getting away with such unfair game ..

August 20, 2015 at 10:22pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad But a player may stand, walk and step anywhere in the piste when playing his turn. Theres no rules against that. So a player may walk or step-up to the 'landing strip' and use his body weight to compact the strip prior to shooting. That's fair I think.

But to conspicuously smooth out the strip is of course against the rules.

August 21, 2015 at 7:07am · Like



Eli Nielsen

July 30, 2015

At the end of a game the time consumption often increases, due to discussion of tactics, so Team A spends more than a minute, and the umpire steps in and shows the yellow card. Team A accepts the warning, but continues to discuss what to do. Another minutes passes... and what is the consequence now?

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, you can impose penalty 34 (2) and if they take no notice of you why not apply art 39 and send them home.

July 31, 2015 at 3:46am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan In my opinion there should not be be given the yellow card in the first place, straight to using the Orange card.

August 2, 2015 at 2:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg As Eli explained they are given the yellow card (warning) for taking over 1minute to play... this is the correct action to take when it is the first time the team has broken this rule.

After having given them a warning the next penalty would be to disqualify a boule (orange card)

August 2, 2015 at 10:53pm · Like · 1



Robert Karreman Give them the Orange card and they have to give up one of their boules

August 3, 2015 at 2:42am · Like



Michal Dzurik some time ago i have seen here one chart with yellow, orange and red cards, but... as far as i know, there are no such things mentioned in official rules of the game. just wondering why you are discussing them here as if they are in the rules.



August 3, 2015 at 7:43am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan This particular rules on time play needs to be refining. It hurts a lot if one has to loose a game out of cheating tactics which seems allowed by the rule.

August 3, 2015 at 11:50am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, the rule concerned is art 34. The cards (yellow, orange and red) are tools for the umpire to apply these rules.

They work extremely well because the umpire explains to the player why he is showing this card and the spectators and other players will also be aware a penalty has been applied.

The cards are now used at all World and European Championships and many Federations have adopted them.

August 4, 2015 at 3:53am · Like · 5



Michal Dzurik **Mike Pegg** what i am saying is these cards are not mentioned in rules. for me, your sentence that cards give information to players and spectators is not really true, because the card chart does not exist in any official document players and spectators should be aware of. who made this chart? who agreed on it? why this chart, if it is official, was not sent to federations, so they all use them in the equal manner? take it just as a suggestion, if you wish 😊

August 20, 2015 at 5:46am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, I guess it comes down to the training you are given as an umpire... most certainly the cards are included in my courses and those of the French and English Federations. I know that they are used in Belgium, Sweden, Thailand, Spain to name just a few other Federations.

As I said before, these cards are tools for the umpire to use, much the same as the folding measures, callipers etc. and as more umpires/Federations use them the more widely known they will become. 😊

August 20, 2015 at 2:48pm · Like · 1



Robert Karreman Mike

In Holla d we are using the cards for more than 2 years in all tournaments ,

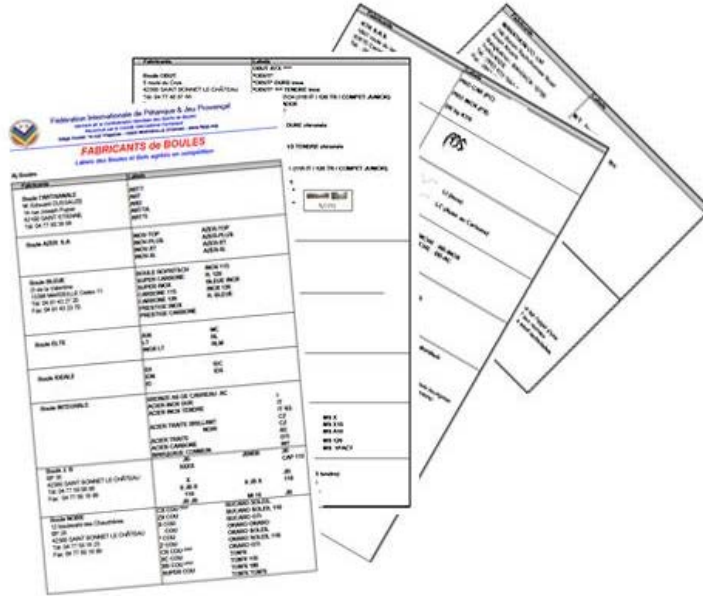
championships and in all competitions.
August 21, 2015 at 1:03am · Like



Mike Pegg

August 20, 2015

Today the FIPJP issue an updated list of Approved Boules and Jacks... you should be able to get a copy from your Federation, if not you can download it from the "Document" page on the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque website www.cep-petanque.com



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Raymond Ager I saw a team playing with a brand-new set of Bouleciel boules at a comp in Marseille - they look great! The boules, not the team 😊

August 20, 2015 at 9:17am · Like · 1



Лиза Волкова

August 18, 2015 · Kharkov, Ukraine

Hello.

When the game is over and time limit signal is given, how many games (one or two) should be played in case:

- when jack was not thrown yet?
- when the jack was thrown, but first ball was not thrown yet (for example, in case 6-10 meters were not accepted by both teams)?
- when the jack is thrown and accepted by both teams, but first ball is not thrown yet (the man stands in ring, signal is given, but he didn't throw the ball)?
- when jack is thrown and at least one ball was thrown already?

Thanks.

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Michal Dzurik when you play a timed game, organiser can decide to play 50 minutes + 1 extra end or 1 hour + 2 extra ends etc. but the new end (you call it "game") starts when the jack is thrown and valid. in central europe this is usually different and the new end is considered as started after the last boule from previous end was thrown. this little change gives teams that are in front

smaller chance to secure the game by playing very slowly, respectively it gives teams that are behind to fight back and beat the cheaters 😊

August 18, 2015 at 8:35am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad the end consider start if the jack thrown is valid to play...

August 18, 2015 at 8:38am · Like



Mike Pegg there is a lot of confusion over when an end has started... strictly by the rules as they are in the rule book an end is started when a valid jack is thrown but.....

In timed games it is different and yet to be fully decided. As Michal has explained there is more than one rule.

The most recent version for timed games is the end has started when a boule has been thrown - so to answer the questions

- A) 2 ends
- B) 2 ends
- C) 2 ends
- D) 1 end

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad so its means organizer have to decide 1st and explained to all player?

August 18, 2015 at 8:52am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Лиза Волкова Thank you very much!))

August 18, 2015 at 8:52am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi **Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad**, either the control table (organiser) or better the umpire

August 18, 2015 at 8:54am · Like



Derek Adam To throw another spanner in, in Scotland in timed matches we deem the next end "started" after the points have been decided at the end of the previous end.

As some could delay the points arguments until the whistle blows to block an additional end.

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Mike Pegg Hi Derek, I have come across that before and the situation was dealt with very quickly when I reminded both teams they only have 1 minute after agreeing the points to draw the circle and throw the jack for the next end

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Em Montgomery **Derek Adam** nawww!!! The ends started when the cosh has been chucked!

August 18, 2015 at 9:16am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Emma, a cosh is also known as cudgel, baton, truncheon, nightstick, or bludgeon) and is among the simplest of all weapons which is usually made of wood.... did you mean a cochonnet also known as a jack

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Em Montgomery 😊 yeah thats the one. Silly me!

August 18, 2015 at 9:26am · Like



Mike Pegg LOL... that's what I thought

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Colin Stewart Oh Emma - you've no read our rules for about 3 years have you!???! 😊

August 18, 2015 at 9:35am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Em Montgomery The funny thing is i wasnt sure so i asked mum and she said that its when the jacks been thrown 😊 sorry!

August 18, 2015 at 9:36am · Like



Mike Pegg a cosh



August 18, 2015 at 9:37am · Like · 4



Mike Pegg a jack or cochonnet



August 18, 2015 at 9:37am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Hi Emma, you and your mum are right in a normal game as the rules state to "start" a game you draw the circle and throw a jack but in timed games there have been a few different decisions the latest being the end is started when a boule is thrown

August 18, 2015 at 9:45am · Like · 1



Em Montgomery **Mike Pegg** yeah and i understand why that rule was put in place for our timed games, i just missed the fact it had actually been changed (as did mum - and i thought my dad being umpire would mean i was kept up to date with these things)

August 18, 2015 at 9:47am · Like



Mike Pegg It is why at the World Congress in Nice I asked the FIPJP to review the rules for timed games and to add them to the rules so they would be the same for everyone

August 18, 2015 at 9:47am · Like · 3



Colin Stewart Sooner the better 😊

August 18, 2015 at 10:04am · Like · 1



Jean-Pierre Subrenat The agreed rule is that a new end starts as soon as the last boule has been played. No need to throw the bouchon or one boule to start.

August 18, 2015 at 4:50pm · Like



Michal Dzurik I just hope teams participating in EC in Bulgaria will be notified beforehand, which rules are going to be used, if these [athttp://fipjp.org/.../en/2015-05-10-11-11-42/petanque-rules](http://fipjp.org/.../en/2015-05-10-11-11-42/petanque-rules) or those **Mike Pegg** mentioned. Otherwise there will be a hassle.

August 19, 2015 at 5:28am · Like



Mike Pegg there will be no issues Michal, we will explain any specific rules relating to timed games that do not appear in the rule book.... by the way the link you posted goes to a copy of the rules I gave the FIPJP . The version they had previously was incorrect 😊

August 19, 2015 at 8:03am · Like · 1



Robert Karreman Mike

Asking the the FIPJP to change the rules for time games is one thing. When. they take the decision to add things to the ISP in case of matches in time than the International members of the FIPJP have to handle this in there home country in the yearly congress. The next thing is that it has to be published . Three months after publishing the new rules will be valid. So if the international congress for referees advised the FIPJP to change the ISP rules nothing is valid before above mentioned proces is followed. Otherwise there will be different rules in all the countries.

August 19, 2015 at 11:31am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Robert, the normal process for changing the rules is - The International Umpires Commission will advise the FIPJP Executive of modifications. The FIPJP Executive discuss them and if agreed will inform the World Congress, then they become valid for the new season. If the Congress had gone ahead in Tahiti we would already have a number of new rules but instead they are being tested in France this year. I assume as a result of the tests that a number of new or modified rules will be introduced at the Congress in Thailand this year and then come into force for January 2016.

August 20, 2015 at 2:17am · Edited · Like · 1



Robert Karreman Mike

I understand that the a number of new rules are tested in France. But in the mean time they are not valid for other tournaments in the world. However thank you very much for this bright answer.

August 20, 2015 at 4:13am · Like



Derek Adam Robert, they can still be valid for other tournaments, all it takes is the organisers and umpires to inform everyone competing at the start of the competition as to the specific rules. As said above, we already use several of these modifications to the Scottish Championship games. No need for us to wait, as long as all those competing are aware of the specific rules.

August 20, 2015 at 5:10am · Like



Robert Karreman Hi Derek.

Are you able to send me the new rules you are using already. In The Netherlands new rules are accepted. three months after acceptance of our yearly congress and publication of it. Now I will ask for a special umpires meeting in Holland . Thank you in advance for sending me the modifications.

August 20, 2015 at 6:04am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Robert, If I was you I would wait and see what rules are modified and presented to the World Congress....

August 20, 2015 at 6:19am · Like



Colin Stewart Our current rules are tailored to suit our needs in Scotland - they weren't designed based on our understanding of what the rules MIGHT be (as we don't know - we wrote them 3 years ago) so, while you are more than welcome to see what we are doing now, as Mike says, better to wait for World Congress (just as are we).

August 20, 2015 at 6:48am · Like



Robert Karreman Hi Colin

If you are able to send me the. The Scotland ISP booklet. I have already The French , The English, The German , The Belgian and The Italian ones.

August 20, 2015 at 7:06am · Like



Fredy Harke shared MKWU MÜNCHEN's photo.

August 16, 2015

Barefoot - an idiological statement - not accepable while playing Petanqué

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Mike Pegg not acceptable..... and currently the thinking is to bring back into the rules a specific article which will require "enclosed" footwear, so that would mean no sandals etc....

August 16, 2015 at 4:37am · Like · 2



Fredy Harke verry sensible, I've seen injury .. not by boules but by gravel and glas debris ..

August 16, 2015 at 4:41am · Like



Raymond Ager

August 14, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

When Team A throws the jack, plays and Team B plays, Team B is accepting the jack is valid. If they play a couple of boules, failing to beat Team A's point, they cannot then measure the jack to see if it was in fact, valid or not. I think most players would consider this 'unsporting' and the rules prohibit it - if you play, you're accepting the jack is valid. But what about the following situation, which occurred in a comp played on open terrain. The opponents shoot the jack, they don't claim it's out of play, we

also think it's valid and play a boule. The opponents play 2 boules, failing to beat our boule and then decide to measure the jack - it's over 20m. I presume the letter of the rules mean the jack is dead. Perhaps this needs a rule change - if both teams play, no claim can be made.

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, as with most questions about the rules the first thing to do is establish the facts from all the chatter..... art 8 and art 9 answer your question and to save a little time typing them here are two snap shots of those articles with the specific rule highlighted.
Cheers Mike

Article 8 - For the thrown jack to be valid
If the thrown jack is stopped by the Umpire, a player, a spectator, an animal or any moving object, it is not valid and must be thrown again without being included in the three throws to which the team or the player is entitled.
If after the throwing of the jack, a first boule is played, the opponent still has the right to contest the validity of its position. If the objection is recognised as valid, the jack is thrown again and the boule replayed.
For the jack to be thrown again, both teams must have recognised that the throw was not valid or the Umpire must have decided it to be so. If any team proceeds differently, it loses the benefit of the throwing of the jack.
If the opponent has also played a boule, the jack is definitely deemed valid and no objection is admissible.

August 15, 2015 at 1:19am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg

Article 9 - Dead Jack during an end
The jack is dead in the following 7 cases:
1) When the jack is displaced into an out-of-bounds area, even if it comes back on to the authorised playing area. A jack straddling the boundary of an authorised terrain is valid. It becomes dead only after having completely crossed the boundary of the authorised terrain or the dead ball line, that is to say, when it lies entirely beyond the boundary when viewed from directly above. A puddle on which a jack floats freely is considered to be an out-of-bounds area.
2) When, still on the authorised terrain, the moved jack is not visible from the circle, as defined in Article 7. However, a jack masked by a boule is not dead. The Umpire is authorised to temporarily remove a boule to declare whether the jack is visible.
3) When the jack is displaced to more than 20 metres (for Juniors and Seniors) or 15 metres (for the younger players) or less than 3 metres from the throwing circle.
4) When on marked out playing areas, the jack crosses more than one line immediately to the side of the lane in use and when it crosses the end line of the lane.
5) When the displaced jack cannot be found, the search time being limited to 5 minutes.
6) When an out-of-bounds area is situated between the jack and the throwing circle.
7) When, in time limited games, the jack leaves the authorised playing area.

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Mike Pegg and in case you are unsure what to do now that you know the jack is considered dead here is a copy of art 13 - cheers Mike

Article 13 - Rules to apply if the jack is dead
If, during an end, the jack is dead, one of three cases can apply:
1) Both teams have boules to play, the end is void.
2) Only one team has boules left to play, this team scores as many points as boules that remain to be played.
3) The two teams have no more boules in hand, the end is void.

August 15, 2015 at 1:21am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for responding. I did realise the jack would be considered dead by the rules - it was more a question of sporting behaviour. As an umpire, would you warn - or advise - the team that continued playing that they should have measured the jack before playing their boules, not after?

August 15, 2015 at 1:43am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I would have informed "both" teams that as they each had played a boule the jack is deemed valid and play continues.....

August 15, 2015 at 2:27am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, that's a 'sporting' reply - before you said the jack was dead! 😊

August 15, 2015 at 2:41am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, you asked "would you warn - or advise - the team that continued playing that they should have measured the jack before playing their boules, not after?"

I think my answer was clear enough.... of course as the jack is now over 20m from the circle it is considered dead regardless of how many boules have been thrown

August 15, 2015 at 3:32am · Like · 1

Raymond Ager Mike, but your 2nd reply was, "I would have informed "both"



teams that as they each had played a boule the jack is deemed valid and play continues.....".

August 15, 2015 at 3:34am · Like



Fredy Harke Ray, realising the jack is more than 20 meters makes the end void - Article 13 - nothing to do with sporting ...

August 15, 2015 at 9:50am · Like



Raymond Ager I think it's actually Art 9.3 that makes the jack dead. My question wasn't so much, "what's the correct rule?" but "should there be a rule change such that playing a boule means you accept the jack is valid?", as is the case for the thrown jack (but not for a displaced jack).

August 15, 2015 at 10:28am · Like



Mike Pegg How about - if the opponent has played a boule the jack is definitely deemed valid and no objection is admissible!

August 15, 2015 at 12:08pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Perfect! Mike, you're learning 😊

August 15, 2015 at 12:09pm · Like



Michal Dzurik You can measure any time. Even if you play, and then measure and find out it is over 20 m, the jack is dead from that moment. You cant force teams to play over 20 m.

August 15, 2015 at 12:15pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Well put Michal.....

August 15, 2015 at 12:17pm · Like



Gary Jones

August 11, 2015

Mike, In June of 2013 you wrote, " I've been quietly working on a new website for umpires which will include sample exam questions and perhaps part of the umpires course.

It's a lot of work and needs some serious time to be ready for publishing... maybe later this year!"

Is this still a work-in-process? I look forward to it. Thanks.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Mike Pegg Certainly is Gary but I have delayed publishing to include the new rules if they are presented at this years World Congress

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike.

August 11, 2015 at 2:53pm · Like



Raymond Ager

July 6, 2015

Apologies, this is a follow-up question. Art 27 states:

Article 27 – Displacement of the boules or the jack

The team, whose player displaces the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point.

If, during the measurement of a point, the Umpire disturbs or displaces the jack or a boule he will make a decision in an equitable way.

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There is no reference to whether or not boules were marked. So does this mean, even if the boules were marked, the team measuring loses the point, if a boule is moved?

If this is the case, then there is little incentive to mark positions when measuring.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Derek Adam The way I have always been taught was, you move a boule/jack during a measure and you lose the 'shot' holder.
If measuring as an independent you should assess and 'nominate' the closest boule. Then should you move something, the nominated boule holds shot. However, an umpire should only be called after teams have already measured, so it should be too close to 'call'.

July 6, 2015 at 2:20pm · Like



Mike Pegg you are reading the rule in isolation... a very common mistake - you should also read art 21 - if the player accidentally moved the boule while measuring and it was marked it can be put back it its original place.

July 7, 2015 at 3:59am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Hmm, ok, point taken - perhaps Art 27 could be a little clearer... "The team, whose player displaces the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point." is pretty clear, hence my question. I always think it indicates rules could be more clearly written, when you have to add, "ah, yes but you also have to take another rule into consideration." The problem here is that Art 21 is talking about boules being move "by the wind or slope" whereas Art 27 is clearly about measuring.

July 7, 2015 at 4:47am · Like



Tony Mann Hi Ray not only should you be aware of applying an article in isolation you should also not apply one part of an article in isolation purely to support your argument. Art 21 is NOT just talking about boules being moved by wind or slope as it goes on to state "The same applies to any boule accidentally displaced by a player, an Umpire, a spectator, an animal or any moving object.

To avoid any dispute, the players must mark the boules. No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain.".....

July 7, 2015 at 4:55am · Like



Mike Pegg There are none so blind as those who will not see ! 😊

July 7, 2015 at 4:58am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager For me there's a problem when you have to 'interpret' the meaning of different rules. You could just as easily state that Art 21 allows boules to be replaced but then add, "ah, yes, but Art 27 clearly states that if a players moves a boule when measuring, they lose the point." I think it reflects the general problem that the rules have gradually 'evolved' over the years, with various add-ons and corrections (and the resultant inconsistencies and need for interpretation). Perhaps the 2024 Olympics will give enough time to 'step back', start with a clean sheet and produce a newer, clearer version of the rules?

July 7, 2015 at 5:01am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, I don't see what you're getting at? 😊

July 7, 2015 at 5:02am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg you wouldn't Ray...

July 7, 2015 at 5:08am · Like · 1



Gary Jones To quote Mike Pegg, "Strictly by the rules the player/team that has moved the jack or boule will lose the point regardless if they have marked the position."-- May 10, 2013

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Raymond Ager Tony, you accuse me of being selective in quoting the rules. Mike, you say I don't understand. Let's create a scenario to try and establish the correct ruling: if I move a boule when measuring, do I lose the point or can I replace it? Here's the scenario: Ray vs Tony with Mike as umpire. I throw the jack and mark its position. I play my 1st boule and mark its position. Tony plays his 1st boule and marks its position. He measures and announces he's holding. I remeasure but in so doing move Tony's boule. Luckily (?) because everything was marked, I replace the boule, measure and announce I'm holding. We call Mike to measure, who confirms my boule is closer. What's the correct ruling?

July 7, 2015 at 10:44pm · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I did not say you do not understand.... the answer to your question is the nearest boule is holding the point

July 10, 2015 at 3:54am · Like



Raymond Ager So in that scenario, it's my boule that's now holding? Even though I moved another boule whilst measuring?

July 10, 2015 at 4:05am · Like



Mike Pegg I'm getting a (yawn) sense of déjà vu....

Art 21 - If a stationary boule is moved by the wind or slope of the ground, for example, it is put back in its place.
The same applies to any boule accidentally displaced by a player, an Umpire,

a spectator, an animal or any moving object.

To avoid any dispute, the players must mark the boules. No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain.

July 11, 2015 at 2:05am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, so I can replace the boule I moved - I hope Tony will be happy with your ruling that it's now my boule that's closer 😊

July 11, 2015 at 2:09am · Like



Gary Jones Deja vu indeed: To quote Mike Pegg, "Strictly by the rules the player/team that has moved the jack or boule will lose the point regardless if they have marked the position."-- May 10, 2013:

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Mike Pegg Do you keep a copy of every post I make Gary?

As a matter of course I revisit my interpretation of the rules.... two years on it seems that back in 2013 I fell into the same trap as Ray does all the time and took the rule in isolation.

July 11, 2015 at 6:03am · Like



Mike Pegg I should add this decision would depend on the boules and jack being marked correctly and the moved boule being replaced in the correct position....

July 11, 2015 at 6:05am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, isn't the problem here that - as I think you previously stated in this group - it's difficult to exactly replace a boule. Perhaps that why Art 27 states that the player loses the point. I think if I was in Tony's shoes, I wouldn't be too happy if I'd measured the point and thought it was mine, only for my opponent to move the boule, replace it and then claim their boule was now holding.

July 11, 2015 at 9:47am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, dare I ask yet another question on this subject... You'd previously stated that the player loses the point, i.e. Art 27, specifically about measuring, takes precedence. What has led you to now revise your opinion and say that Art 21 should take precedence?

July 11, 2015 at 9:45am · Like



Gary Jones Of course I refer back to your decisions, Mike. Doesn't everyone?

July 11, 2015 at 10:25am · Like



Raymond Ager Yes!

July 11, 2015 at 10:28am · Like



Gary Jones If we accept Mike's 2015 ruling instead of his 2013 ruling, Article 27 becomes meaningless. If boules and jack WERE marked and the measuring team moves one or the other, Mike is now suggesting that they be replaced and measuring be redone based on their new positions. I say NEW positions because, as Mike has previously agreed, boules and jacks can never be replaced to their EXACT positions (within a millimeter or so) even when they have been marked. On the other hand, if boules and jack were NOT marked and the measuring team moves one or the other, they must remain where they are and, once again, the decision as to who is holding must be based on these NEW positions. In neither situation does Article 27 come into use.

July 12, 2015 at 6:22am · Like · 1



Gary Jones So, Ray, here is how one American umpire would handle resolving your hypothetical situation. If you moved a boule while measuring, you could indeed replace it to its marked position. However, Tony's boule would be declared to be holding whether or not it was now closer to the jack. If neither of the two contesting boules nor the jack moved during the remainder of the round, Tony's boule would be awarded the point per Article 27 EVEN IF IT WAS NOT CLOSER to the jack than your boule. In my opinion, this is a logical application of both Article 21 AND Article 27. I am also curious as to why Mike would have changed his opinion since 2013.

July 12, 2015 at 6:31am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Thanks, Gary - I agree that appears a fairer and more logical application of the rule, even if it means I no longer have the point! Let's wait and see if Mike offers an alternative explication.

July 12, 2015 at 10:21am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, your American umpire would be spot on with his ruling.

The boule can be put back by the player who "accidentally" moved it on condition that it is marked.

But that boule would not be considered as the holding boule even if it was the closest to the jack.

The purpose of art 27 is to guard against players deliberately moving the jack, or boule, while measuring... an easy cheat to achieve.



July 14, 2015 at 7:31am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager We appear to have gone full circle and are now saying Art 27 takes precedence! Mike, have you revised your ruling? 😊

July 14, 2015 at 11:28am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg not at all Ray, what I missed to say in 2013 was the team can return the boule or jack to its original position... but they lose the point

July 14, 2015 at 11:27am · Like



Raymond Ager Ah, now I see 😊

July 14, 2015 at 11:28am · Like



Thomas Noonan If nothing is marked nobody has anything to say. In the rest of the world, everyone marks everything, every time.

July 17, 2015 at 5:55pm · Like



Eli Nielsen

July 6, 2015

Team A forgets to change the scoreboard before the next round is started, and after the round is ended, Team B now claims that the points from the previous round are lost. I was called, and declared, that there are no rules to handle this situation, so they had to solve it among themselves. Was I right? I can't remember to have seen any regulation about this. ???

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Stewart Burns I thought if the score is not register on the scoreboard before the start of the next end it is lost. Having said this I would never force such a rule as it is bad sportsmanship.

July 6, 2015 at 11:06pm · Like



John O'Grady A team that behaves like team B should go play some other sport!

July 7, 2015 at 12:51am · Like · 1



Dragan Antonijevic No, team B should simply go away 😊

July 7, 2015 at 12:55am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, If the points had been agreed at the completion of the end then that is the score regardless of if it is on the scoreboard or not. Team B were incorrect.

Advise both teams to put the score on the board immediately it has been agreed and remind them they have just 1 minute so get back to playing... 😊

July 7, 2015 at 3:55am · Like · 3



Raymond Ager

July 5, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Basic question: when measuring a point, should the umpire mark the position of the boules and jack? The following happened in La Marseillaise today: Team A played their 1st boule, Team B played, measured, couldn't decide who was holding and called the umpire to adjudicate. The umpire measured 3 times and hadn't made a decision - obviously the boules were *very* close. The umpire was just about to measure again when a boule from another game hit the two boules, leaving Team B closer. Much to the disapproval of the crowd, the umpire announced, "because the positions weren't marked, the boules remain where they are."

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Michal Dzurik he followed the rules. there is not written the referee should mark boules before measuring. there is written players MUST do it to be allowed to make a claim regarding boules position. they did not mark it, they paid the price 😊 even though only 3 of them. but in the next game - who knows what will happen to other 3.

July 5, 2015 at 9:49am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg We do advise umpires to mark the boules and jack they are measuring

July 5, 2015 at 10:28am · Like · 3



Raymond Ager Do you think the umpire was right in declaring, "the boules stay where they are"? To me it seemed a wrong/harsh decision: I thought a) he should have marked them b) he should have replaced them, even if only approximately, given they weren't marked and declared them equal, given that he hadn't been able to declare either was closer.

July 5, 2015 at 10:32am · Like · 4



Mike Pegg From the description of the incident, yes.

July 5, 2015 at 10:33am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager OK, thanks. BTW to the players credit, they said nothing, accepted the decision and got on with the game.

July 5, 2015 at 10:35am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, I think you need to run some courses for French umpires 😊

July 5, 2015 at 10:38am · Like · 1



Fredy Harke Well it is the player who should mark boules and jack in the first place .. on the other hand as an umpire I mark before measuring - you never know

July 5, 2015 at 1:01pm · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Exactly Fredy.....

July 5, 2015 at 1:24pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Just a further thought: because the umpire was measuring, he must have known fairly precisely the position of the 2 boules - why couldn't he use 'common sense' and reposition them? The boules weren't actually moved very far, just enough to move 1 of them slightly closer to the jack.

July 5, 2015 at 1:26pm · Like · 2



Stone Williams Sorry but going by what I have seen in the past from the National umpire which is Mike Pegg at the start of any tournament mark your boule because should he be needed at any stage to make a judgement he will always ask WERE THE BOULE MARKED.

July 5, 2015 at 3:37pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg actually I'm an International Umpire..... anyhow, back to the question, you need to read two rules instead of questioning the umpires decision

Art 21 - If a stationary boule is moved by the wind or slope of the ground, for example, it is put back in its place.

The same applies to any boule accidentally displaced by a player, an Umpire, a spectator, an animal or any moving object.

To avoid any dispute, the players must mark the boules. No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain.

Art 27 - If, during the measurement of a point, the Umpire disturbs or displaces the jack or a boule he will make a decision in an equitable way.

My guess is the umpire, having moved the boule made the decision he considered to be equitable or to put it more simply "fair".

July 6, 2015 at 2:31am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Mike, just to be clear, the boules were moved by another boule from an adjacent game. The umpire had measured - 3 times - and knew precisely the positions. Why couldn't he "make a decision in an equitable way", replacing the boules and declaring them equal?

July 6, 2015 at 2:34am · Like · 1



Mark Thorne Raymond Ager you have to ask he??

July 6, 2015 at 3:02am · Like



Mike Pegg I can only guess why the umpire made the decision that he did, so please do not go quoting me out of context!

Perhaps he/she decided the boules could not be replaced in the precise position they held prior to the boule hitting them?

The point that is not being taken up is the "players" should have marked the positions as stated in art 21

July 6, 2015 at 3:06am · Like · 3



Raymond Ager I don't think anybody disputes the fact that, of course, players "should" mark everything. In this case my original question was, "Should umpires mark positions before measuring?", to which Mike replied they are advised to do so. I realise it's difficult for Mike to give a definitive ruling, having not witnessed the game. To try and help, here's a diagram, showing the initial positions in outline and the final positions as shown. To confirm, the boules didn't move far and the umpire had just measured them, so must have

known the distance from the jack.



July 6, 2015 at 3:45am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Nice pic Ray.... Are you sure these are the precise positions of the jack and boules?

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Raymond Ager Yes! 😊

July 6, 2015 at 3:55am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg lol....

July 6, 2015 at 4:07am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager What's important here is that the *umpire* knew the precise positions, having measured 3 times - admittedly, he only knew the distance to the jack, not the precise distance between the 2 boules. The boules only moved a few centimetres. So what was the fairest thing to do, given that the umpire hadn't been able to separate the boules? Replace them as accurately as possible, knowing the distance, and announce them equal or leave them and say that Team B had the point?

July 6, 2015 at 4:12am · Like



Mike Pegg Perhaps the umpire decided the boules could not be replaced in the precise position they held prior to the boule hitting them?

July 6, 2015 at 4:45am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I guess this boils down to a question of 'precise': he'd measured the boules 3 times, so knew the precise distance between the boules and the jack. True, he didn't know the 'precise' distance between the 2 boules but there was probably a line in the gravel, where they had moved, so he could have repositioned them more or less in their precise position. Was it 'more precise' to leave them where they had been moved to? I think the basic point is that, in all probability, the 2 boules were equal but the umpire ended up saying Team B was closest. I, along with the crowd, thought he'd made a poor decision. What was the fairest thing to do?

July 6, 2015 at 4:54am · Like



Mike Pegg My guess is the umpire made the decision he considered to be fair

July 6, 2015 at 4:59am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Mike, I'm trying to understand how you think as an umpire - why do you consider saying Team B is closest to be a fair decision when it was apparent that the boules were in all likelihood equidistant?

July 6, 2015 at 8:33am · Like



Mike Pegg Ray, As you have very clearly pointed out the precise position of the boules was not known by the you, the umpire, players or spectators.

Would it be fair to say the boules were equal, I don't know

Would it be fair to say Team B was holding, I don't know but clearly the umpire did.

Just maybe when he was measuring he had already decided that Team B was holding the point, I don't know.... so at best all I can do is guess much the same as you are guessing.

I'm not a mind reader so I cannot comment further on why the umpire made the decision that he did.

July 6, 2015 at 9:16am · Edited · Like · 1



Fredy Harke Ah em may be wrong - but after 3 measurements and no point to be given i.e. equal distance - I would have suggested to take out both boules and continue the take-up - besides that hopefully will get the players to mark jack and boule - in open territory even those a bit off the direct game-line - you just never anticipate what can happen ..

July 6, 2015 at 10:41am · Like



Fredy Harke -- and what if that other boule had pushed the jack to who knows where - mark, mark, mark it is a couple of steps and you get a new view to the terrain ...

July 6, 2015 at 10:46am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for your comments. Obviously we're not going to know what the umpire was actually thinking. But I maintain that he knew the positions from the boules to the jack, having measured these. Having watched him measure 3 times - and knowing that the player who measured couldn't

decide who was holding - it was fairly obvious he was unable to distinguish who was holding. That's why I said in all probability, the boules were equidistant. Having witnessed the incident, I can only say - along with the other spectators - I think the umpire made a poor decision. I guess we can only speculate if there was any logic or not behind his decision. He offered no justification for his decision, other than, "the boules weren't marked, therefore they stay where they are." For me, the most important point is that you stated umpires are advised to mark positions. He didn't do so, which further leads me to question his competence and his decision.

July 6, 2015 at 12:22pm · Like



Mike Pegg and the players are told (by the rules) to avoid any dispute, the players must mark the boules. No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain.... but I understand they accepted the umpires decision 😊

July 7, 2015 at 3:50am · Like · 1



David Plumhoff

July 5, 2015

Question : if someone boots the scoreboard like he's going for that conversion in the rugby world cup; what action should the umpire take? Ben Treend do you know this?

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David Plumhoff Jamie Lewis you are quite clued up on the rules....

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Matthew Eversden Depends where the scoreboard went

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Em Montgomery See article 37 and 38

July 5, 2015 at 9:46am · Like · 1



Jamie Lewis In my defence... The scoreboard had been eye balling me

July 5, 2015 at 9:49am · Like · 1



David Plumhoff Emma.. this is a wind up of Mr Lewis.. leave the rule book in ya boule bag love 😂😂😂

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Em Montgomery Aw i thought id get brownie points for being super helpful 😊

July 5, 2015 at 9:50am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Had the position of the scoreboard been marked? 😊

July 5, 2015 at 9:52am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg take your pick from one or several of the following penalties.
1) Exclusion from the competition.2) Withdrawal of licence.3) Confiscation or restitution of expenses and prizes.

July 5, 2015 at 10:40am · Like · 2



David Plumhoff What about a ban? I'd like Jamie to be banned.. so would Matt Phil & Ben 😂😂😂

July 5, 2015 at 10:42am · Like



Jamie Lewis 3 day ban... Starting from now

July 5, 2015 at 10:59am · Like · 1



Tomasz Rypien Be careful guys this is most unfairness ban association in the world 😂😂😂

July 5, 2015 at 11:17am · Edited · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Tomasz, just to clear up any misunderstanding you may have I set up this FB Group for people around the world to ask questions about the rules of pétanque.

It is not administered by any Association or Federation

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Tomasz Rypien Hello Mike Pegg I was more about to have a ban from association than pétanque rules 🙌🙌😂

July 6, 2015 at 3:48am · Like · 2



Jamie Lewis Day 1 of ban and have already had a quiet word with myself... Worked out a programme of therapy... And have met with a sports psychologist



Di Harrington

July 4, 2015

Can I check the interpretation of article 17 please. Is it allowed for a player during a match, to step on to a vacant adjacent piste and have a practise throw, either between ends or during an end?

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Stone Williams If I may step in here di I think once the game is under way there can be no practice in between ends etc as I have been told off enough times for doing so unless john can inform me different.

July 4, 2015 at 9:59am · Like · 3



Mike Pegg Hi Di, the answer is no. Players are not permitted to practice (shooting or pointing) during a game.

July 4, 2015 at 10:43am · Edited · Like · 4



Robert Parker A player may not practice during a match, players who do not observe this rule could be penalised .

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Kevin Moss Really, can't wait for that to be enforced at EPA events

July 4, 2015 at 11:24am · Edited · Like



Chris Bailey What about the 4th player in a team is he/she allowed to practice before coming on as a sub

July 4, 2015 at 12:07pm · Like



Kevin Moss No

July 4, 2015 at 12:20pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Does that make pétanque the only 'sport' where players are not allowed to warm-up before coming on to play?

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Mike Pegg Oh dear..... to clarify!
Below I have copied art 16 and 17, please read them.

As for the 4th player.... it is normal to allow the 4th player to warm up before they start play but this "warm up" is not on the terrain where games are in progress.

At most championships there would be a practice area for players.

Of course it may be difficult to apply these rules "strictly" at one of your own Federation, Region or Club events in which case I would hope some common sense would be applied.

Art 16

During the regulation time allowed for a player to throw a boule the spectators and players must observe total silence. The opponents must not walk, nor gesticulate nor do anything that could disturb the player about to play. Only his or her team-mate/s may remain between the throwing circle and the jack. The opponents must remain beyond the jack or behind the player and, in both cases, to the side with regard to the direction of play and at a distance of at least 2 metres the one from the other.

Art 17

Absolutely no-one may, as a test, throw his/her boule during the game. Players who do not observe this rule could be penalised as set out in the chapter "Discipline", Article 34

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Magnus Halleen

June 23, 2015

According to Pétanque rules Article 3 – Approved jacks
Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must the jack be capable of being picked up with a magnet.

From Obut you can buy 1st jack in the world that can be picked up by magnet, approved for use in competitions.

What is the truth?

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Michal Dzurik scroll down, it was answered already earlier in the year. obut has good lawyers and good lobby, so their jack is approved 😊

June 23, 2015 at 8:48am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager The truth is, there has been enormous confusion and contradictory statements over whether or not these jacks are allowed!

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Sheikh Ismail Silan For now, all jack that can pick up by magnet is not allowed. Soon it will be approved if it is made of a 'composite' that can be pick up by magnet but itself does not has the magnet properties. That is it will not attracted to iron boules)

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Eli Nielsen I raised this issue earlier this year, and the answer was, that until the rules apply for usage of this kind of jack, it is forbidden in official competitions. Obut is not "over" the international petanque rules. Use them in training and "non official" competitions.

June 23, 2015 at 1:10pm · Like · 1



Michal Dzurik **Eli Nielsen** as far as i remember, the conclusion was this obut jack is approved. it is already mentioned in the rules:<http://fipjp.com/userfiles/label-boules%281%29.pdf> - the black obut jack is there.

June 24, 2015 at 1:37am · Like



Eli Nielsen Michal... the link you are referring to is not the rules, but a list of boules and jacks, which have been approved to use in competitions, BUT as long as the International Rules of Petanque is stating, that a jack can't be picked up by a magnet, it is not allowed to use them where International Rules applies. Let's have the rules "in sync" with all the new unofficial rules like drop of jack in time limited games.... I'm really not impressed with the speed of FIPJP when it comes to updating our rules... 😞

June 24, 2015 at 2:27pm · Like · 3



Derek Adam part of the problem was the postponement of Tahiti where there was to be an update, however its scheduled for later this year - tech committee presentation to FIPJP, who can then decide on rules updates. Rumours are that there will be a few updates/change/clarifications within these rules

June 25, 2015 at 5:21am · Like



Mike Pegg Sorry for the delay in responding, I am in Oslo umpiring and I have little free time...

The purpose of Art 3 was to prevent people from adding metal to jacks so that they could be lifted by a magnet.

At the time of introducing this new rule there was not the technology to produce a jack of a non metallic material that could be lifted by a magnet.

The rules should be reviewed and updated every 2-4 years and there are a number of "new" rules to be introduced for 2016.

Derek is correct, this would have happened in 2014 had the World Champ in Tahiti not been cancelled.

June 25, 2015 at 10:07pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager shared a link.

June 17, 2015

Perhaps mobile phone measures aren't such a bad thing, after all... 😊



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Derek Adam what could possibly be wrong with that method 😞

June 17, 2015 at 4:20am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad A small differential push, a small differential pressure on the instrument - although unintentional, can affect the outcome of the comparative measurements

June 23, 2015 at 10:32am · Like



Sergii Denysenko

June 17, 2015

Hi! Sorry if this question has already been. Can I read somewhere comments to international rules petanque? for example, can I play dressed in beach slippers? or that here in this shoe can't be in competition. Or it decided who the organizer of a tournament or national championship? or maybe it's called recommendations for referees. And sorry for my poor English 😊

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Mike Pegg normally rules regarding team kit and footwear would be included in the specific competition or championship rules.

Normally bare feet, slip on shoes such as beach slippers, flip-flops are forbidden.

One of the proposed new rules for 2016 (if adopted) is to state that all footwear must be fully enclosed

June 17, 2015 at 6:50am · Like · 3



Sergii Denysenko Thanks for the answer. In this case I just gave an example.

The main question of the notes to the basic rules, or perhaps advice arbitr

June 17, 2015 at 1:16pm · Like



Robert Pugh

June 12, 2015 · Cardiff, United Kingdom

Hi Mike. During a recent League match (2 x doubles per Team), an incident occurred where one member of one double called across to his Team captain (playing as one of the other double) and asked his advice on playing a shot (or taking the point). I believe the Captain ignored the request as he was (rightly) focussed on his own game. The Team's opponents mentioned that conferring like this was against the Rules. I assume this is a breach of Article 16, but can't find anything specifically about asking advice from a team Captain.

I am aware that in comps, a Team manager is not allowed to proffer advice, but the Team is allowed to move to one side and ask his/her advice.

Just not sure if this would be considered a similar scenario.

Presumably, if the Captain had finished his game as was watching from the sidelines, the player would have been OK to ask advice. Thanks.

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Steve Clark Whether it is OK or not, pretty poor, disturbing your other team, if I had to ask for outside assistance to play a shot, I would seriously consider giving up the sport, just my opinion of course, other options are available 😊

June 12, 2015 at 8:26am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Hi Robert, there is nothing in the rules to prevent a player from asking advice from another player, team captain or coach... however, the player concerned should know that he should be quite and still while a player is in the circle.

With reference to your comment about team managers, the rule, which is in the rules for the event, is that the coach or team manager cannot call out to his

players, they should always come to to where he is standing (off the terrain) to discuss tactics etc.

June 13, 2015 at 3:43am · Like · 4



Robert Pugh Thanks Mike. I've passed this on to the player concerned - who's relatively new to the sport, hence not being 100% sure of the rules.

June 13, 2015 at 3:55am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg happy to help 😊

June 13, 2015 at 11:24am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan I think another point to be considered is the player should not leave his/her lane without umpire's permission.

June 14, 2015 at 11:27am · Like · 1



Robert Pugh In the case I mentioned there was no umpire to ask. Also, they may have been on adjacent lanes - at the most they'd have been next-but-one, so wouldn't have had to leave the lane.

June 14, 2015 at 12:22pm · Like · 1



Derek Adam But you can stand at the end of your piste to confer, in major events there is usually little space between piste ends and coach/4th players.

June 14, 2015 at 3:25pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg The points to note:

1. the player may discuss tactics etc with his captain/player/coach
2. they should talk quietly and they must not disturb the player in the circle
3. they must also stand in a position that does not distract the player in the circle

June 15, 2015 at 1:16am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg The rule about leaving the terrain/lane is not designed to prevent a player stepping out of the lane to talk to his coach who is stood or sat at the end of the lane.

The rule is is designed to deal with players that move way from the lane or the playing area to get a coffee, have a smoke, go to the toilet etc

June 15, 2015 at 1:18am · Like · 2



Eli Nielsen Mike.. you are specifcily mentioning captain/player/coach, but in fact it could be any person standing outside the lane. He/she does not have to be a team member..... and of course keeping in mind the 1 minute rule.

June 15, 2015 at 2:52pm · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, I keep mentioning those people because they are the people that are normally permitted in side the playing area.

And yes the 1 minute rule does apply.... for now! 😊

June 16, 2015 at 3:09am · Like



Chris Barron

June 8, 2015 · Portsmouth, United Kingdom

Hi mike at our qualifiers yesterday while I was looking after our regional junior team somebody questioned about the fact I had advised the team to show the person throwing the boule the line to take using their foot. I was told on our regional website it said it wasn't allowed I've since found the article and would like clarification

(As far as I can see, the rules are silent about this. Article 16 paragraph 2 says: "The player must not use any object or draw a line on the ground to give aid in playing a boule or mark the point of landing". In my view, this refers to the player about the play the boule. I think that it could also be implied that no other member of that team may place an object or draw a line or mark the point of landing for a teammate, but Article 17 paragraph 2 allows for the player's partner(s) to stand between the circle and the coche, and there is nothing to stop them SHOWING a teammate where to play, as long as they don't make a mark or place an object on the terrain (for the duration of the shot) as a guide. So, MY ADVICE is, putting your foot in a particular place and saying "Point on this line", or "Pitch it here" is quite OK, as long as you move your foot away before the shot is played and don't leave a mark where you put your foot.)

This was posted in 2006 my advise had been exactly what's been said about using a foot to show the line however I had said leave it there until the person has thrown and then move out the way

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Mazlan Ahmad Hi Chris. Thats article 15 second para.

Art 16 relates to behaviour of players and spectators... where there's no 2nd warning for breaching the rule - straight to red card after a single warning by the arbiter.

Lets see what Mike has to say about your query.

June 8, 2015 at 9:54am · Edited · Like · 1



Fredy Harke I see this kind of "pointing" happen verry often, and no arbiter ever interfered. Some point with foot some with there cloth and others form a V with the feet - but no one ever marks ...

June 8, 2015 at 10:28am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Chris, it is art 15 you mean and the sort of objects you must not use to are stones, sticks cloths etc which could be left on the terrain and can interfere with the line the boule takes.

The same goes for drawing lines on the terrain as these can also make a boule take a different course.

Putting your foot to indicate the line or landing point is perfectly acceptable as long as you move out of the way and do not stop or interfere with the boule/jack.

Hope this helps resolve your issue - cheers Mike

June 8, 2015 at 1:11pm · Like · 1



Chris Barron That's great thank you [Mike Pegg](#)

June 8, 2015 at 1:12pm · Like



Chris Barron Just to make it clear that was something I copied off SCPA website regarding the arts not something I wrote

June 8, 2015 at 1:13pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Chris, i have just read the post in question on your regions website and note that it is dated 2006.

The rules have been significantly changed/modified twice since the post was written which is why it is referring to the wrong article number.

June 8, 2015 at 2:35pm · Edited · Like



Mazlan Ahmad [Mike Pegg](#) sir, talking about article 15 and taking it a step further - how do you penalise a player who violates this article, especially the 2nd paragraph?

Supposing in a doubles game, the score stood at 12-all, team A has played all their boules and team B still have a few boules. So while pointing his last boule, the pointer of team B carries his partner's boule in the other hand [which is forbidden] and in so doing won the game.

So as arbiter how do we penalise that pointer from team B? Do we issue him a yellow card as per article 34 and let them win the game? Or do the arbiter invoke article 23? [boules thrown contrary to the rules, rendering the last boule pointed by team B dead - which seems justified]

June 8, 2015 at 10:54pm · Edited · Like · 1



Chris Barron Hi mike I did say in my original post that it was dated 2006 😊 can you just confirm must the foot be moved before the boule is played or is it ok to keep there as long as no mark is left or it interferes with the boule or jack. The person whom asked me originally has asked [Robert Parker](#) and was told it must be moved before the boule is played

June 8, 2015 at 11:32pm · Like



Mike Pegg the foot must be moved so that it does not interfere with the boule or jack. It matters not if it is before or just after the boule has been thrown as long as the player in question steps out of the way in time! 😊

June 9, 2015 at 12:23am · Like · 4



Mazlan Ahmad [Mike Pegg](#) ... Pls see my question, above. Re article 15.

June 9, 2015 at 12:38am · Like



Mike Pegg But of course - art 19 Any boule played, that is stopped or deviated accidentally by a player to whose team it belongs, is dead.

Because the player has deliberately put his foot in the way to mark a line or landing point I may consider the last paragraph of the same art which states - The player purposely stopping a moving boule is immediately disqualified, along with his or her team, for the game in progress.... so it is a good idea to get out of the way!

June 9, 2015 at 9:50am · Like · 1



Michelle McKenzie Thanks Mike Pegg & [Chris Barron](#) you have answered the question for me 😊

June 10, 2015 at 9:32am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones created a poll.

May 18, 2015

Mike, I was umpiring at a tournament this past weekend where the organizers asked that, in the interest of saving time, there be only one attempt allowed at throwing the jack to a valid position. Assuming the throw was invalid, the opponents would then be allowed to place the jack. The question came up as to whether they might also be able to move the circle AND place the jack. How would you have ruled? Thanks.

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Derek Adam Thats how we play it in Scotland. If you cannot get the distance required you can move the throwing circle

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Aina Ika Ratovo Rule said the cochonnet, not the circle

May 18, 2015 at 10:40am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers From the current position of the circle, jack could not be placed by opponent to 10 m. Could opponent move the circle back, in line, so that the jack COULD be placed at 10 m? Similar to Article 7 Para. 4.

May 18, 2015 at 12:34pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Christophe Chambers And whilst on the subject, do we know where this "one toss, then jack placement" rule originates? Didn't they use something similar in a recent World Championship? Is it going to be in the "new rules" that are(?) / (are not(?)) in effect yet? I can't find it officially anywhere, even in timed games rules. I do not like this "rule" because it doesn't really save that much overall time, however, it can dramatically affect a game in progress. You only get ONE chance to throw a valid jack. If you don't, the opponent gets to PLACE the jack EXACTLY where they want it. WHAAAT? Example: When I tried to throw to 9.5 - 10m and failed, my opponent would place the jack right at 6 m, centered. I doubt they would have that kind of precision otherwise...

May 18, 2015 at 1:48pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Christophe Chambers Of course, when they did that, I would just shoot every boule they pointed. 😊 6 meters... HA!

May 18, 2015 at 1:50pm · [Like](#)



Aina Ika Ratovo That's why "jack throwing" is also a Petanque thing that any player should master

May 18, 2015 at 1:53pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Joop Denekamp hmm.. question three about this. .. what if they put the jack, just less then 6 meters or more then 10 (after we throw it badly)... and i don't agree. ... can i put it where i want it? !

May 18, 2015 at 2:46pm · Edited · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Joop Denekamp correct, thank you for specify!)))

May 18, 2015 at 9:52pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, this rule is not unusual as it has also been used at a few World Championships (if only it was written down!) anyhow, the opponent must place the jack in a valid position. To do this it may mean moving the circle but only if a valid position cannot be found in any direction... just the same as if you were throwing the jack

May 20, 2015 at 5:28am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Gary Jones Thanks for your response, Mike. One follow up question, if I may: by, "if a valid position cannot be found in any direction", do you mean ANY valid position (such as six or more meters) or ALL valid positions (the entire range of distances from six to ten meters)?

May 20, 2015 at 6:02am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg if the jack cannot be thrown to the maximum distance in any other direction.

May 20, 2015 at 10:15am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Gary Jones Thanks again, Mike. It seems that your suggested approach makes the penalty for a team not being able to throw a valid jack in one try much more severe than the penalty for not throwing a valid jack in three tries. Three tries-- the opponent must attempt to place the jack with a skillful throw.

One try-- the opponent is allowed to place the jack precisely where he wants. If the intent of the rule deviation is merely to speed up play rather than to change the basic nature of the game, it would seem, to me at least, to go too far. However, I do appreciate your answer, and, if that is the way it is being played in World Championships, I'll make sure, in the future, to clarify that in pre-tournament announcements. As you said, it would be nice if it were in writing.
May 23, 2015 at 5:35am · Like · 3



Sheikh Ismail Silan U made a good point [Gary Jones](#) and I think if it's going to be accepted as official rule, the jack should be placed around 1 meter perimeter from where the invalid jack stop or to the nearest point for the jack to be valid.
May 24, 2015 at 11:06am · Like



Derek Adam It's to speed up games. Bit remember there is a trial of a different method in France at the moment.
The team that lost the previous end throws the jack, contrary to current rules. Will be interesting to hear the feedback on that one.
May 24, 2015 at 1:38pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager [Derek](#), I know that this was discussed a year or two ago - I wasn't aware there was any trial??? BTW I think this was intended as a radical change to the game, nothing to do with speeding things up.
May 24, 2015 at 10:33pm · Edited · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Derek, you are correct the introduction of the opponent placing the jack in a valid position was to speed up the game or put in the official language - it is to save the time spent by the opponents having 3 throws. More specifically this was introduced as a trial at a World Championship. Various combinations have been tested these past few years but to date no specific rule has been introduced...

I'm hopeful that at this years World Congress a number of new rules regarding "Timed" games will be introduced along with a few others which are currently being tested by the French Federation 😊
June 10, 2015 at 1:26am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager [Mike](#), [Derek Adam](#)'s last comment was about the rule change where the losing team gets to throw the jack. I know this idea was discussed but has it ever been taken any further?
June 10, 2015 at 2:25am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, read my last post again on this subject...
June 10, 2015 at 4:18am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager [Mike](#), I think we're talking about 2 different things a) throwing the jack in timed games and b) the point [Derek](#) raised subsequently, the issue of the losing team throwing the jack, i.e. the reversal of how the game has always been played - nothing to do with timed games.
June 10, 2015 at 8:07am · Like



Raymond Ager
May 29, 2015

Mike, I'd appreciate your advice on the following situation - a bit of grey area between 'what's the correct rule' and 'what's the sporting thing to do'? We play our 1st boule, the opponents play, announce we're still holding and continue to play. We think they've won the point with their first boule. Should we let them continue playing or should we insist on a measure?

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Eileen Maguire If they think you are holding, play on. The sporting thing to do would be to point out that you think they are holding and have a measure. They should be more vigilant!
May 30, 2015 at 1:08am · Like · 1



Derek Adam However it could be to the opponents advantage to play again, having realised the previous shot was close but not close enough. Could be seen as discreet cheating
May 30, 2015 at 12:33pm · Like



Raymond Ager To clarify the scenario: the opponents checked, i.e. looked but didn't measure, and thought we were still holding. Let's assume it's to our advantage if they continue playing. It's not a question of cheating but more a possible error of judgement when checking the position of the boules.
May 30, 2015 at 12:37pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, they looked but did not measure! Seems to me that they did not want to win or don't know how to play.... if I understand your scenario correctly
Sporting thing to do was for you to measure - The right thing to do was for you to measure.
It is in your own interest to measure because had they been "stupid" enough to continue playing without measuring they could have put all 6 boules in the head making it difficult if not impossible for you to score any points
May 31, 2015 at 5:05am · Like · 2



Gary Jones Wouldn't Article 23 apply?
May 31, 2015 at 6:00am · Like



Raymond Ager Isn't it more a case of Art 16? [Mike](#), thanks for your reply.
Normally, I prefer to wait patiently while the opponents play, not interfering with their game and waiting until they have the point before moving to check the head, measuring if necessary, and then playing. I know there are players who, as soon as the opponents play a boule, immediately step forward wanting to check everything. To me, that's wrong.
May 31, 2015 at 10:18am · Like · 2



Gary Jones I'm not clear on why it would be in your interest to measure. If you have the point and your opponents play-- out of turn-- would not their boule be declared dead as per Article 23 and removed from the court as per Article 18? Nothing left to clog the head and make it difficult for you to score?
May 31, 2015 at 8:22pm · Like



Dragan Antonijevic but don't forget that you or your opponents have the right to do the measure no matter what's happened before (if they or you did not measure, and agree that the opponent hold the point). You could measure every ball at the end of an end... And you can imagine the further scenario...
June 1, 2015 at 4:21am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, going back to your post I think it may help to explain a bit further.
If you are playing and do not have the benefit/advantage of an umpire then you need to be agreeing some things with your opponents as there is no one or way to enforce the rules.
However, if you have an umpire he may suggest that your team has the option to play the advantage rule as described in art 23.
My guess, based solely on your description would be to educate both teams by pointing out, maybe even warning them, that they both have a duty/right to measure.
June 1, 2015 at 8:56am · Edited · Like · 2



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike.
June 1, 2015 at 9:01am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for your comments, There was no umpire. The question basically is, should we simply wait and not interfere while the opponents play or should we take a more active role, checking each boule, even though we're not playing? My personal view is, if it's a 'friendly' competition, I would inform the opponents if I thought they were holding. In a more 'serious' competition - where I would expect the opponents to have a good understanding of the game and the rules, I would let them play and not intervene.
June 1, 2015 at 9:07am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I'm sure you know that you should not be moving around while the player is in the circle.... but if when they have walked up and taken a look at the position of the boules/jack you can check by measuring.
Of course the opponents, as the last to have played a boule, should have measured but it seems from your scenario that they chose not to.
This does not prevent you from "checking" that their guess was correct.
June 2, 2015 at 3:04am · Edited · Like · 2



Raymond Ager OK, thanks.
June 2, 2015 at 3:08am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#), I think the team should not interfere until the are call to take turn. Only at that time they are allowed to measure. If at every move each team do the measuring, it will cost time especially when played in time game.
June 3, 2015 at 11:35am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I've seen a few occasions where Team A is holding the point, Team B is playing, doesn't win the point but their boule is in the head. Team A then want to measure for 2nd, 3rd place, etc. To me this is wrong and interfering when it's not their turn.
June 3, 2015 at 11:45am · Like

Mike Pegg and that was not the basis of your question or scenario.



No one is suggesting that the opponent keeps jumping in to measure every time a boule is thrown. You stated your opponent threw a boule and then looking at the boules/jack announced you were still holding... at this time you could have and perhaps should have checked by measuring.

June 4, 2015 at 2:10am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I was just responding to the previous comment - I know that wasn't the original scenario. It illustrates how often questions about the 'rules' develop into wider issues.

June 4, 2015 at 3:47am · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik for me it is a bit strange to read comment from Mike (with all respect, Mike!) that a "waiting" team should measure or maybe even be warned, by the rules that team can not measure before other team measures... "The measuring of a point is the duty of the player who last played or by one of his mates. The opponents still have the right to measure AFTER one of these players." Art. 25. this does not say, that if the impatient team decides not to measure, it means the measuring was done and the waiting team should measure.

i don't know how all you are behaving during the games, but in my country if the opponents are not sure who is holding, they kindly ask the other team who played the last boule to measure. i can't imagine they would refuse to do so



June 9, 2015 at 1:49am · Edited · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, if you read my earlier post again I said "may" be warned and I only suggested the umpire "may" warn both teams to measure.... I certainly would not expect any opponent to step in a measure without saying something to the other team. What is surprising in Ray's scenario is that the team did not measure after playing a boule. the two boules on question must have been at a similar distance from the jack for them to 'think' the other team was holding... maybe they were inexperienced and needed educating which I also suggested

June 9, 2015 at 9:44am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, the scenario was that one team played and looked, thinking our team still held the point. More of a genuine mistake/error of judgement rather than inexperience - on the contrary, these players are normally always right in their judgements and will measure if not sure. FYI they played a 2nd boule and won the point - nobody needed to measure the first two boules, so in the rest of the game it became irrelevant which of the original boules was holding.

June 9, 2015 at 10:28am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager

May 2, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, a serious question - honest: do you think the mobile phone apps for measuring will ever be accepted as an approved measure?

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Gareth Sullivan No

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Mike Pegg These apps require you to stand perfectly upright with the mobile device held perfectly level over the boules being measured.

I have tried a couple of apps out of interest and think they are little more than a gimmick....

May 3, 2015 at 4:07am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Raymond Ager OK, thanks. I realise the problem/limitations. I was really just wondering if, technically, it might be possible to overcome such limitations? I guess time will tell.

May 3, 2015 at 4:08am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Why bother, it is just as easy to measure using the correct equipment

May 3, 2015 at 8:02am · Edited · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager True, of course - but there are always technological advances.

May 3, 2015 at 4:11am · [Like](#)

Michal Dzurik ray, probably you would need a tripod 😊





May 3, 2015 at 5:08am · Like · 1



Derek Adam If you know how 'good' mobile cameras are, they just are not good enough for this sort of thing. Too much variation between cameras, lens tilt etc all make too much difference

May 3, 2015 at 5:34am · Like · 1



Mark Geezer I have found that the obut one works well on a flat surface but is not accurate when there is a difference in elevation of the boule that need to be measured

May 3, 2015 at 11:49am · Like · 1



Dragan Antonijevic but you could always use your mobile phone for measure the small distances 😊

May 5, 2015 at 5:12am · Like



Mike Pegg No you can't because art 25 states - Measuring must be done with appropriate instruments, which each team must possess.... that does not include mobile phones. 😊

May 5, 2015 at 8:52am · Like · 4



Raymond Ager So what does constitute an 'appropriate measure'?

May 5, 2015 at 10:22am · Like



Mike Pegg tape measure, folding measure, callipers etc, certainly not a mobile phone

May 6, 2015 at 1:44am · Edited · Like · 1



Mat Jue Not perfect use mobile phone....that system.not good....

May 14, 2015 at 4:44pm · Like



Peter Astle You would be better to use the phone to "ask an umpire" than to use it measure lol

May 15, 2015 at 6:03am · Edited · Like · 2



Raymond Ager I confess that I'm equally sceptical about the accuracy of mobile phone measures. However - and the reason for asking the question - I have a friend who's convinced they're accurate. I've measure a few close points, i.e. 1 or 2mm with a tape and he's measured with his phone. Each time he's been accurate. Perhaps a better question would be, how accurate is such a measure? And similarly, how accurate is a tape measure? You can also get errors if you're not exactly in line when using a tape. They're not infallible 😊

May 15, 2015 at 10:20am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg which is why we have umpires who are trained in how to use the equipment.... anyhow, mobile phones are supposed to be switched off during a game! 😊

May 16, 2015 at 2:56am · Like · 4



Raymond Ager Mike, you win! 😊

May 16, 2015 at 3:06am · Like · 3



Eli Nielsen

May 9, 2015

Playing the Swiss system with time limited rounds, we had a situation where the result after the 2 extra rounds were 12-12, which means, we had to find the winner by pointing, measuring and removal of the played boule a.s.o. However, during pointing, a boule displaced the jack with 20 cm. How is that treated?

I can't find any description of this situation. What if the jack went out of the terrain?

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, I need a bit more information to understand what happened.

I understand that the teams were tied at 12-12. I assume all boules have been played and that someone is now measuring to see who is holding the point - is this correct?

Also who was measuring?

May 10, 2015 at 4:35am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Mike, seemed like in a time-limited game, the two players/teams were tied at 12 all after the 2 extra/additional ends. So to break the tie, the two players had to point 1 boule each to a jack placed at a fixed

distance, and the one nearer to the jack would be declared winner. The method used is-- after a player points his boule, the distance his boule rest from the jack is measured and recorded, and thereafter removed to make way for the opponent to point next -- to the lone jack in a 'cleared' piste, (all boules removed, prior to that).

It was during this tie-breaker that the uncertainties as in the question arose. 1) That the opponent tapped/moved the jack further up from the fixed distance, and 2) what if the jack so tapped/moved by the opponent goes beyond the dead ball line.

Thats how I understand the question -- and waiting for your answer too! 😊
May 10, 2015 at 6:46am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg The rule is, if after the two extra ends (after the whistle has been sounded), should the two teams be tied they will inform the umpire who may allow them to play another end.
Surprised teams would agree to pointing 1 boule each to the jack to decide the winner!

May 10, 2015 at 7:10am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Eli Nielsen Ahmad... you got my question right 😊, but if there is no written and agreed procedure, we can't get an answer. We will probably have to make our own procedure for this situation.

May 10, 2015 at 12:01pm · [Like](#)



Mazlan Ahmad Got your point. But Eli, arbiters cannot implement impromptu procedure. They are to ensure conformation or adherence to the rules at all times. Unless of course there exist expressed terms in the complementary administration rules for that particular tournament stating preferred procedure(s) superceding the standard rules - as per article 39. Then again those deviations/variations must be communicated or explained to the participants well before the start of the tournament.

May 10, 2015 at 9:30pm · Edited · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the procedure in timed games when, after the two extra ends have been played the teams are tied, they will inform the umpire who may allow them to play another end.... why introduce this pointing one boule each to the jack?

May 12, 2015 at 2:45am · Edited · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen Mike.. No idea where it originated from... we got it dictated from our tournament committee... then just forget my question. I will address it to the tournament committee instead 😊 However, I think we urgently need a review of rules and protocols for all the new "initiatives" our local players hear from other recent international turnaments.

May 15, 2015 at 4:30pm · Edited · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, In my CEP Report to the World Congress in Nice I asked the FIPJP and Int. Umpires Commission to produce some clear rules for timed games.

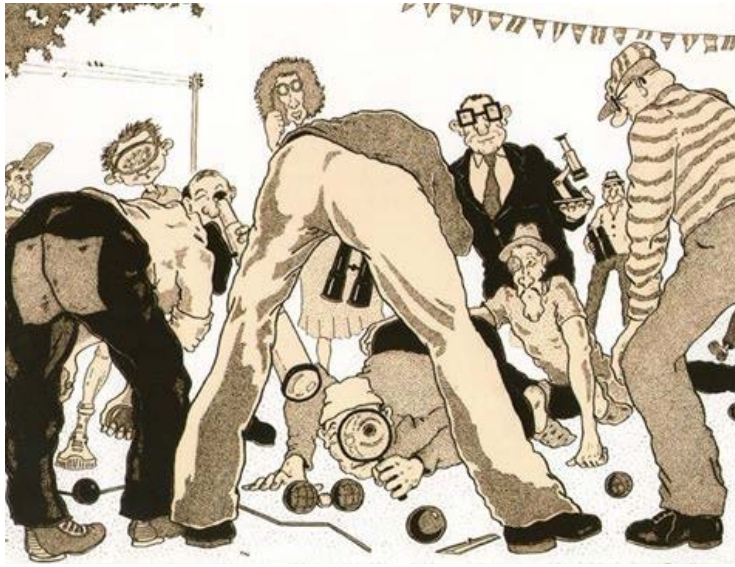
I know there are a number of rule changes due to be introduced for next year, I hope they will include more clarity for timed games.

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Mike Pegg

May 2, 2015



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Mazlan Ahmad How many arbiters and instruments are required to resolve this?

May 2, 2015 at 9:24am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Is that an Umpires' Commission meeting? 😊

May 2, 2015 at 9:42am · Like



Jac Verheul Yes, an instruction weekend, LOL. The new rules are tested!

May 2, 2015 at 10:28am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I wonder how much that jack weighs? 😊

May 2, 2015 at 10:29am · Like



Mat Jue Hehehe old timer

May 2, 2015 at 4:49pm · Like



Mike Pegg I think it's a great example of "call the umpire" to decide... or perhaps an equally good example of just how many different opinions there can be over a simple decision

May 3, 2015 at 8:05am · Like · 2



Mazlan Ahmad Umpire's decision: Be meticulous and doubly sure before pronouncing !

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

May 7, 2015

I remembered before there is a rule against sharing prizes. How come it is abandon in the latest rule book?

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Jac Verheul Because everyone does it, I think, and it's very hypocrite to pretend you do not see it.

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Thomas Noonan We don't allow it in Sonoma!

May 7, 2015 at 7:34pm · Like



Dragan Antonijevic Maybe you don't allow it, but unfortunately, you could not prevent it, as teams are doing this quietly, under cover...

May 8, 2015 at 12:53am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic actually you could maybe moderate this practice giving the money price only to the winner...

May 8, 2015 at 12:55am · Like · 1



Michal Dzurik Jac, please speak of yourself only - definitely not everyone does it. This never happened in my country 😊

May 10, 2015 at 4:58am · Like



Mike Pegg The rule regarding sharing prizes was designed to deal with those teams that would agree to let another win and share the prize.

This sort of conduct is bad sportsmanship and so is covered in Article 37 which includes for showing a lack of sportsmanship they will be excluded from the competition and that the exclusion can incur non-acceptance of the results, as well as the application of penalties set out in Article 38.

May 10, 2015 at 7:17am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Sharing prizes is very much the norm in French competitions, personally I don't like it but everybody does it. I think I'm right in saying that even in National comps, prizes are awarded equally by the organisers in the final rounds. So the rules are basically reflecting what everybody does.

May 10, 2015 at 10:02am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad

May 5, 2015

What tournament manager program/software is normally used in managing petanque tournaments/championships? One that that is quite easy or user-friendly. Any idea?

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Mike Pegg for me it will depend on the tournament and if I am running Swiss system or poules, KO etc.

For the Swiss system I use the tournament software which you can buy at <http://www.sport-software.de>

I also use it sometimes for poules and KO but I often use Excel which is a little more user friendly



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Mazlan Ahmad Noted. Thanx Mike.

May 6, 2015 at 1:54am · Like



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Mill Park Pétanque

May 2, 2015

During an end some of the boules played were picked up before all the boules were played. One team didn't realize there were still 2 boules to play. [weren't paying attention]. I believe they would be allowed to place them back if they had been marked but unfortunately they were not marked. Left on the playing surface were 2 boules. How does one score that? The two left on the playing surface would be scored as 2 points but what about the two in hand? Would they be allowed to play those boules? I'm just trying to learn the game.

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Linda Motschieder We had a similar situation, Ray. 4 gals; everyone's talking & laughing (I'bubby partaking!) My partner reaches down & picks her 2 boules up and says, "We have 2 points, agreed?" The other team had a boule, threw it and racked up 4 points that end. -Lesson learned!

May 2, 2015 at 12:03pm · Like



Mike Pegg The team picked up their own boules so they are dead. The 2 boules left to be played are thrown and you count the points.... lesson is, only pick up your own boules and only if the end is complete!

May 3, 2015 at 4:09am · Like · 1



Magnus Halleen

April 29, 2015

One can buy boules that is 70.5mm. Can we as senior players play with them, and what happens when you played with them for a while and they become worn and not keeps the 70.5mm, will they be illegitimate?

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Mike Pegg The minimum size permitted is 7.05cm (70.5mm) so of course you can play in competition with boules of this size.

It would take a considerable amount of play to reduce the size of the boules.

April 29, 2015 at 9:19am · Like · 1



Yusarina Iskandar Al-Firdausi Faruqi

April 25, 2015 · Beaufort South, Malaysia

I've 1 situation here. A player goes into the ring and accidentally drop his/her boule when he/she tries to wipe the boule. Is the boule considers dead or otherwise? Is dead/not valid, which article shows that? Thanks.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad who said that the boule is dead?..the boule consider throw..

but theres no sportmanship if opponent argue with that..

April 25, 2015 at 6:26pm · Like



Yusarina Iskandar Al-Firdausi Faruqi Tq [Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad](#).

April 25, 2015 at 6:28pm · Like



Mike Pegg the boule is not considered dead, the player should pick up their boule and get on with the game.... and take more care!

April 29, 2015 at 3:56am · Like · 5



Sheikh Ismail Silan

April 25, 2015

It's a painful situation, when an opponent pick up our boule and the boule is ruled out dead, marked or not, more ever if it is holding point. Recently we agreed to make a preference, if the boule that was pick up was marked than the boule should be put back. If the picked boule is their own, marked or not is dead. Please give comment

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Mazlan Ahmad I tend to agree with the above. A STATIONARY boule moved is a boule displaced, and a STATIONARY boule picked-up is also a boule displaced. ALL players should apply a degree of care and diligence in picking/removing boules, and they should only pick/remove their OWN (or own team's) boules, and not meddle with opponents boules.

I think this is the spirit of Art 26. – Removed Boules

It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

At the completion of an end, all boules picked up before the agreement of points are dead. No claim is admissible on this subject. -- pertaining to picking up OWN (own team's) boules only.

So what if the opponent's boules were wrongly or wilfully picked-up? The remedy is in Art 21, simply worded :-

If a STATIONARY boule is moved or accidentally displaced by a player, an Umpire, a spectator, an animal or any moving object, it is put back in its place. [-- And further --]and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the POSITION the boules hold on the terrain for unmarked boule (a position agreeable to the aggrieved party). NO argument / contest / claim whatsoever by the 'aggressor' or wrong-doer is admissible or be entertained.

Summing up, I do think that the articles - correctly interpreted - do provide a fair remedy or redress to the aggrieved party, and also that the offender be penalised accordingly.


April 28, 2015 at 12:14pm · Edited · Like ·  1



Mike Pegg If the opponent picks up your boule it can be considered an accident so the boule, if marked should be put back.

The umpire should give the opponent a warning telling him to be more careful the next time.

If a player picks up the boule of his own team then it is dead regardless if it was marked or not

April 29, 2015 at 3:55am · Like ·  2



Raymond Ager

April 12, 2015


Not a recommended stance, I know, but is it against the rules to have a knee on the ground when squat-pointing? (Assuming it's still possible to have both feet inside the circle.)

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Mat Jue likes this.



Gareth Sullivan You'd have to be a midget to be able to get your knee and foot of the same leg into a 50cm circle, even harder to do it comfortably.

April 12, 2015 at 1:10pm · Like ·  1



Derek Adam I know you can't have a part of the body touch outside until the thrown boule has landed.

Not sure what Mike will say if both feet and a knee are inside the circle.

April 12, 2015 at 1:27pm · Like ·  1




Pete Dibble Get out Gareth idiot all the time:-D

April 12, 2015 at 2:45pm · Like ·  2



Mike Pegg Can you keep both feet on the ground and manage to kneel inside the circle?

April 13, 2015 at 3:13am · Like ·  1



Raymond Ager I'm afraid I'm now having trouble bending but, yes, some players do manage to play like that - is it against the rules, having a knee on the ground, inside the circle?

April 13, 2015 at 3:22am · Like




Pete Dibble Was only joking mike.

April 13, 2015 at 3:28am · Like




Raymond Ager Is this the first question that Mike doesn't know the answer...?

 April 13, 2015 at 11:18pm · Like



Mike Pegg no Ray...

If you are short enough in the leg and supple enough to be able to kneel inside the circle and at the same time keep both feet on the ground then go ahead as there is nothing in the rules to prevent you 😊

April 14, 2015 at 1:41pm · Edited · Like ·  2



Raymond Ager Thanks for the clarification.

April 14, 2015 at 10:07am · Like



Pete Dibble I'm legal! ?

April 14, 2015 at 12:07pm · Like ·  2



Mike Pegg are you Pete?

April 14, 2015 at 1:41pm · Like



Eli Nielsen

April 8, 2015

I'm back!

I've been told, that during time limited tournaments, you (FIPJP) play a defined time + 2 extra rounds ??

If you need to play the extra rounds, you are even when time is spend, so if you play the two extra rounds, you could end up as even again... Why not play 1 extra round?

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Derek Adam Mainly to stops people manipulating time wasting. You could be even after 2 extra ends, but the same for any time game, you can always end even. It's up to the teams to decide tactics and battle to win.

April 8, 2015 at 8:53am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, As Derek has explained the reason for 2 ends after the time limit is to prevent either team from manipulating the results by slowing things down... of course if the teams are tied they must inform the umpire before playing one more end to decide the winner

April 9, 2015 at 3:42am · Like



Eli Nielsen But if you have to play 2 extra rounds the benefit of time limited games is minimal and you can get tied after the second round. That could be avoided if only playing 1 extra round.

April 9, 2015 at 5:36am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, When timed games were first introduced 1 more end was played after the whistle was blown.

Teams would deliberately play slowly taking a full minute etc so that the opponent had no chance of winning or drawing with them.

To prevent this sort of tactic it was decided to allow for 2 ends and the past few years have proved this works well.

It is rare that a teams are tied, but of course it does happen and when it does an extra round is permitted by the umpire.

We have found that most games (when timed) are complete in 1.5 hours or 1.45 at the most.

The timetable works much better, the TV or Internet streaming can be booked with confidence as can meals etc.

It works so why try to mend it?

April 10, 2015 at 2:41am · Like · 2



Eli Nielsen

March 28, 2015

We are - in DK - adapting rules for time limited games and since it is not yet described in official rules, I have som questions from experienced situations.

Team A miss the throw and team B is now in game. Should they drop the jack from a horisontal arm (like in golf), or can they position it directly on the ground? If team B make the drop, the jack hits a stone and leaves the terrain, who is next?

If - in the announced extra end after the time expired - the Jack is shot out of terrain, is the game over or should they start over a new last end? Both teams have boules in hand.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mazlan Ahmad Well no... it is unlike golf. What is being practised is not DROP the jack, but PLACE / PUT the jack to the spot of your choice. Thus obviously you don't need 2nd attempt since you literally put the jack on the ground, at a valid distance and playable area.

Yes.... the game is over if in the extra end the jack is shot out of the terrain. It is part of game strategy to do that. But if the standing score is a draw at the completion of the extra end, another extra end would be given until there emerge a winner.

But let's wait for [Mike Pegg](#)'s confirmation on this..

March 28, 2015 at 8:23pm · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, The current practice (but not rule) is for the player to place the jack on the terrain at a valid distance from the circle.

It has been suggested that as with bowls the player should put the jack at a valid distance but in a central line of the lane.

Assuming the two teams are not tied in score - during one of the two "extra" ends allowed after the end of time has been announced the jack is shot out of the terrain the end is dead and it still counts as one of the two ends allowed
March 29, 2015 at 3:35am · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen Thanks for clarifying, Mike.... I just wonder if it is considered, that team B has the advantage of selecting their preferred distance AND the position of the jack? If team A is known for the ability to shoot the jack, team B could place the jack in hole (from a previously played boule) or in front of a stone. I think the right thing to do is simply drop the jack from a horizontal arm and let "destiny" decide where the jack ends on the terrain.
March 29, 2015 at 9:54am · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik they just tried to shorten the game by allowing the other team to put the jack on the ground. but time gained by this "practice" is around zero seconds - the other team spends 30 seconds discussing where to put the jack... i believe the right rule should be that a team has one try to throw the jack, then the other team has one try to throw it.
March 29, 2015 at 11:16am · Edited · [Like](#)



Derek Adam we follow the one throw guidelines in Scotland for certain competitions, a single throw under timed games works well, the other team then just pick up the jack and place it. there should be no need for a discussion, you play to your strengths, and hope they are the oppositions weaknesses. quite easy really
March 29, 2015 at 1:13pm · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Mike Pegg from what I have seen at World and European Championships the opponents "normally" pick up the jack and then put it down at a valid distance and place of their choosing.... it has worked to help speed up the games a little
March 30, 2015 at 12:34am · [Like](#) · [+2](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan Using this rule modification thus help in time controlling and the best of all can avoid 'time stealing' in time game.
April 1, 2015 at 9:16am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad
March 25, 2015

A hit jack was stopped by a spectator who then picked it up and throw it back to the shooter. What is the rule?

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Mazlan Ahmad Red-card the spectator..... hahahaha...!!
March 25, 2015 at 9:31pm · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Pedro Serrano Unanue Article 8 – For the thrown jack to be valid.

If the thrown jack is stopped by the Umpire, a player, a spectator, an animal or any moving object, it is not valid and must be thrown again without being included in the three throws to which the team or the player is entitled
March 26, 2015 at 3:30am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam it depends, was the jack marked?, did it travel outside a marked piste? was it deliberately stopped? what was the status of the end?
March 26, 2015 at 4:20am · [Like](#)



Pedro Serrano Unanue Article 14 – Positioning the jack after it has been stopped
1) If the jack, having been hit, is stopped or deviated by a spectator or by the Umpire, it remains in this position
March 26, 2015 at 4:29am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Atif, this sort of scenario is not strictly covered by the rules. The rules state that if a jack that has been hit is then stopped by a spectator it (the jack) must stay where it stops.

The problem we have with your scenario is the jack has been picked up and thrown back to the player in the circle.

To make a decision in what to do next requires a little more information than you have given... for example where on the terrain was the spectator standing?

How far from this point was the dead ball line? Was the player deliberately shooting the jack?

Let me have some more info about your scenario and maybe then I can answer your question. Cheers Mike

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Lets change from spectator to player next lane picked up the jack and throw back to the shooter.thats means the jack throw to the circle(3m ruled apply?)...

March 26, 2015 at 3:58pm · Like



Derek Adam Is the next lane classed as a live terrain or did it cross the dead ball line?

March 26, 2015 at 4:11pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Live terrain

March 26, 2015 at 4:30pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Aren't players in adjacent lanes and other lanes considered as spectators in this respect? In the articles, the reference to 'players' would mean own team members and opponents in the same piste, or am I wrong?

March 27, 2015 at 5:58am · Edited · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan The scenario can also be all happen in the authorised terrain. The jack was hit on purposed. The jack was thrown back and stopped more than 3m or even less from the circle. The problem is, there is no rule on pick up jack like we have for the boule.

March 28, 2015 at 10:25am · Like



Mike Pegg if the position of the jack was not marked then it cannot be replaced, so the only option the umpire has is to call the jack dead.... the spectator should be told why their action was wrong and given a warning. It may seem harsh to the 2 teams concerned but in a way it is of their own making as they did not mark the jack's position

March 29, 2015 at 3:31am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager There's something in this scenario which isn't clear: are we talking about a spectator who is, presumably, outside of the playing area - in which case surely the jack is dead - or are we talking about a player on an adjacent terrain?

March 30, 2015 at 3:01am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, spectator or player from another game is one and the same

March 30, 2015 at 5:01am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager But the question is: are we talking about a spectator - or player - who is outside the playing area or inside the playing area? That scenario hasn't been made clear.

March 30, 2015 at 7:27am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad I change the situation already mr raymond...if we play in open terrain,the spectator forsure near the terrain also right?..

March 30, 2015 at 7:30am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, so I assume we're talking about somebody who is on the playing area.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad But its still same spectator and player...player play next lane can also be spectator of left and right lane..

March 30, 2015 at 7:32am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Hahaha...ok thats it mr raymond..

March 30, 2015 at 7:32am · Like



Raymond Ager Ok, thanks - it wasn't quite clear in the original scenario.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Sorry sir

March 30, 2015 at 7:34am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan If the case happen outside the plying area, it obvious the jack is dead in the first place. We sometime thought the spectator always as normal or adult, but it could also be a child, or insane. So this scenario thus could happen. I was ask by a candidate in the course I conducted.

April 1, 2015 at 9:12am · Like



Darren Watling

March 10, 2015

can I have the up to date rule on jacks.

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Derek Adam The current rules are on the EPA website. If there is an update then it will be included on there.

March 10, 2015 at 11:59am · Like



Mike Pegg the rule regarding the jack is to change to include a min/max weight. This rule change along with others have not yet been officially adopted by the FIPJP.

At this present time the French Federation are testing some of the suggested changes.... some, all or none will be adopted but I don't yet know when.

March 10, 2015 at 3:50pm · Edited · Like



👍 **Brian Forbes** that 'non' should be a 'none' - oui?

March 10, 2015 at 3:42pm · Like



Tom Wilson You should use one!

March 12, 2015 at 1:40am · Like



Jo Ella Manalan

March 5, 2015

Team A captain set down his boule to measure a point. (I know, this is already not supposed to happen) When he went to pick up his boule, he mistakenly picked up his opponent's boule (not marked). I applied Art. 26 and declared the boule dead and issued a warning to Team A captain. Both teams disagreed with me and claimed that Art. 26 only applied to boules picked up at the end of the round. If the boule had been marked, I would not have declared it dead, but I would still have issued a warning to Team A captain. Was I correct, and if not, what should I have done instead?

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Diana Jacobs All boules not in play must be off the court. We give leeway here, which causes problems. The boule was not marked, so you can not replace it as it was in someone's hand, not on the court. Team A's captain should have given up his ball as well. Anytime a boule is not marked and is moved it remains where comes to rest. Carrying someone else's boule off the court? Let's see what other have to say.

March 5, 2015 at 6:29pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, please can we have a new rule: Pétanque is played on a TERRAIN, not a COURT!!! 😊

March 5, 2015 at 10:37pm · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Diana Jacobs That was helpful, Raymond.

March 5, 2015 at 10:50pm · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Mike Pegg Hi Jo, art 26 does not say "a boule that is not marked and is moved remains where comes to rest" as has been suggested, nor does applied to boules picked up at the end of the round - what the article does state is it is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of the end.

Although you enforced the rule correctly it may have been better to educate the players by explaining the rule.

It seems to me from your explanation that both teams were in agreement over this boule and I assume would have preferred to put it back... you did not do the wrong thing but perhaps it was not the wisest decision.

Certainly the captain of team A should be given a warning

March 5, 2015 at 11:46pm · Like · 🇺🇸 5



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, people call the playing area all sorts of names, terrain, piste, court etc, I don't think it matters as long as we understand them.

March 5, 2015 at 11:47pm · Like · 🇺🇸 6



Jo Ella Manalan Art. 26 says that it is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end, but it does not say what should happen if they pick them up. In local club play, this is a situation that occurs

more often than one would like, so I'd like to be able to have a consistent way of handling it.

March 6, 2015 at 5:38am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Jo, if you are talking about "club" level then the emphasis should be on education not applying penalties.

Once a player has been told why etc, then you can apply the penalty which in this instance would be the boule picked up is dead.

March 6, 2015 at 7:33am · Like · 3



Michal Dzurik Jo, you did alright. If you allow teams to put the unmarked boule back "there somewhere", your decision would cause that teams would agree on breaking the rules, which, besides other things, can lead to applying this sentence: "Disqualification of the two teams in case of complicity"... But surely it is sometimes more sensitive to pretend you did not see the rules had been broken.

March 6, 2015 at 7:49am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad The team A capt picked up the OPPONENT's boule... means he [the capt] would cause the opponent to be at a disadvantage if the arbiter declared it dead. What if the capt were to pickup 2-3 boules? - while the innocent opponent did nothing wrong to render their boules dead! I would agree with mike --- the arbiter re-spot the mistaken boule. After all article 21 covers this scenario ".....No claim will be admissible for an unmarked boule, and the Umpire will give a decision only in terms of the position the boules hold on the terrain", obviously agreeable to both parties.

March 8, 2015 at 8:33pm · Edited · Like



Darren Watling

February 28, 2015

Hole filling is it ok to fill hole then stamp it down to make a hard landing spot?

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Mike Pegg it is perfectly Ok to fill a hole made by a previous boule... and you can stamp it down if you really think that you will make that part of the ground any harder a surface, the trick is landing on the spot you have just prepared - can you do that?

March 2, 2015 at 12:15am · Like · 4



Darren Watling Thank you if this info

March 2, 2015 at 9:31am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager

February 20, 2015

Any comments on this situation, which is a question of 'sportsmanship' as well as the rules? After a few boules have been played, the situation is as shown in the diagram: boules A1 & A2 are ours, B1 is the opponent's boule. They measure A1 & B1 declaring B1 is closer and shoot our front boule A2. We then remeasure A1 & B1 - we have the point. The opponents accuse us of cheating, saying we should have checked after they measured. We say it was for them to play, as we were holding point with A2 and if they shot, anything could have happened - the jack moving, one of the other boules moving, etc. Any thoughts...



A1



B1



A2

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Derek Adam absolutely no reason for you to have measured pre-their shoot. No-one can prove otherwise whether the jack was moved or not during the shot. sounds like sour grapes.

February 20, 2015 at 8:53am · Like · 4



Mazlan Ahmad why argue? call in the arbiter to measure. Finalised.

February 20, 2015 at 9:42am · Like · 1



Jac Verheul Art. 25 (part of): Whatever positions the boules to be measured may hold, and at whatever stage the end may be, the Umpire can be consulted and his or her decision is final.

February 20, 2015 at 9:55am · Like



Mike Pegg Sour Grapes!... what sound do they make?

February 20, 2015 at 11:39pm · Like · 2



Derek Adam Mike, if it's where Ray stays, something in a muttered French.

February 20, 2015 at 11:54pm · Like



John Thatcher Is there such a language as rayager that only he understands?

February 21, 2015 at 3:28am · Like



Tom Wilson Forget it, their problem not yours

February 21, 2015 at 7:21am · Like



Mike Pegg the point is agreed, draw the circle and throw the jack - you have already spent too long talking about it so get on with the game!

February 24, 2015 at 1:24am · Like · 6



Raymond Ager

February 14, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, a question about 'common sense' and the rules: if you successfully shoot an unmarked jack which goes out of bounds, I think the rule is that you should start the next end where the jack went out of play, as it wasn't marked. But the position where the jack left the terrain wasn't marked either, so is it any more logical to choose this unmarked position rather than the original position? If the jack was shot and this left a mark on the terrain, could you use this mark to start the next end?

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, Art 7 (4) applies.... at the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished at the previous end, except in the following cases:- The circle would be less than 1 metre from an obstacle. - The throwing of the jack could not be made to all regulation distances.

So if the jack that was struck and went out of play was marked the circle would be put around this mark.

If the jack was not marked the circle is put at the nearest "valid" point to where

the jack went out of play..... a simple enough rule

February 16, 2015 at 8:17am · Edited · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for clarifying which rule applies but my question was, as there is no mark where the jack went out of play, can this be any more logical than the original position? And if shooting the jack left a mark, as would often be the case, can this be taken as the position of the jack?

February 16, 2015 at 8:33am · Like



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, where in the rules can I read the 'simple enough rule' that states: 'If the jack was not marked the circle is put at the nearest "valid" point to where the jack went out of play.'? For me it's also enough simple to put the jack around the point where it was in the previous. Since a circle is 50 cm, it will not be of any importance that the middle point of that circle is exactly at the point where the jack was. And all players of the game will know very well where the jack was more or less, certainly if there is a margin of 50 cm! And where exactly is the 'valid', but of course unmarked point where the jack went out??

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Jac Verheul And what to do when the playing area is not marked with strings and the jack is displaced to more than 20 m from the circle and there are games everywhere?

February 16, 2015 at 9:49am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I think it is perfectly acceptable to take the mark on the ground made by the jack when it was hit by the boule.

February 17, 2015 at 1:37am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Jac, if it is not possible to identify the the position of the jack when it was hit by the boule then the next known place of thr jack was off the terrain... so the circle is placed here - "at the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished" but as this was off the terrain then the nearest valid place is correct. As for your question about an area that is not marked by lanes.... then the circle is drawn around the position of the jack - this is a good example of why championships are played on marked terrains so as not to allow a game to interfere with other games.

February 17, 2015 at 1:42am · Like · 2



Jac Verheul Mike, again, where exactly in the petanque rules this is stated: 'as this was off the terrain then the nearest valid place is correct.'?

And as regards an area that is not marked by lanes or (dead) lines: what to do if the jack becomes void after it is hit and stops at more than 20 m from the circle, but in the middle of an area where other games are going on? Common sense would say to go back to your own area.

By the way, I agree with you that official tournaments or championships should be played in marked lanes. Then it's also more clear for the spectators and other outsiders to show that petanque is a real sport. I don't know any other ball sport in the whole world that is played without (dead) lines. But the Dutch federation doesn't like it! The reason why: the old rules for lanes of about 10 or 15 years ago with all the nuisances and troubles that were possible. Since 2008 these points are a lot better regulated, but the NJBB doesn't want to accept the consequences. That's to say, to use lines in order to mark the lanes, as almost everywhere in the world. Maybe, you should talk to them... 😊

February 17, 2015 at 6:55am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for confirming that you can use the mark from where the jack was shot.

February 17, 2015 at 3:11am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, it is in the interpretation of the rule - at the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished at the previous end - but because the jack was not marked then "the point where it finished" is off the terrain which means you return to the terrain and put the circle at the nearest place to where the jack went out of play.

On a terrain without lanes then of course you would hope the players would use some sense, common or rare, and return to an area where they can play.... but as it is not marked that could be anywhere they like!

February 17, 2015 at 9:55am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Mike, I think we need a new version of the rules: "Common Sense Rules" 😊

February 17, 2015 at 9:57am · Like



Raymond Ager If both teams agree, "the jack was there, between those two boules", as an umpire, would you accept that fact or insist the circle was placed where the jack went out of play (even though this can't be marked either)?



February 17, 2015 at 10:05am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg I would explain the rule to both teams and ask them to out the circle in the correct place.

February 17, 2015 at 11:09am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Many thanks.

February 17, 2015 at 1:42pm · Like



Peter Astle Common sense such a rare commodity !!!

February 17, 2015 at 3:01pm · Like



Gary Jones Wouldn't you warn (or at least suggest) that teams should mark the position of the jack?

February 18, 2015 at 3:53am · Like



Jac Verheul Mike, you said common sense. But for me it's also common sense to lay back the jack where it was, because the point where it was, marked or not, will always approximately be known by both teams. Maybe not the precise point if talking on centimeters, but precisely enough if talking on some decimeters (because the circle has a diameter of 50 cm, there will be a round area around the original point where the jack was, marked or not, with a diameter of 1 m in order to lay back the jack in a valid way). This precise point of the jack is not of great importance in the knowledge that the end just had finished! Only during an end that had not yet finished, the precise spot of the jack (and the boules) is important. For instance in case of an accidentally displaced jack (art. 11).

And remember, the place where the jack left the authorised area is also a vague one that can't be marked moreover! And again, I can't find no rule that states to handle in the way you said. You are talking of an interpretation, for me that's a very free interpretation. Certainly as long as the rules aren't yet changed at this point.

February 18, 2015 at 4:19am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Forgive me for coming back to this, but having just reread the rules in preparation for a training course tomorrow, Art 7 actually says: "At the following end the jack is thrown from a circle drawn or placed around the point where it finished at the previous end, except in the following cases:

- The circle would be less than 1 metre from an obstacle.
- The throwing of the jack could not be made to all regulation distances." There is no reference to a) the jack being marked or not or b) any reference to the jack being shot. Perhaps this is a question of interpretation (or I'm just being picky) so if a marked jack is shot, shouldn't the next end always start from "the point where it finished" - if the jack has been shot, then it will be where it finished, i.e. not at the previous (marked) position.

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Tilman Akecheta

January 24, 2015

what is the correct penalty if your opponent with a magnetic cochnette plays, then you notice and report that the referee, that's game manipulation or rude conduct? correct would be now immediate disqualification and play valuation 0-13?!?

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Steve Clark Personally, I would ask why he felt it necessary to use one, then request it is changed for a legal one.... I play the game to compete with and against other ayers, a 13-0 awarded game would give me no satisfaction at all

January 24, 2015 at 12:53pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager The new magnetic jacks are sold as being competition approved. However, there has been much confusion and contradictory statements as to whether they are legal or not. My guess is that a ref would request that the jack be changed. I think immediate disqualification is a bit harsh for what is at best a 'technical' offense, as opposed to blatant cheating or unsporting behaviour.

January 24, 2015 at 12:57pm · Like



Kim Badcock Petanque was an adaptation for the mobility impaired - likewise the jacks that can be picked up with a magnet. Why not insist on an upper weight limit for jacks if it is only the extra weight of the jack that is the issue?

January 25, 2015 at 12:08pm · Edited · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I think [Mike Pegg](#) has previously stated that this is being considered for the future - it's certainly far more logical.

January 24, 2015 at 1:21pm · Like · 1



Robert Dunn if the jack is magnetic it should be immediate disqualification but if it has metal so that it may be picked up by a magnet than I don't see anything wrong with that

January 24, 2015 at 1:47pm · Like



Jac Verheul The black jacks of Obut are not magnetic, but may be picked up by a magnet. A big difference. And indeed, they are officially approved by the FIPJP, although that's a long story...

January 24, 2015 at 2:17pm · Like



Tilman Akecheta anticipate ever thank you, I also think that you should win a game, because it has better defined and kick the balls. background is but following when just such clear rule violations are committed repeatedly only by the same team only, in order to demonstrate YOUR plays as WE want and not as intended by governing, then it goes in a direction of the whole image of petanque's harm and because of this background is probably no other possibility than to send a clear signal. this is not an unsportsmanlike but just a very consistent and uncompromising design rule. And if this should be a cause which one is considered the game with 13-0, if the opposing team have but omits further harassment from this point on what all of them.

January 24, 2015 at 3:47pm · Like



Eli Nielsen Jac.. The official rules states, that a jack may not at any time be capable of being picked up with a magnet. So until the rules changes, it is not permitted in an official tournament. However, I believe we will hear much more about this after the Nice event.

January 24, 2015 at 3:54pm · Like · 2



Jac Verheul Eli, the official rules states that PAINTED jacks may not be capable of being picked by a magnet. That's the difference. And the plastic black jacks of Obut are not painted.

January 25, 2015 at 12:54am · Like



Eli Nielsen Do you really believe, that those who wrote the rules meant, that only painted jacks were not to be picked up with a magnet, but any other jack could legally be picked up with a magnet. What is the point?

January 25, 2015 at 5:53am · Like · 3



Ross Woodward Unless they are standing at the side of the head with a big magnet moving the coche to their boules I reckon you just switch it.

January 25, 2015 at 6:09am · Like · 1



Michal Dzurik completely agree with eli. somebody in obut company is just trying to be smart. if these jacks are legal, it is just another disgrace of fipjp.

January 25, 2015 at 6:45am · Like



Mike Pegg The original design of this rule was to ban magnetic jacks of any material, painted or not, because at the time the only way to magnetise a jack would be to add metal.

Since the rule was written technology has advanced and as you can see from Obut it is now possible to produce a magnetic jack without metal.

At the World Congress it was announced that these jacks are permitted.... but a new weight limit is also being introduced for all jacks.

By December 2017 the only jacks permitted will be those with a diameter of 30mm + or - 1mm and weigh between 10g and 18g

January 29, 2015 at 11:50pm · Like · 3



Jac Verheul Mike, some time ago I heard from a FIPJP board member that in the future jacks have to be weigh between 12 to 18 g. In order to ban the light beech jacks of 9 or 10 g. Why 10 g and not 12 g?

January 30, 2015 at 12:22am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager Why 18g and not 19g? 😊

January 30, 2015 at 1:20am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Confuse: 1. a magnetic jack: does this mean that the jack can be attracted to magnet, but it is not made of or added with metal to it? OR 2. The jack itself has the element of magnet of which it could attract the boules? which it does make any sense of allowing it to be used.

January 30, 2015 at 10:03am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, I'm just the messenger, the announcement at the World Congress was 10g to 18g

January 31, 2015 at 1:07am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Hi Sheikh, for very obvious reasons the jack cannot be magnetic

January 31, 2015 at 1:07am · Like · 2

Raymond Ager For obvious reasons, I wish the jack was magnetic 😊



January 31, 2015 at 2:13am · Like · 2



Jac Verheul Ok, thanks, Mike.

January 31, 2015 at 3:33am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad So where are we now? The pronouncements at the world congress - are they now officially in force? Or do we wait for the official fipjp rules to be amended to consider validity? As of now, I believe we are bound to comply with the Izmir Turkey October 2010 official rules only.

February 2, 2015 at 8:17am · Like



Mike Pegg The Int. President stated that a document about rule changes would be sent to all Federations... I think we wait for that 😊

February 3, 2015 at 12:53am · Like



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, my friend, the official distributor of OBUT in the Netherlands, just told me that the black jack of OBUT that can be picked up with a magnet, has a weight of 22 g!!! What to do with the announcement of the FIPJP that jacks must have a weight between 10 and 18 g???

February 12, 2015 at 4:18am · Like



Tony Mann see earlier " By December 2017 the only jacks permitted will be those with a diameter of 30mm + or – 1mm and weigh between 10g and 18g "

February 12, 2015 at 7:33am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Obviously they have to re-write article 3:- ".....Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must the jack be capable of being picked up with a magnet."

February 12, 2015 at 7:38am · Like



Jac Verheul We have to wait what will happen in the future...

February 12, 2015 at 7:45am · Like



Michal Dzurik so, basically, if info from **Jac Verheul** is precise, we can read all this as: fipjp gave Obut 2 years to work on decreasing the weight of their black jacks that can be picked up with a magnet by 4 grams at least 😊 maybe they call it a compromise.

February 12, 2015 at 7:46am · Like



Raymond Ager Given all the confusion and conflicting decisions that were announced re 'magnetic' jacks, my guess is that they will be declared legal! 😊

February 12, 2015 at 8:50am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad catering for the lazy sportsman who doesn't want to pick-up the jack with their hands but rather with magnet-on-a-string!

February 12, 2015 at 8:56am · Like



Steve Clark Or maybe elderly and disabled who want to continue playing even when they can't bend like they used to.....

February 12, 2015 at 9:37am · Like · 4



Mike Pegg there are so many gadgets available on the market to pick up boules and jacks without having to bend - there is no need for a magnetic jack. Personally I think it is just a gimmick so you buy that brand!

February 12, 2015 at 11:12am · Edited · Like · 3



Sheikh Ismail Silan

February 2, 2015

During world cup in Nice recently, The game was played in time limit of 45min + 2 end. Many a time the players took more than 1 min to throw a boule and the arbitre only giving them a verbal warning, followed by a yellow card for the second offense than orange card for the third offense. In my opinion, as the game is played under time limit, taking 1 sec extra is equivalent as stealing the opponent time and the penalty should be qualification of one boule.

And it's funny the player was given another 1 minute each time after a warning by the arbitre was given. Under which article this is allowed?

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Mike Pegg The 45 mins rule was introduced for Singles as 1 hour and 15 mins would be much to long for most singles games.

A player who takes more than 1 minute to throw a boule/jack should be warned for the 1st time and then penalised (orange card) for the 2nd occasion.

During the games I watched I saw the umpires warn players for taking longer than 1 minute - I did not see the umpire allow them another minute after he warned the player and certainly there is no rule to allow this.

February 3, 2015 at 12:52am · Like · 4



Raymond Ager [Mike](#) just my observations about the 1 min rule after watching the PPF finals at Draguignan: players didn't really seem bothered about getting a yellow card for breaking the 1-min rule. When there was an important tactical decision, they took well over 1-min. Yes, the Umpire gave them a yellow card but they simply continued their discussion, regardless of the clock.

February 3, 2015 at 12:58am · Like



Mike Pegg maybe so but they soon react when a boule is disqualified.

February 3, 2015 at 1:18am · Like · 3



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#) I think there should be much serious in tackling in 1 min rule when a game using time limit is played not as it is handle in normal game. Just imagine a team purposely used the 1 min rule that is, they will only be given a warning when that extra min might stop a chance for the other team to earn another end (the time was stolen from them). The best is giving the orange card penalty even for the first time. Taking minutes extra in normal game is actually taking more time to execute a throw but not in time limit game where the extra time is stealing the allocation time for the opponent. For this reason too I think just giving a warning to those taking more than a minute for the 3 throws, to throw the jack, is also not right.

February 3, 2015 at 8:17am · Edited · Like



Dragan Antonijevic

February 3, 2015

Hi Mike Pegg, I just wander, if you manage to find out anything regarding that famous "new rule" in Nice (remember - "fixed jack in the last additional turn")? Thanks in advance.

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Mike Pegg hi Dragan, As I reported to the Congress - Although timed games give us more control over the qualifying rounds they do present some problems because the rules regarding dead ball lines, how many throws of the jack etc have been changed from Championship to Championship but of course not written down.

The CEP asks the FIPJP and International Umpires Commission to review these rules and to make them a standard so that they are known by all and not changed at each championship.

Just because a rule is changed or added at a World Championship does not make it a rule for every game...

February 3, 2015 at 12:47am · Like · 2



Dragan Antonijevic Thanks, Mike. It's a good way - we should really get a fully standardized rules, which must be applied to all international, and/or national championship. It would help a lot.

February 3, 2015 at 1:02am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic ... and just a little more: It would be a very big step in organization of all international competitions, if all participants could get a precise course of competition at least a month before (competition system should be exactly specified, and everyone should know exactly who (by the numbers, of course) will play against whom in every stage of competition. Not to mention the transparency and communication...

February 3, 2015 at 1:09am · Like · 1



Dragan Antonijevic This will help to reduce the possibility of making mistakes, and not at least favorizing some teams...

February 3, 2015 at 1:15am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Dragan, it's an idea but not practicable because nations pull out of both European and World Championships as late as the day the event is to start.

February 3, 2015 at 1:19am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic yes, I realize that it is not easy, but maybe CEP and FIPJP together should establish some more strict rules, and try to put it forward.. But, this is only my thinking, as I definitely do not have any reliable information, and analogically, cannot really help... Nevertheless, I hope maybe

it could help 😊
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Roy Henstock
January 22, 2015

When organising a snake competition with an uneven number of teams is there any generally agreed method of deciding which playing teams get a bye?

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Matthew Eversden I would have a random draw at the begining with the bye in the draw too. The win for a bye would be the average of your points against
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Christophe Chambers I would let the snakes decide... 😊
January 22, 2015 at 6:54am · Like



Eli Nielsen In brief.. what is a "snake competition"?
January 22, 2015 at 8:28am · Like



Raymond Ager I would say, a random draw to see who gets a bye, with the proviso that teams only get 1 bye during the comp.
January 22, 2015 at 9:14am · Like · 1



Robert Pugh If you have a draw at the beginning of the comp, there will be one number left - that becomes the "BYE".
If you're having a straight snake comp as an all-day (say, 6-rounds), no team should have more than one BYE.
How you score the BYE is always open to conjecture, I think..... a 13-7 win probably being the most common.
January 22, 2015 at 10:27am · Like · 1



Matthew Eversden **Robert Pugh** yes 13-7 is the most common but why penalise or give an advantage to a team. Use the average as it will always be in the hands of the team with the bye
January 22, 2015 at 12:22pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager 'What score should you give for a bye?' is a different question. You could argue that teams should receive an average score for the comp or you could try and calculate that team's average score - but the simplest by far is to say 13-7.
January 22, 2015 at 12:26pm · Like · 1



Ruben van Stockum What a snake competition is, i really don't know. When i google that.... right..!! i get snakes!! 😊 But, the score given for a bye is 13-6. The team responsible for not competing for one or more rounds will get 0-13. When there is no team in the beginning you can act the same. When teams draw a number at the start of the competition, coincidence/fate will decide the bye.
January 22, 2015 at 4:44pm · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager A 'Snake' competition is a fairly simple format where teams play a number of rounds against different opponents. The advantage is that it's a simple format, the disadvantage is that a) it totally relies on the luck of the draw who you play against, b) it's a 'calculated' win (games won then points difference) as usually there is no final. For that reason, it's not usually used as the main format for more serious competitions. You can think of it as a sort of Round Robin but with a larger number of teams, i.e. too many for everybody to play everybody. The EPA Competition Organisers Manual explains how to run all the different formats.
January 22, 2015 at 11:54pm · Like



Roy Henstock **Raymond** I have looked on the EPA web site for the Competition Manual but can't see a link. Is it still available?
January 23, 2015 at 12:56am · Like



Raymond Ager Sorry, can't help on that one - you'll have to contact the EPA directly. I'm sure **Mike** will reply but perhaps not until after the Singles World Championships. It's a very useful book - every club should have a copy 😊
January 23, 2015 at 1:00am · Like · 1



Robert Pugh **Ruben** - a quick example of a 10-Team comp run as a snake format:
take a piece of paper and write down the draw numbers in 2 rows:
1 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 9
2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10

In round 1 - Team 1 plays Team 2, 3 plays 4, 5 plays 6, 7 plays 8 & 9 plays 10.
For round 2 you slide either the top or bottom row across one place:
1 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 9
4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 2
so Team 1 plays 4, 3 plays 6, 5 plays 8, 7 plays 10 & 9 plays 2
Round 3 moves the row again, so:
1 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 9
6 - 8 - 10 - 2 - 4
this time 1 v 6, 3 v 8, 5 v 10, 7 v 2, 9 v 4
and so on.
You can expand this as far as you like really. As [Raymond](#) says, it's not perfect, but for "less formal" comps, it can be useful.
I hope that helps?

January 23, 2015 at 1:40am · Like ·  4



Tony Thompson Roy the organisers manual was sold by Pétanque Promotions, which has been closed down by the EPA, who owned it. I understand that all remaining copies have been sold.

January 25, 2015 at 3:33am · Like ·  1



Roy Henstock Thanks Tony - I'll have to try ebay then!

January 25, 2015 at 3:49am · Like



Sami Benchamma

January 17, 2015 · Belval, Luxembourg

I'm 17 years old.
In April 2015 ->18 so i'm born in 1997.
The european espoirs championship is in march.
c'ant I play because I'm under 18??????

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Ruben van Stockum You can play

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Sami Benchamma can you prove it?

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Ruben van Stockum Ask Romulo about it, he'll tell you how it works

January 17, 2015 at 11:02am · Like



Mike Pegg For 2015 the only participants (players) that are permitted for the CEP Espoirs will be those that are born 1993 up to 1997 inclusive. This means they will be 18 (adult licence holder) to under 23 in the year of the Championship.

January 18, 2015 at 1:44am · Like



Sami Benchamma where can I find an official document about this rule?
Thank you

January 18, 2015 at 1:59am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Sami, I have not had the time to update the Espoirs Rules (working on them now) following our Congress but if you visit the CEP website www.cep-petanque.com and click on Championship and then Espoirs the age rule is explained... it was also issued to very federation on the 9 January.

The full text is: Espoirs Men - held in the odd numbered years this event is specifically for adults licence players under the age of 23 to decide the European Espoirs Champions.

For 2015 the participants (players) that are permitted will be those that are born 1993 up to 1997 inclusive. This means they will be 18 (adult licence holder) to under 23 in the year of the Championship.

However, At the European Congress in Mersin, Turkey (2014) it was agreed that the CEP Board may allow a Federation to include a (1) player that is no younger than 15 in the year of the Championship. However, the condition agreed is that the Federation in question confirm to the CEP Board that they have only 5 or less licences in the category (gender) and age range for Espoirs.



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January 18, 2015 at 4:59am · Like ·  2



Sami Benchamma Thank you very much.

January 18, 2015 at 5:03am · Like



Eli Nielsen

January 17, 2015

Team A play the last boule and after that, the player picks up the rigid circle and takes it to the other end to continue. However, before any played boules were moved, team B discover they still have one boule to play. The circle was not marked. Which rule applies here? Team B put the circle approximately on the right spot and throw the boule - or ???

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Mike Pegg 2 answers...

1. the two teams agree the place of the circle and allow the player to throw his boule... this is made much easier if the players marked the place of the circle - as they must do!
2. the circle cannot be put back so the boule is not thrown and everyone learns a vital lesson - COUNT THE BOULES!

January 18, 2015 at 1:53am · Like · 2



Steve Clark I always mark the position, I play from a wheelchair, and it moves those circles all over the place!!

January 18, 2015 at 2:06am · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen

January 17, 2015

In a tournament with marked playing areas - and lanes separated by guide lines - the rules are, that you can play over the guides line into the neighbor lane. If that happens the team on the neighbor lane wait until the round is played. How does that comply with the 1-minute rule? I guess sportsmanship is applied here? What are your thoughts?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Terry Thomson-Dewey On Ocssions I come across a player holding back boule by hiding it, so as that boule was not played within the time limit is it deemed dead

January 17, 2015 at 10:38am · Like



Tony Thompson No problem with waiting in timed games as the lane boundary is the dead boule line. See article 9.4a.

January 17, 2015 at 12:02pm · Like



Eli Nielsen So if one of the waiting teams can not make a complain about the other team exceeds the time limit. Courtesy and fair play rules in this case 😊

January 17, 2015 at 3:47pm · Like



Mike Pegg The rule actually states - The players using this jack will wait, if there is room, for the players in the other game to complete their end, before completing their own. The players concerned by the application of this rule must show patience and courtesy.

So the 1 minute rule is not applied to this team for this specific reason.

If the game was timed then it would not be an issue as all lines are considered dead ball lines

January 18, 2015 at 1:49am · Like · 3



Raymond Ager

January 14, 2015 · La Ciotat, France

A slightly unusual situation occurred in a friendly game today, played on open terrain: the opponents shot with their last boule and the jack flew back towards the circle and hit the shooter! We're out of boules. The opponents have 2 boules nearest to the circle. Any ruling?

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Peter Bursill Dead end I am led to believe
January 14, 2015 at 1:02pm · Like



Steve Clark Less than 3 metres from circle, dead end
January 14, 2015 at 1:14pm · Like · 1



Peter Bursill We had one last year that rebounded back to just over 3 metres. It's surprising how hard it is to play to.
January 14, 2015 at 1:31pm · Like



Raymond Ager It did raise the extra question, if the jack had missed the shooter, it would have gone behind the circle. If it was then between 3 -20m would it have been valid?
January 14, 2015 at 1:33pm · Like



Steve Clark I would have to say yes, still valid, direction is unimportant, just distance
January 14, 2015 at 1:45pm · Like · 1



Tony Thompson Quite right [Steve Clark](#) ,still live in your last scenario.
January 14, 2015 at 3:00pm · Like



Tony Thompson In the original situation I think the jack would be dead as it is not a minimum of 3mts. from the circle
January 14, 2015 at 3:08pm · Like



Raymond Ager Supposing this happened on a marked terrain - would the jack still be live if it went behind the circle?
January 15, 2015 at 2:59am · Like



Tony Thompson Yes Ray [Raymond Ager](#) , as long as it was 3mtrs. To 10 mtrs. from the circle and did not cross the dividing line with the piste behind as this boundary is a dead ball line.
January 15, 2015 at 3:13am · Like



Jac Verheul Article14 (part of):

2. If the jack, having been hit, is stopped or deviated by a player in the authorised playing area, his opponent has the choice of:

- a) leaving the jack in its new position;
- b) putting it back in its original position;
- c) placing it anywhere on the extension of a line going from its original position to the place that it is found, up to a maximum distance of 20 metres from the circle (15 metres for the younger players) and such that it is visible.

Paragraphs b) and c) can only be applied if the position of the jack was previously marked. If this was not the case, the jack will remain where it is found.

If, after having been struck, the jack travels into an out of bounds area before returning, finally, on to the playing area, it is classed as dead and the actions defined in Article 13 apply.

January 15, 2015 at 3:16am · Edited · Like · 1



Raymond Ager [Jac](#) I think there's a question of interpretation with Art 14 in this scenario: the jack hit the player in the circle (painful!). But is this in the authorised playing area?
January 15, 2015 at 3:18am · Like



Roy Henstock I believe the circle is an out of bounds area.
January 15, 2015 at 3:29am · Like



Jac Verheul Indeed, that can be the problem...
January 15, 2015 at 4:46am · Like



Mike Pegg art 6. The circle is not considered to be an out of bounds area.
January 15, 2015 at 7:00am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg As [Jac](#) has stated - the jack, having been hit, is stopped by the shooter who whilst in the circle is still in the authorised playing area.

So the shooters opponent has the choice of:a) leaving the jack in its new position;b) putting it back in its original position;c) placing it anywhere on the extension of a line going from its original position to the place that it is found, up to a maximum distance of 20 metres from the circle and such that it is visible.

Of course b) and c) can only be applied if the position of the jack was previously marked.

If the jack's original position was not marked the jack will remain where it is found.

January 15, 2015 at 7:03am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, many thanks. Although nobody was really quite sure at the time, I thought that this was the correct ruling. What about the question if the jack had gone behind the circle, 3-20m, would it be valid?

January 15, 2015 at 7:26am · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen If I have understood correctly, the jack is stopped by the player standing in the throwing circle. The jack is then positioned in the circle?? If so, art. 9.3 comes into use. "Jack is dead.... less than 3m from the throwing circle".... ??

January 15, 2015 at 1:50pm · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul As Mike already said, you have normally 3 choices, but in this special case only 2!

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the same rules apply regardless if the jack is behind, in front or to one side of the circle

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the opponent has the choice - leave the jack where it stopped (inside 3 m then it is dead) or placing in an extension of the line etc.....

If the player had not stopped the jack it may have travelled past him and still been in play - the fact that he stopped it and to prevent the player deliberately stopping the jack is why the opponent has the choice

January 16, 2015 at 8:48am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Just a thought if this were to happen playing on a marked terrain, i.e. the jack going behind the circle: if you think that, basically, you're playing in a forward direction, if the jack come back within 3m of the circle, then it would be dead. But if it went even further back, i.e. beyond 3m, would it then suddenly become live again? This seems a bit illogical (I realise it's an unlikely occurrence).

January 16, 2015 at 8:48am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg yes Ray, if the jack is over 3m from the circle in any direction it remains valid....

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Raymond Ager Hmm, OK - I wonder what the French umpires would say on that one? 😊

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Mike Pegg it is only illogical because you are thinking the game can be played in only 1 direction

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Raymond Ager But if you're playing on a marked terrain, then this restriction would apply.

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Mike Pegg no it does not, if you have the room you can play in the same direction as the previous end.

There is nothing in the rules to say you must turn around and play in the opposite direction... it's just mostly we play to 7, 8 and 9 metres which means there is not enough room to continue in the same direction

January 16, 2015 at 9:02am · Edited · [Like](#) · 🇺🇸 1



Raymond Ager The question isn't really about playing in different directions. Not sure if this diagram helps? If the jack came back within 3m, it would be dead. ditto for 2m, 1m, etc. If it went 1m behind the circle, it would be dead, 2m dead, 2.99m dead - but if it went a tiny bit further, it would now become live? This is what seems illogical - if the jack goes *even further* back, it becomes live again?



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Mike Pegg so why is that illogical?

January 16, 2015 at 9:11am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager To my mind, it seems illogical - but I guess it's a pretty rare occurrence, not worth losing any sleep over 😊

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Raymond Ager Just regarding jacks or boules being stopped by players: is there any distinction between a player deliberately stopping a boule as opposed to accidentally being hit?

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Mike Pegg not really as it is extremely difficult to prove if the action was deliberate or accidental so the rule prevents the player from getting an unfair advantage

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Raymond Ager OK, many thanks.

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Raymond Ager Mike, forgive the silly speculation but if you have a 4m wide marked terrain, presumably there would be a narrow 50cm strip either side of the circle which would be live terrain? In this diagram, the grey circle would be dead, 3m radius from the circle. If this is the case, then it become clearer than the area behind would also be considered live.



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Tony Mann Hi Ray - I think you may have got your maths wrong(?). In your scenario if the playing area is 4m wide and the circle is drawn (50cm wide) centrally to the width then there is 1.75m each side of the circle to the edge of the playing area. Therefore there is no narrow strip of 50cm either side as 3m would be well beyond the edge of the playing area. Remember that you measure the 3m distance from the inside line of the circle to the jack and not from the center of the circle as in your diagram.

January 16, 2015 at 11:10am · Edited · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Tony you're right - I guess the terrain just needs to be slightly wider to illustrate the point I was trying to make.

January 16, 2015 at 11:13am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, if the jack stops inside 3 m of the circle it is considered dead... but if the jack has been hit rolls past and continues on until it stops 4 m from the circle it is live.

January 16, 2015 at 11:50am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager OK, understood 😊

January 16, 2015 at 11:51am · Like



Roy Henstock Confused! How can the jack be in play if it stops in the circle if to be valid it has to be 3m from the circle?

January 16, 2015 at 12:05pm · Like



Raymond Ager Nobody has said the jack is in play.

January 16, 2015 at 12:07pm · Like



Roy Henstock Mike Pegg replied above and quoted Art 6 "the circle is not considered to be an out of bounds area" i.e in play. Even more confused!

January 16, 2015 at 12:21pm · Like



Tony Mann Hi Roy, Raymond asked at 11.18 yesterday "... the jack hit the player in the circle (painful!). But is this in the authorised playing area?" and this is when Mike quoted Art 6 and that the playing circle is not out of bounds. It is best not to take articles in isolation and to view them in the whole context of the rules. Also, Ray (like me) is not an Umpire so I tend listen to the advice of the qualified umpires on this site. Petanque is a simple game, it's the players that make it confusing 😊

January 16, 2015 at 12:38pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Roy, the jack is considered dead if it is 3m or less from the circle. Ray's posts continued to ask what if the jack was hit by a boule and went behind the circle - the answer is if it is beyond 3 m from the circle then it is still valid... you need to read the whole string

January 16, 2015 at 12:39pm · Like



Roy Henstock I have read the whole string Mike! I said I understood that the jack was dead if it entered the playing circle as it clearly was less than 3m from the playing circle. Your reply above quoted art 6 'the playing circle is not considered an out of bounds area' Hence my confusion - how can the jack be in play, as in the original question, if it hit the shooter? The question about the jack going beyond the circle was a supplementary one and confuses the initial one. So we seem to have conflicting advice 1) the circle is not out of bounds 2) the jack must be 3m from the circle. I just love this game!

January 16, 2015 at 1:38pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Roy, The circle is a part of the playing area so is not considered an out of bounds area.

The jack is considered dead when it is 3m or closer to the circle.

Art 6. is dealing with a jack that has been stopped by a player and in this case

it just happened to be the player in the circle.

Although it is inside the 3m it was stopped by the player and had he not been in the way it may have continued and stopped in play - hence the reason why the opponent has the option

January 17, 2015 at 2:15am · Like · 3



Roy Henstock Thanks for that Mike! Think I have it now.

January 17, 2015 at 2:20am · Like



Raymond Ager

December 25, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

Mike an Xmas pressie question for you: you've already received a warning, Yellow Card, from the Umpire for going over the 1-minute rule. You've got 2 boules left to play and you again go over the time-limit, play your boule and shoot the jack, which of course, wasn't marked. The Umpire is going to disqualify one boule: which boule can they disqualify? The one you played or the boule left in hand? And what happens to the shot jack, is the end dead, do you score for the boule in hand? Happy Xmas 😊 P.S. Please don't cross me off your Xmas card list...

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Michal Dzurik raymond, this sounds a bit funny to me: "The Umpire is going to disqualify one boule". why do you assume he is going to disqualify one boule? why not 2 boules? he can easily do that, so the opponents will not be disadvantaged. merry x-mass to all 😊

December 25, 2014 at 12:49pm · Like



Raymond Ager The situation assumes that Art 34 1) & 2) are being applied:
Article 34 – Penalties
For non-observation of the rules of the game the players incur the following penalties:

- 1) Warning;
- 2) Disqualification of the boule played or to be played

December 25, 2014 at 12:53pm · Edited · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the umpire can disqualify either the boule played or about to be played.... in this scenario I would disqualify the boule you have not played. That way you do not change anything on the ground (already played) but you still penalise the player

December 26, 2014 at 12:43am · Like · 3



Mike Pegg This jpeg explains the penalties and the (not so) new card system we now use



December 26, 2014 at 12:44am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Thanks for a prompt reply. I know this is a bit of an odd situation but supposing the jack is shot out of bounds and the player has 1 boule in hand, i.e. normally would score 1 point. Obviously this boule won't be played. So if you disqualify this boule, would this mean a dead-end and 0 points? Would the player have a boule disqualified in the next end?

December 26, 2014 at 12:49am · Like



Mike Pegg Assuming there are more ends to play the disqualification would be made clear to apply to the next boule the player (or team) would be playing next.

So assuming the team won the end they would throw the jack and the opponent the first boule.

December 26, 2014 at 12:55am · Edited · Like

Raymond Ager OK, thanks again.



December 26, 2014 at 12:55am · Like



Michal Dzurik raymond, sorry for late reply. in the article about penalties you mention - as far as I know, it is simply a list of penalties. referee can apply any of them regardless their position in the list. like in football - you can get straight red card.

January 13, 2015 at 2:33am · Like



Raymond Ager Thanks for your reply, although the question was actually which boule would be disqualified, which Mike has answered.

January 13, 2015 at 2:35am · Like



Michal Dzurik ray, as I read it, the answer was just which boule mike would disqualify if there was no another choice but disqualifying one boule 😊 but never mind!

January 13, 2015 at 2:38am · Like



Raymond Ager No probs - it's a slightly complicated scenario, hence the question!

January 13, 2015 at 2:40am · Like



Merike Aava

January 13, 2015

Hi Mike,

Are there a new rules for throwing jack? No time limit game. 3 + 1 + 1 etc?

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

January 7, 2015

Is a first warning given to a player by an umpire in a game, is carried forward and accumulate if given then by different umpire trough out the tournament?

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Mike Pegg If you have more than one umpire at a competition they should inform each other when they impose a penalty.

So if umpire A gives a warning he will inform umpires B, C, D and so on to ensure they all know - that means the player has had one warning and the next time around would mean disqualification of a boule

January 7, 2015 at 11:09am · Like · 3



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates Would it be disqualification of a boule regardless of what the warning was for. Eg. non regulation footwear /

January 7, 2015 at 11:16am · Like



Mike Pegg no Toni, that would not be a warning it would be a change of footwear 😊

January 7, 2015 at 11:25am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan Is a penalty given out of one misdoing is also considered as having given to other misdoing and so the next penalty can be of more strict than the first one?

2. If this is so, referring to art 16, does a warning given for other reason is considered as already given for misconduct stated in the art 16?

January 8, 2015 at 3:16am · Like



Eli Nielsen As I have understood (?) a warning remains the entire day of a competition, so a second "incident", which not necessarily is the same, will lead to another penalty as stated in art. 34 - and it is permitted to choose any penalty which will suit "the incident". This means you can choose to disqualify a player without having disqualified the boules first.

January 8, 2015 at 9:51am · Like



Mike Pegg I will try to explain but it is not so easy in writing.

A warning is normally given for an infringement of the rules such as stepping out of the circle before the boule has landed, throwing from the wring circle etc.

In these cases a warning would normally be applied and will remain for the entire day.

In the case of art 16 the player or spectator is first given a warning about moving, making a noise etc... in other words they are ask to keep still/be quite. If they continue then they are excluded from the competition.

If an umpire gives a warning he should inform the other umpires what the warning was for and who it was given to.

If another umpire has a similar issue with the same player/team during the same competition then he will know that a warning has been given and another penalty can be given.

January 9, 2015 at 10:29am · Like ·  2



Валерий Крапиль

December 29, 2014

Dear colleges,
I have a strange question.

Why in International Rules of Petanque there are no words about scoring in NORMAL situation?

Yes, there is an art.13 about scoring in situation with dead jack. Yes, there is a rule "scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule" - but only to equidistant boules (art.28).

And words about scores in usual end are absent!


Why? Or am I wrong?

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Mike Pegg you are correct, there is no specific rule stating how you score points in petanque

December 30, 2014 at 7:42am · Like ·  1



Sheikh Ismail Silan

December 29, 2014


A situation: Team A throw the first boule and followed by team B. The throw was good, but team B keep throwing another 3 throws, then only they realised their first boule already hold the position. They call the umpire and the umpire decided the last 3 boule thrown had to be taken out (dead). Is the decision made correct? Or should it be only the last boule thrown is dead?

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Peter Bursill As I understand everything stays.

December 30, 2014 at 5:38am · Like ·  1




Derek Adam interesting, boules 3 and 4 and 5 are played out of turn. However, would 3 and 4 be valid as another boule has been played? id have to go back into the rules to check this. Effectively boule 5 should be declared dead as played out of turn.

December 30, 2014 at 6:14am · Like



Mike Pegg Article 23 – Boules thrown contrary to the rulesAny boule thrown contrary to the rules is dead and, if marked, anything that it has displaced in its travel is put back in place.

The important bit often overlooked -> However, the opponent has the right to apply the advantage rule and declare it to be valid. In this case, the boule pointed or shot, is valid and anything it has displaced remains in its place.

December 30, 2014 at 7:31am · Like ·  4



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

December 20, 2014

Hi everyone

Looking at article 24- whose can do temporary removal of boule?
...umpire(ofcos) and player(can)?

Looking at article 26- player that pickup any boule b4 completion the end
and the boule is dead...

POINTS AND MEASURING

Article 24 – Temporary removal of boules

In order to measure a point, it is permitted, after having marked their positions, to temporarily remove the boules and obstacles situated between the jack and the boules to be measured.

After measuring, the boules and the obstacles which were removed are put back in place. If the objects cannot be removed, the measuring is done with the aid of callipers.

Article 25 – Measuring of points

The measuring of a point is the duty of the player who last played or by one of his or her teammates. The opponents still have the right to measure after one of these players.

Whatever positions the boules to be measured may hold, and at whatever stage the end may be, the Umpire can be consulted and his or her decision is final.

Measuring must be done with appropriate instruments, which each team must possess. Notably, it is forbidden to effect measurements with the feet. The players who do not observe this ruling will incur the penalties outlined in Article 34 "Discipline".

Article 26 – Removed Boules

It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

At the completion of an end, all boules picked up before the agreement of points are dead. No claim is admissible on this subject.

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Uzero Metreize Since apparently, everyone is away preparing for the festivities of the season, I am going to take the liberty of answering your questions.

WHO CAN REMOVE THE BOULES? First, both team must agree that the boule must be removed in order to get a measurement; the player or one of the members of the team that played the last boule then proceeds to measure, as dictated by Article 25. The opposing team can also measure, if not in agreement with the original measurement and if the second measurement disagree with the first, the Umpire is called and his decision is final.

ARTICLE #26 applies to boule or boules that are picked up before the teams agreed that the end is completed, (please, notice that here, the term PICKED UP is used, instead of TEMPORARILY REMOVED), the latest indicates that said boule will be placed back to its original place after the measuring is completed. Also, Art.26 says that the picked up boule or boules are declared voided, NOT THE ENTIRE END.

Hopefully, my simple explanation will be helpful to you, mon ami [Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad](#).

December 21, 2014 at 7:02am · Like · 2



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Thanks...

December 22, 2014 at 6:59am · Like



Mike Pegg The rules allow for the players to mark a boule before moving it when, and only when the boule in question prevents measuring between the jack and another boule.

but I hasten to add that it is always better to call the umpire to move/measure

December 22, 2014 at 3:44pm · Edited · Like · 3



Uzero Metreize Merry Christmas, Mike!

December 22, 2014 at 2:38pm · Edited · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Thats will be more better to put that statement...thanks

December 22, 2014 at 4:25pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg

December 18, 2014

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Joyeux Noël et une Bonne Année 2015*



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Pedro Serrano Unanue Tranks. Merry Christmas and a Happy new year
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Raymond Ager Merry Xmas!
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Mat Jue happy new year.and merry christmas all myfriend
December 18, 2014 at 4:17pm · Like



Eli Nielsen
December 13, 2014

Today I got a question, which made me unsecure... A player - in an official tournament - plays triplet and has two different boules. It must be mentioned, that they are of same size, weight and material. The only difference is... one is with a pattern (legal) and the other one is not. Is that according to rules legal? I can't find anything specificly about this:

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Raymond Ager I don't quite understand the question... the 'pattern' is legal/not-legal? Either the boule is legal, i.e. is an approved competition boule, with visible markings, not under-weight, etc - there's nothing in the rules about 'legal' patterns 😊
December 13, 2014 at 6:52am · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen Sorry for my poor Engrish 😊The "pattern-boule" is a valid and legal boule with multiple circles. I don't know how to describe it better.
December 13, 2014 at 7:23am · Like



Raymond Ager Just to be clear: both are legal competition boules, one has a pattern, the other is smooth? [Mike Pegg](#) has previously confirmed that there's nothing to prevent players using different (legal) boules, if they so wish (but you're not allowed to change during a game). It's rare to find experienced players using different boules - but that's another argument...
December 13, 2014 at 7:35am · Edited · Like · 1



Gareth Sullivan As [Raymond](#) said you can play with mixed boule but both boule must be legal.
December 13, 2014 at 8:08am · Like · 1

Eli Nielsen Great. Thanks for confirming. It would be nice if one could search



on a topic. Then repeated questions and answers could be avoided.

December 13, 2014 at 8:37am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager It would be nice to have an index and/or FAQ - I guess this would mean a more conventional Forum rather than FB. FB does have a Search box, at the top right of the page.

December 13, 2014 at 9:00am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Hi **Raymond Ager**. I've read your many articles in the internet. Nice refresher... Keep writing!

December 13, 2014 at 11:38pm · Like · 1



Aina Ika Ratovo I've seen Tonnerre (the malagasy shooter @ the World Cup 2010) using his regular 2 smooth boules and a stripped one when he plays doublettes

December 18, 2014 at 9:36am · Like



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November 20, 2014

Mike: Art 19. When a boule shot, or hit is stopped or deviated accidentally by a player, the opponent may:

- 1) leave it where it stopped;
- 2) place it on the extension of a line which starts from the original position it occupied to its stopping point, but only on the playable area and only on condition that it had been marked.

According to your sketch, the boule is dead if it's stopped by own player? I thought if team A is shooting and the boule hit is stopped by a player from either team A or B, the opponent of the player that stopped the boule make the choice given.



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Mike Pegg the sketch is not for article 19, it is showing the dead ball lines for art 5 and explaining when the jack is considered dead as stated in art 9

Below the sketch is a table showing the various rules 15, 17, 19 as they are related... if you go back to your rule book you will see in art 19 that if any boule played, that is stopped or deviated accidentally by a player to whose team it belongs, is dead.

November 20, 2014 at 12:01pm · Edited · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan My Question is not on the ball played or point but on the ball that is shot or hit..

November 21, 2014 at 8:30am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan To my understanding the ball shot, refer to the ball already played and is on the ground. The ball played refer to the ball that is use to point or is use for shooting. In your sketch under the column Boule shot or hit. if its stop by own team mate it's dead.

November 21, 2014 at 8:40am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Sorry for the delay in replying I'm looking for the original French document that this was translated from - you are correct it would be wrong to say the shot (hit) ball is dead as the opponent has the option - First I want to check the original document to see if it is a mistake in both

November 22, 2014 at 12:29am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad But I understand this differently regarding boule shot and boule hit. Pls correct me if I misunderstood.

In a shooting action, primarily 2 boules are involved, viz (a) The shooter's boule thrown, and (b) The target boule. At the point of contact (strike/collide) during the shooting and thereafter, to distinguish between these 2 boules, the shooter's boule thrown is identified as BOULE SHOT and the target boule struck becomes BOULE HIT.

If the 'strike' is not a carreau, then both Boule Shot and Boule Hit may travel in various directions, and in so doing, either one or both boules may come into contact with players feet. Given such situation, then this is resolved vide Art 19 – the 2 choices given for a Boule Shot or a Boule Hit being stopped or deviated.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan A hypotheses case discussed in Thailand. A shooting boule after hitting its target reflected and hits the shooter team mate, whilst the target boule hits an opponent. The arbitre call out the played ball dead, and the shot boule as alive and the opponent were given the choice as in the art 9. How would you ruled the case? Is the the reflected boule considered as played boule and should be ruled as in art 17 or alive but stayed where it stopped?

November 23, 2014 at 12:21am · Edited · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#) I'm still waiting for your respond.

November 26, 2014 at 8:47am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg sorry for the delay, FaceBook is not very high on the list of things for me to do and I don't get alerts to my phone, PC...

By reflected I assume you mean deflected and art 9 you mean art 19

The boule stopped by the shooters team mate is dead art 19 (1)

As the other boule was stopped by an opponent the shooter has the choice of leaving it where it stopped or if the original position was marked the shooter can place it on the extended line which starts from the original position to the place it stopped (from this place) but only on the playing area art 19 (2)

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Raymond Ager

November 24, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

Mike could you answer a question from the EPA page - if the markings on a set of boules are no longer legible, can you have them restamped?

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Derek Adam That question was without returning them to the manufacturer, I think.

Ie someone has stamps in shed and a hammer.

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Thomas Noonan Time to buy a new set! I think that is the essence of the rule. That is also why there is a 70.5mm diameter rule.

November 24, 2014 at 6:39pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I have answered the post....The rules allow for the boules to be engraved with the players name, initials etc. The manufactures mark is made during the manufacturing process so I would so suggest the answer is "only" yes if you return them to the manufacturer and they agree to do it..... buy a new set!

November 25, 2014 at 8:33am · Like



Raymond Ager [Mike](#) sorry to be the usual pain 😊 I know that new boules can be stamped with the player's name, etc but the question is can a worn set be restamped? I've never heard of a manufacturer offering this service - not surprising, given they're in the business of selling new boules. But the question really is, is this permitted under the rules?

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Mike Pegg The manufactures mark is made during the manufacturing process so I would so suggest the answer is "only" yes if you return them to the manufacturer and they agree to do it.....

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Raymond Ager So there's nothing in the rules preventing boules being restamped, e.g. the weight?

November 26, 2014 at 12:45am · Like



Mike Pegg let me put it another way... if you re-stamp them then it is no longer the manufacturer's mark, it is your mark. Boules are stamped with the Mnc mark, weight, style and individual name etc during the manufacturing process while the boules are still soft. They are then hardened which is why it is almost impossible to engrave them deeply.

To re-stamp them correctly would mean the boules would have to be made softer which you cannot do, see art 2 (4).
it has to be done by the manufacturer, I don't know if they would re-stamp a set of boules but have my doubts.

November 26, 2014 at 12:53am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, sorry, I know I'm being a pain... but is restamping allowed under the rules? I too would be surprised if a manufacturer would do this - it's in their interest to sell new boules - but it is possible to engrave soft and semi-soft boules. I've had my name engraved on new sets at the shop selling them - so they could also re-engrave the weight, serial nos, etc. But would this be allowed?

November 26, 2014 at 12:58am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg it has to be done by the manufacturer

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Raymond Ager Ok, thanks.

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November 24, 2014

The rules of jeu provençal, the ancestor of 'our' petanque, from around 1920. The source is the booklet 'Traité de Jeu de Boules avec règlements complets des Fédérations Lyonnaise et Provençal'. This booklet, with also the rules of boule lyonnaise, was published around 1920 by the 'Manufacture Française d'Armes et Cycles de Saint-Étienne', a factory of arms and bicycles which was also distributor of (wooden nailed) boules.

Interesting is article 4 of the first chapter that says that the team that wins the toss or an end must draw the circle and throw the jack, but that the opponent has the choice (in French: la faculté) to throw the first boule! (This rule still exists in the rules from 1935.) Think of the discussion that was held at the meeting of international umpires in Toulouse (France) in the springtime of 2014...



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Raymond Ager [Jac](#) many thanks for posting. Interesting that these early rules prohibit players from swapping roles during a game... Do you know what Chapitre III Art 2 means — Les chocs sont interdits ?

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Jac Verheul The explanation of 'le choc' you can find in the rules from 1935, art. 8. It's the small supplementary step when a shooter starts his run-up. It still exists in the actual rules of JP. You can ask for it at Jules Le Noir...

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Raymond Ager Thanks - I did know that but had forgotten 🙄

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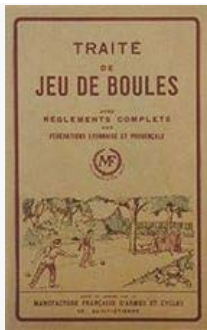


Raymond Ager Following on from previous posts about "can you change boules during a game?" It's interesting to note that this is included in the early rules - I wonder if it at the time it was common for players to change boules, hence the ruling?

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Jac Verheul The cover of the booklet.



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November 17, 2014

Again a new update, now with the rules from 1962/63.



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The FIPJP rules from 1962/63. The source is the book 'Les Fadas de la Pétanque' by Francis Huger, Editions Pastorelly, Monte Carlo, 1963.



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Sheikh Ismail Silan

November 16, 2014

Art 20: penalties for not observing the time limit rule is as stated in art 34. I'm confuse for not throwing the jack in 1 min. The penalty is suppose to be losing the right of throwing jack. Are we to impose both penalties, losing the right and that's in art 34?

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Mike Pegg The max time permitted to throw a valid jack is 1 minute.

If after three consecutive throws by the same team, the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules, it is passed to the opposing team who also has the right to three tries

If the team does not throw the jack within the one minute allowed the umpire can impose one or more penalties as listed in art 34

- 1) Warning;
- 2) Disqualification of the boule played or to be played;
- 3) Disqualification of the boule played or to be played and the following one;
- 4) Exclusion of the responsible player for the game;
- 5) Disqualification of the team responsible;
- 6) Disqualification of the two teams in case of complicity.

Where does it state that they lose the right to throw the jack in 1 minute?

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Sheikh Ismail Silan "If after three consecutive throws by the same team, the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules, it is passed to the opposing team who also has the right to three tries" Don't this also apply for not throwing the 3 tries in the time limit? The opposing team is given three tries?

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Mike Pegg no... perhaps it is not so clear because of the way this rule is written but basically what this means is if the team are not able to throw the jack to a valid distance and within the area defined then the opponents given the jack to throw.

For not throwing the jack (3 times) within the 1 minute stipulated the team is given a warning or other penalty as described in art 34

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Thanks. I understood differently.

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The petanque rules from 1972. Source: FIPJP. These FIPJP-rules are rather atypical, because there a a lot of differences as regards to the rules of the FFPJP from that time. Maybe they were only applied during the world championships. In these rules, for instance, the minimum and maximum weights of the boules are not mentionned and also not the maximum distance of a moved jack.

It was only in 1984 that the petanque rules were published by the international federation. Till then, the French federation was the publisher.



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Raymond Ager Jac you've made me very happy 😊 2 major things that I've always thought odd in the current rules and 1 minor thing, all make sense in this version. Here, Art 6 allows the player about to throw, to test the terrain before playing. Why on earth was this changed to 'the player about to throw the jack'? Crazy and illogical - and have you *ever* seen a player about to throw the jack test the terrain? Joy of joy, here Art 14 requires the player throwing the jack to check it's validity with the opponents *before* playing a boule. Again, why on earth was this eminently sensible rule changed, to one which has continues to cause confusion both with players and umpires alike? And finally, boules are 7-8cm. Again, much more sensible than 70.5mm. Jac, please keep them coming 😊

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Jac Verheul Maybe I will continue with the rules from 1984, the first 'real' internationale rules !



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Jac Verheul The rules of 1984 (Rotterdam) are now on line. I have no further rules, later than 1984.

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Jac Verheul Also at the end of the book 'Les fadas de la pétanque' by Francis Huger (published in 1963), the rules of petanque are inserted (the rules from 1962/63). The book speaks of the international rules of the FIPJP and they look like the FIPJP-rules of 1972: 47 articles and a maximum weight of a boule of 850 g. Later this week I will scan them also and publish them here. Maybe that **Mike Pegg** could say something about these early international rules?

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Jac Verheul I found those rules in the book of Huger rather strange as compared to the 'French' rules of these time I already had. It's because of the rules from FIPJP-1972 that I understand now that those rules in the book of Huger were also FIPJP-rules and not FFPJP-rules. It looks like a mystery...

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The real first international rules approved by the FIPJP, those of 1984.



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Roy Henstock

November 13, 2014

Is there a rule about changing boule during a match? I was playing recently against a player and the boule she played depended on whether she was pointing or shooting so often during an end she had 1 boule from set A and 2 from set B on the terrain.

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Fredy Harke I would advise you to read § 10a - (at least in the german version) you may only use one set of boules during a game .. you should have contacted the umpire,

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Jac Verheul Article 10a – Changing of jack or boule

Players are forbidden to change the jack or a boule during a game except in the following cases:

- 1) The one or the other cannot be found, the search time being limited to 5 minutes.
- 2) The one or the other is broken: in this case the largest part is taken into consideration.

If boules remain to be played, the aforementioned is immediately replaced, after measuring, if necessary, by a boule or a jack of identical or similar diameter. At the next end the player concerned can take a new complete set.

BUT: It's not forbidden to play with two (or three) different boules during a game!

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Fredy Harke Oh, yes it is forbidden - the only reason to change the "set" is if a boule is destroyed ... At the next end the player concerned can take a new complete set.

You may not play an end with boules out of different sets - say you own a set 650gr 71mm; another set with 800gr 71mm - you may not use part of each set within a game 13:12 - next game different set is ok ... A game is part of a match; a end is part of a game ...

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Roy Henstock Thanks guys - that's what I thought but she was convinced it was OK! Just a friendly game so no umpire but if it happens again 😊

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Derek Adam It gets a little confusing above.
No you cannot swap during a game, unless one breaks.

However you can play with 2 different kinds of boule during a game - provided you start that way.

Eg a middle could use a pointing boule and a shooting boule if so desired. But most would agree that consistency is better than constantly shaping boule size.

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Jac Verheul It's a choice. If someone wants to do that, the rules don't forbid. If it's useful, that's another question.

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Mazlan Ahmad The next question is.... what penalty can an aribiter impose should such infringeme [changing boules/sets] occurs. Treat the 'alien' boule as dead and everything that was moved during the course be re-spotted if marked initially?

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Mike Pegg Disqualification from the competition!

November 13, 2014 at 11:18pm · Like · 2



Mazlan Ahmad wow! that serious... from the COMPETITION!

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Why the penalty is so serious? Why don't we impose art 34 by disqualification of the boule thrown and ask the pleyer to chang back to the starting set?

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Derek Adam Because [Mazlan Ahmad](#) asked what could the Umpire do.

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Raymond Ager Perhaps [Mike](#) was being a little tongue in cheek? I think the umpire could also just issue a warning...

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Mike Pegg so the rules says you are forbidden to change the jack or boules during a game... so why if you are "forbidden" to do it should you get nothing more than a warning if you do?

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Raymond Ager Isn't that the sort of thing that only a novice player would do? I can't imagine an experienced player deliberately changing a boule during a game.

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Mike Pegg you think! I've never seen a novice player do it but certainly have caught a few experienced players trying it on

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The pétanque rules from 1980. Source: FFPJP. The last rules which were made and published by the French federation.



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Raymond Ager Xmas has come early 😊 [Jac](#) thanks for posting all these.

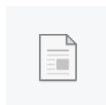
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The petanque rules from 1970. Source: FFPJP.



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Sheikh Ismail Silan

November 7, 2014

In most of the scenario given on cases involving the obstruction cause by the umpire, spectator, animal, moving object, the jack or the boules stays at its final position. In the case where the pointing boule that is stop or deviated by the boule or jack from other game or any moving object that occurs between the circle and the jack has to be rethrown. This does not include the umpire and the spectator as stated in art 14. Does this mean the boule stay where it stop as stated in art 19?

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Mike Pegg please respond.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan OK I got the answer.

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Eli Nielsen Search for Mikes answer from May 6. It is brilliantly explained.

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Roy Henstock

November 7, 2014

When playing on a terrain where pistes are stringed am I correct in believing that a boule has to cross two strings to be out of bounds?

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Raymond Ager Another FAQ that [Mike Pegg](#) has previously answered. Yes, that's correct for adjacent terrains but if a boule crosses the line at the end of the terrain, i.e. just one, it's out of play.

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Tim Edwins Isn't this governed by local rules of the venue?

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Jac Verheul There are no local rules, only international FIPJP rules!
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Ross Woodward In times games all strings are generally dead.
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Mike Pegg The lines marking separate terrains are not dead ball lines except for those at the end and around the exterior.

For competitions organised within time limits. The games "must" always be played within a marked terrain and all lines marking that terrain are dead ball lines.

On marked out playing areas, the jack or boules that cross more than one lane immediately to the side of the lane in use or the end line of the lane are considered to be dead and out of play

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Raymond Ager
November 6, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

Just some idle speculation: why are manufacturers obliged to stamp the weight but not the size on boules? (Interestingly, MS & KTK do stamp the size - helpful.) Why can't boules lose more than 15g weight, providing they are still within the legal weight limits? Is there any requirement for boules to remain within their specified size? What if there were no hypothetical questions 😊

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Jac Verheul I also discovered that my old boules lost 10 or 15 g after a couple of years. The diameter stayed more or less equal.
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Raymond Ager Interesting - how is that possible??? So if you took, say, a 74mm 700g boule, if it lost 1mm, how much weight would it have lost?
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Jac Verheul It's just the other way. 10 g from 700 g is about 1,4%. That's hard to find back in the diameter. 1mm is a lot, you have to calculate it.
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Jac Verheul If I find some spare minutes, I'll calculate it (not that difficult).
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Jac Verheul 1 mm loss of diameter means about 60 g difference (boule of 70 mm and 700 g).
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Raymond Ager Wow! How did you work that out???
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Jac Verheul It is the difference of weights between a boule of 70 mm and 69 mm. You calculate the volume ($\frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times \text{radius cubed}$) and then the weight. Volume in decimeters x 7,8 (specific gravity of steel).
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Raymond Ager I do have a boule that I cut in half (in another idle moment). It's 76mm 700g and the metal is approx. 5.5mm thick. As a crude calculation, that's 127g per mm.
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Jac Verheul By the way, a massive boule of 700 g will weight 1400 g! The double of a hollow boule.
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Raymond Ager [Jac Verheul](#) isn't your calculation for a solid boule, hence the factor of 2 difference between 60g and 127g?
November 6, 2014 at 9:50am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul If I don't mistake, solid or hollow, it doesn't matter. We are talking about the outside of the boule, not the inside.
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Raymond Ager I think it makes a big difference - all the weight of the boule is contained within the 5.5mm thickness, hence a 1mm loss would represent nearly 20% of the mass. With a solid boule, the % would be much less.
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Jac Verheul The only thing that's important is the weight of the outer shell with a thickness of 1 mm. So you have to compare the weight of a solid boule of 70 mm (radius 35 mm) and one of 69 mm (radius 34,5 mm).

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Raymond Ager Sorry but I don't think that's right - we're talking about hollow boules, not solid and that makes a big difference. I've just remeasured the shell and it's just over 5mm, so let's say 5mm for simplicity. If you remove 1mm, you're losing 20% of the weight. If you have a 70mm solid boule and remove 1mm, you're losing very approximately 8%.

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Jac Verheul I don't speak on percentages but on absolute weights, numbers of grams.

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Jac Verheul The mistake you make is following: 1 mm less in diameter is 0,5 mm of the thickness of the shell of the boule! So nearly 10%!

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Raymond Ager So as an approximation, 1mm off a 5mm shell would be 140g.

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Raymond Ager Jac, you're right - so that would be approx. 70g.

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Michal Dzurik guys, why do you think the loss in diameter would always mean actual loss of weight? it does not need to be the case 😊

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Raymond Ager Michal Dzurik Explain???

November 7, 2014 at 8:08am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul For me the same as Raymond, explain please.

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Michal Dzurik metal can be "beaten" into itself (hopefully you get what I mean by that). my obut nexius 76mm, 700 g (special inox) lost 1 mm in diameter within 4 years, but in weight it was actually only 3-4 grams. (just additional info: the weight difference between the three boules when I bought them was 1.5 gram, it remained the same after 4 years).

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Raymond Ager Ah, interesting. Do you think the performance of the boules changed?

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Matthew Eversden Gentlemen I have a life so 1% here 5% there is never going to matter. You must have wives, partners etc. Give them as much thought. Peace and out

November 7, 2014 at 1:05pm · [Like](#)



Mazlan Ahmad

October 23, 2014

Article 23 - "Boules Thrown Contrary To The Rules" - is short but seem to be 'wide-ranging'. But what specifically is '...thrown contrary to the rules'? For one, boules thrown from a wrong circle [where pre-fab circle is not provided] is dead.

Does throwing a ball other than one's own falls under this article [already covered by art 22] ?

When 2 boules, [one from each team] appear to be equidistant from the jack, player X(say) visually inspect - not exactly measuring- and assumes that his was further, makes the next throw and holds point. Thenafter his opponent measures the two 'equidistant' boules, and found that X's boule was nearer to the jack, and therefore X shouldn't have made the 2nd throw,

Question: Does X's 2nd throw constitute an 'out-of-turn' action and falls under the ambit of art 23 "boules thrown contrary to the rules"?

Corresponding ruling would be -- that the 2nd boule thrown is deemed 'dead' and everything it has displaced during its travel is re-spotted if marked.

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Mazlan Ahmad response pls anyone.. .. a discourse on this topic.

October 28, 2014 at 8:33pm · Like



Mike Pegg Sorry for the delay in replying...

It is not possible to list every eventuality in the rules but instead a number of specifics are given, for example art. 22

For other occasions not listed specifically Art 23 would apply bearing in mind the full rule and not just the section you have referred to.

Art 23 - Any boule thrown contrary to the rules is dead and, if marked, anything that it has displaced in its travel is put back in place.

- An important part of this rule is the next paragraph -

However, the opponent has the right to apply the advantage rule and declare it to be valid. In this case, the boule pointed or shot, is valid and anything it has displaced remains in its place.

October 29, 2014 at 3:07am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad can we classify a throw made by a player - with one leg fully lifted off the ground [obviously a foul] - as a throw contrary to the rules? And the opponent has the choice of declaring it dead or opt for the advantage rule.

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Mike Pegg yes of course... the rules are very clear the players' feet must be entirely on the inside of the circle and not encroach on its perimeter and they must not leave it or be lifted completely off the ground until the thrown boule has touched the ground.

November 5, 2014 at 11:07pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Ok noted. Thanx mike. I asked b'cos article 6 is silent on the actions that may be taken by the arbiter or the opponent should such fault occurs and recurs.

November 6, 2014 at 7:07am · Like



Justin Bo Johns

October 14, 2014

I have a question on this video. Seems like some sort of backstreet petanque game vs some sort of championship game. It's obvious the minute rule is thrown out in this portion of the game, but what is the ruling on taking a timeout and going an talking over the strategy with a 4th player or coach? I've never seen this in a game before.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_R6_amljU_4&feature=youtu.be

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Thomas Noonan What was amazing to me was the amount of "gardening" that was allowed. Also moving the circle and and having all three players "repairing a divot" in 6 different locations. I guess it's a French thing.

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Mike Pegg you are watching the closing stages of a very long, and close game.... at the start of the vid the game is 10-12.

What you have not seen is the umpire talk to both coaches and players earlier.

October 16, 2014 at 4:03am · Like



Justin Bo Johns So your saying because this is the end of a game and it's close the rules are thrown out?? The question is, What is the rule (if any in comp play) about going over and talking to a coach during a game?

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Mike Pegg No Justin.... but you need to know this was the finals of the European Championships. The umpire had spoken to the two coaches and the players a little earlier and would have taken further action had it not been close to the end of the game and championship.

Neither team was getting an unfair advantage and to step in now the umpire would have caused more problems than he was addressing.

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Mike Pegg As for your question about the coach - the coach is allowed to advise the players but he must not go on to the terrain or call out to the teams

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Mazlan Ahmad "... or call out to the teams" -- specifically yell from the sidelines?

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Justin Bo Johns Thanks for the answer about talking to the coaches, does this still have to be done in the min time limit?

October 20, 2014 at 5:36am · Like



Justin Bo Johns But I'm still confused on your answer to what was going on in this video. Your saying that the teams were warned earlier in the game (not shown in this video clip) but it was perfectly ok for the teams to not follow the rules because it was a Championship and towards the end?? How can this sport be taken seriously at a higher level (Olympics) if the rules are not enforced? Where do you see umpires in top tier sports letting things slide after a team or player has been warned? I disagree that a team didn't have an unfair advantage. Team Monaco was able to relax and take more time think about what they were going to do next, multiple times. I do agree them taking a few extra seconds over the min is not a big deal it was a big point in the game but to allow it multiple times is unacceptable. I'm guessing you weren't the umpire in this game, but you preach on here day in and day out follow the rules but on the big stage the rules are not followed and your defending them playing against the rules. So hopefully you can see my confusion. I'm suppose to play by the rules, I'm suppose to teach my players at my club the rules, I'm suppose to umpire a game per the rules & i'm suppose to play all games by the rules, but when I become a top tier player I don't have too.

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Mike Pegg Hi Justin, the teams talking to the coach still has to be done within the 1 minute allowed to play and to answer your second post - I do not preach!

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Tony Mann Thank the Lord for that! 😊

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Brian Forbes Tony - if Mike started that, I would be forced to take the batteries out of my hearing aids!

October 21, 2014 at 5:41am · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen

October 8, 2014

I was watching Marseille 2013 on YouTube and took a situation one step further. Team A played a boule as no. 2 or 3 and should be measured by the umpire. Boule no. 1 (team B) had to be removed for measurement - marked of course - and put back. Team A played next boule which came up as 1. or 2. and that must also be measured by the umpire, but team A claimed that boule no. 1 (team B) from previous measurement had been moved and could not be valid. What is the umpires verdict ??

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Uzero Metreize After the umpire composes himself he will recommend that they find a different hobby, perhaps Russian roulette.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad did the player calls umpire to measured?..or every lane got umpire to measured all that player want?

October 8, 2014 at 7:28pm · Like



Mike Pegg Do you mean the umpire moved the boule while he was measuring?

October 9, 2014 at 12:50am · Like



Eli Nielsen The umpire marked and dislocated the boule (1) so the measurement (2 and 3) could be done. The boule was then relocated in its position.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Oh ok..

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Mike Pegg So team A have nothing to claim as the umpire replaced the boule and gave his decision...

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Eli Nielsen No, not at that time, but later in the game, when team A wanted to have their played boule and team B's no 1 measured, team A claimed that it could not be measured since team Bs no.1 had been replaced during the previous measurement.

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Brian Forbes Eli, read what the man has said "gave his decision". Once an Umpire has given their decision - that's it, no going back.

October 9, 2014 at 12:04pm · Like



Eli Nielsen Maybe I'm not good at explaining. Boule no.1 has not been measured before. It was displaced when no. 2 and 3 was measured and then replaced in it original position. At a later measurement between THAT no. 1 boule and a boule, which was played to a position where it must be measured as 1. or 2. Then team A claim it was not valid for measurement since it has been moved. Hope this clarifies it better.

October 9, 2014 at 12:46pm · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, it is a little confusing... please tell me, when the boule (1) was moved was it by the umpire to make a measure?

If yes then he will put it back in the correct place and the boule remains number 1

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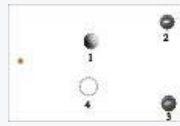


Raymond Ager Maybe a diagram would help...

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Raymond Ager Here's my understanding: boules 1, 2 & 3 are played. Boule 1 is marked, moved to measure 2 & 3 then put back. Later Boule 4 is played and now 1 & 4 have to be measured - the claim being that 1 was moved, therefore its position is no longer valid. If I've got it wrong - please delete!



October 10, 2014 at 10:52am · Like



Eli Nielsen Raymond... we have a Winner... absolutely correct, thanks for clarifying 😊

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Raymond Ager I'm sure the answer is, if the umpire marked and replaced the boule, the teams have to accept the umpire's measurements. Let's see what Mike says.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan No problem. Boule no 1 is valid and in case it required to be measured in another case, just do it no restriction to it.

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Mike Pegg unless boule 1 was moved by another boule its position is of course valid as 1st point

October 11, 2014 at 1:55am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, in this sort of scenario, are you confident that you mark the position of Boule 1 and replace it *exactly* in the same spot? Would it be prudent to measure the position of Boule 1, before moving it, to avoid any dispute?

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, before I move a boule I mark its position then I measure this boules in relation to the jack/boules to get it's position.

I make a note and quick sketch so that I know where it is to be replaced. Only then do I remove it.

Am I confident I will replace it in its exact position? of course!

October 13, 2014 at 2:43am · Like · 🇺🇸 2



Raymond Ager I knew it was a silly question 😊

October 13, 2014 at 2:44am · Like



Mike Pegg lol... not really, it gave me an opportunity to explain how it should be done 😊

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Raymond Ager **Eli Nielsen** I'm curious, did this actually happen? Thinking it through, apart from the fact that players can't challenge the umpire's ruling, why are they thinking, "it can't be valid"? Do they think the umpire put the boule in the wrong position? Or do they think it's impossible to replace the boule in exactly the same position? If the latter, the position could equally be in their favour...

October 13, 2014 at 3:12am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Mike Pegg uploaded a file.

December 23, 2013

Hi Ray, in answer to your post regarding a player of your team stopping the jack, the answer depend on if the terrain was marked out in lanes and if yes where the player was standing... to help clarify the rules I am attaching a pdf file with 2 sketches taken from my Umpires Course



stoppedjack.pdf

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Mike Pegg just in case, I am referring to Ray's post
-<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128791213885003/permalink/507617886002332/>



Raymond Ager ▶ **Petanque Rules - ask the umpire**

December 22, 2013 · La Ciotat, France · 🌐

Hi Mike, Please could you clarify a situation which occurred in a club comp today. The opponents are out of boules but holding the point, we have 2 boules left to play. We shoot the holding boule but also hit the jack, which goes sideways and just before stopping, hits one of our players. Nothing had been marked and we're playing 'open terrain'.

December 23, 2013 at 5:11am · Like



Raymond Ager **Mike Pegg** many thanks, much clearer with a diagram 😊
Interestingly in the game, the opponents declared the jack dead but none of, myself included, were really sure what the correct rule was.

December 23, 2013 at 7:50am · Like



Raymond Ager I did say, above, that at the time, I wasn't really sure what the rule was - yes, the jack should have been live and left where it stopped.

December 23, 2013 at 11:56am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Michal Dzurik well, regarding 2nd page of mike's diagram: jack is a small and light object, so there is always not just stopping, but usually deviating followed by stopping. so again we would need a video review to say there was just stopping 😊

December 23, 2013 at 1:07pm · Like



Raymond Ager How will you all be spending Xmas? I'll be rereading the rules - not knowing the correct rule in the comp cost our team 4 points and the game!!!

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Mat Jue Tq info

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Magnus Halleen

October 4, 2014

Hallo all,

Congratulation Mr. Pegg as new President of CEP

According to the rules, article 15, you are not allowed to use any OBJECTS to mark where to throw the boule, but is it ok for a player from same team to stand and mark?

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Mat Jue Bravo mr mike congrat

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Mazlan Ahmad Congrats Mike..

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Raymond Ager This is a FAQ that Mike has previously answered - Yes, your



teammates are allowed to stand and indicate where to land.

October 6, 2014 at 8:24am · Like · 1



Magnus Halleen Thanks Raymond.

October 6, 2014 at 8:26am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, Thank you for your kind words... to answer your question yes it is perfectly OK for the team members to stand in a place to indicate the landing or stopping point - take a look at art 16

October 7, 2014 at 4:19am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad

October 2, 2014

Hi all,

The Swiss system of assigning matches...can anyone recommend a handy manual or software in English? There's one on FIPJP website but its in French which I understand not 😞

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Andy 'Waggy' Longstaff Ask Martin Hughes

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Marek Sobolič this is using by CEP and some federations

<http://sport-software.de/home.html?L=1>

October 2, 2014 at 12:47pm · Like



Jac Verheul On <http://www.fipjp.com/en/other-information?show=96> it's in English!

October 2, 2014 at 1:01pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Thanx **Jac Verheul**. What I meant was..the software is in french. And not least thanx Martin. I have bookmarked that website 😊

October 2, 2014 at 8:29pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Mazlan, The software is also in English although the translation from German to English is not perfect. If you send me your email address - not on here - I will happily send you a copy of the manual

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Mat Jue Send to me please mike this is my email dzoy72@gmail.com

October 3, 2014 at 4:06am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Ok, thanks **Mike Pegg**.I'll do that. We did correspond earlier, regarding article 21 I think, way-way back before this group was formed!

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

September 12, 2014

In shooting competition:

If in knockout (quarter, semi n final) system; if point is same what to do?...

Is it 5 shot of figure 1(single boule) at 7meters only?

Or

5 shots of figure 1-5 at 7meters?

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Figure 1-5?

September 12, 2014 at 8:15am · Like



Ruben van Stockum every figure one time at 7 meters

September 12, 2014 at 8:16am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Ok thanks

September 12, 2014 at 8:17am · Like



Michal Dzurik it depends 😊 rules are set for the world championships only... if you are organising some local competition, you can decide otherwise than written in <http://fipjp.com/.../Precision%20Shooting...>
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Mike Pegg The actual rule for the 1/4 finals and onwards is: starting from the ¼ finals, there will be a series of 5 shots, at figure 1 to a distance of 7 metres only, with a new count of points, maximum 25, this in the same order of play
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Ruben van Stockum thnx Mike i should have known better. I just mentioned how it's done in Holland.
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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Figure 1(single boule) only [Mike?](#)
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Mike Pegg from the ¼ finals, there will be a series of 5 shots, at figure 1 to a distance of 7 metres only, with a new count of points, maximum 25
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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Ok..so only figure 1 (single boule) at 7meters only..5 short...
How about each opponent still at the same point?..

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Derek Adam Repeat until someone misses.
September 19, 2014 at 1:13am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg only the players that are tied in score, they each take 5 shots to score a max of 25 points... if they are still tied they play again exactly the same
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Noam Seifer
August 17, 2014

Hello,
A situation a friend told me, i would like to have your opinion :
after the swiss system rounds, on the first "normal" (up to 13 points game)
the situation was as follow :
team A player makes a mistake thinking a ball that passed the line is dead,
picks up his opponents ball. the opponent tells him it's not dead, but agrees
to put it back to a approximately the same place and marks the ball.
in the actual game, an international arbitre. came and said, the end is void,
and gave one point to the only team having the ball (the team actually
making the mistake, and the ball concerned was a shot for 4).
i'd like to insist on the point that the other team agreed to play "fair play"
and put that ball back to place and mark it.....
what is the rule ? isn't it that they can put it where ever they wish ? and
thus a wrong call by the ref ?
thx in advance
Noam

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Noam Seifer there was ONE more ball to be played, the ball moved "accidentally" wasn't marked, that ball was a potential shot for 4 pts, the team that could shoot for 4, thought the rule was "the other team, places that ball wherever she wants to", the team whom the ball belongs to, wanted to be fair play and put it back in it's place, the ref, declared the end dead and gave one point to the team that accidentally moved the ball (and could have shot that ball for 4, 5 if carreau).
August 17, 2014 at 12:04pm · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik dear noam, no offense, but have any member of the team ever read the rules of the game? "they can put it where ever they wish"??? they have been playing some different game then, not petanque.
August 18, 2014 at 6:18am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, First of all it makes no difference what the format is is, Swiss, Barrage, KO etc..... what does matter is the player has picked up an opponents boule.

From what you have explained the two teams agreed to put the boule back so why was the umpire called?

Of course the end is not void but I would like to know why the umpire thought it was... is there something you are not explaining?

If the umpire was called he should make a decision based on the rules and what you have described... in this the answer is:
No they cannot put it anywhere they like.
The boule that was picked up is dead.
The player is given a warning not to pick up other players boules.

So the moral of this story is 1. don't pick up other players boules and 2. it is better to agree between the teams than call the umpire!

August 18, 2014 at 12:44pm · Edited · Like · 1



Noam Seifer 1) the umpire wasn't called ! she/he jumped in without being called. 2) in your scenarion the team that picked up the ball is "awared" of allready having 4 pts and not needing to shoot for 4.

August 18, 2014 at 12:47pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam,

I have no idea why the umpire "jump in" especially as she was wrong!

I'm sorry my friend but your post 2) makes no sense... for a start I did not have a scenario...

The rule is quite simple and clear - any boule picked up before the agreement of points is considered dead.

The player has no right or business picking up a boule that belongs to another player.

August 18, 2014 at 12:52pm · Like · 1



Noam Seifer the scenario was : team A has 1 point on court and 1 ball in hand, the second closest ball belongs to team B that has NO balls in hand, and passed the line to the adjacent court (that was the first game after the swiss system rounds, where the adjacent line is a dead ball, and in KO it's NOT a dead ball line), a player from team A picked up that ball, believing it was out, team B players and coach informed him that the ball is alive, but agree to put it where it was and mark it. that is when the umpire came in, declared the end dead and awarded team A one point (for the ball they had in hand), if the ball is dead, it would mean that the team having done the mistake would benefit from it with 4-5 pts.

August 18, 2014 at 12:57pm · Like



Mike Pegg Thank you Noam... if I understand this correctly -

The mistake was that a player from Team A has picked up a boule thinking it was dead because it had crossed the line between two lanes.

The boule was not marked but the two teams had agreed to put it back in the position they agreed was right.

So the umpire should not have got involved but instead she should have let them continue to play.

Strictly by the rules the boule is dead but as it was a mistake by the player and both teams agreed where it should be it would have been better to allow them to continue.

I still do not understand why the umpire would declare the end dead because it was not.

August 18, 2014 at 11:12pm · Edited · Like · 2



Noam Seifer Exactly the case !

August 18, 2014 at 11:12pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad A grievous mistake by the arbiter! A refresher course for him might help.

October 2, 2014 at 8:38pm · Edited · Like



Michal Dzurik if teams agreed to put the boule back, they agreed on not following the rules and both teams should be excluded from the tournament 😊 funny, again and again we are experiencing the situations where we strictly follow the rules and together with them also situations where we do things against the rules - and even mike agrees the action against the rules is ok. what a mess 😞

September 12, 2014 at 8:26am · Like

Mike Pegg The point you are missing Michal is that there was no unfair



advantage for either team when they agreed to replace the boule in the position that they both agreed it was.... there was no need for the umpire to be involved, but of course if the umpire was called they would have no option but to apply the rule which I posted earlier.

The rule is quite simple and clear - any boule picked up before the agreement of points is considered dead.

The player has no right or business picking up a boule that belongs to another player.

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Mazlan Ahmad shared Malaysian Petanque Federation's post.

September 14, 2014

Just sharing latest petanque event -- The 3rd World Petanque Women Confederation Cup 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on Sept 13th and 14th.



Malaysian Petanque Federation

September 14, 2014

Result the 3rd World Confederation Cup 2014

Nation Cup
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Shooting
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Champion - France
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2nd Runner Up - Malaysia

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Eli Nielsen

September 6, 2014

Hi ump's

Is there anywhere mentioned anything about wearing gloves during a match? From time to time I hear about players wearing gloves - stating they are allergic to either Nickel or Lead, and the opponents argue that they could have an advantage during a game where it's raining...??

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Derek Adam No rules, in fact Mike thinks that they would be more of a hinderance than help.

I suppose you could eventually develop gloves similar to ten pin ones, still don't know if they help.

September 7, 2014 at 4:39am · Like



Mike Pegg I have just answered the same question asked by your Federation Eli.. the answer is:

There is no such rule to prevent a player from wearing gloves.

If the player wants to wear gloves that is up to them but for sure they will not feel the boule properly and they gain no advantage other than perhaps their hands a nice and warm... but of course you can put your hands in your pocket to keep warm! 😊

September 7, 2014 at 8:16am · Edited · Like · 1

Jeremy Huntley



August 26, 2014

Hi I just wanted to check a rule. In a recent competition team a was measuring. Team b went to watch. The person measuring told team b they was not allowed to watch while they was measuring. I have never heard this before is this correct?

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Jamie Lewis Erm.. I think they were just measure shy Jez... Haha course you can watch!!

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Jeremy Huntley It didn't happen to me if had I think I would have laughed at them but just wanted to clarify this lol

August 26, 2014 at 11:02am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Jeremy, Team A have every right to ask team B to step back while they are measuring.

It is nonsense to suggest they cannot watch but they should not be leaning over the player or getting in the way while the team/player measures. Hope this helps

August 26, 2014 at 11:15am · Like · 5



Jeremy Huntley Thanks mike that's wat I would have thought thanks for clarify that

August 26, 2014 at 11:46am · Like



Eli Nielsen Usually we accept - maybe an unwritten rule in Denmark - that one player from the opposite team can watch if the measurement is done correctly. If not, he can call the umpire.... Is that also acceptable?

August 26, 2014 at 11:58am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg the opponents can watch but as I have said they should keep a distance to allow the player the room to measure.

The opponant should also measure if they think the player has not got it right... afterwards they can call the umpire and his/her decision will be final

August 26, 2014 at 1:53pm · Like · 4



Mazlan Ahmad haha...what a scenario. If you are not allowed to watch how can u tell if the measuring player willfully or inadvertently moved the jack or boule

August 30, 2014 at 4:41pm · Like · 3



Chris Barron

August 26, 2014 · Chandler's Ford, United Kingdom

Hi can we please have a rule cleared in a match the jack was thrown I was first to play a boule I was under the impression that before I play the first boule I could fill in a mark for where I wished to play but the opponants said that was breaking the rules so is player 1 of the end playing the first boule allowed to fill in a hole/mark or not?

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Mike Pegg Hi Chris, art 10 allows for the player about to throw the jack to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times.

Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

I should add that the player who throws the jack does not have to be the player to throw the first boule

August 26, 2014 at 1:55pm · Like · 2



Raymond Ager This has been discussed before. Where there is confusion over a ruling, we should ask 'Why?'. In this case the problem is, 'by one boule played previously'. Rightly or wrongly, one could argue that at the start of a game, no boule has been played, therefore no hole can be filled in. If this is

incorrect, the wording of the rule needs a rethink.

August 26, 2014 at 11:20pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg As I have explained before Ray, the design of this rule is to allow the "pointer" to fill a hole or mark at a lace they intend to land their boule.

It is not that they get an unfair advantage as each pointer is able to do this... unlike the shooter who flattens the ground in front of the boule he wants to hit which is an action that is not permitted but I see happen more and more!

August 27, 2014 at 1:19am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Tim Edwins Mike, if there was a previous boule's pitch mark in front of a boule I wanted to shoot it would be ok for me to cover this before I shoot?

August 28, 2014 at 10:53am · [Like](#)



Kim Badcock Am I right then in my understanding that filling in a depression (made by a boule) is okay but smoothing off or flattening a raised area is not?

August 28, 2014 at 2:37pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Tim, yes it is perfectly OK to fill in the mark made by a previous boule even if it is just in front of the boule you wish to shoot.

August 30, 2014 at 1:24am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Kim, as stated it is OK to fill in a mark but it is not acceptable to flatten a raised area - art 10: It is strictly forbidden for players to press down, displace or crush any obstacle whatever on the playing area

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

August 21, 2014

hello everyone...if one arbitre done his measurement and he say that boule team A is holding point...but player team B not satisfied with that then they call another arbitre to make measurement....is it possible?..can arbitre give warning because arguing?..

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Uzero Metreize Articles 25, 37 and 38 of the rules, mention that the decision of the arbiter is final and article 39 reads as follows:

"Umpires designated to officiated at competitions are charged with ensuring the strict application of the rules of the game and the administrative rules that are in force. THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DISQUALIFY ANY PLAYER OR TEAM THAT REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THEIR DECISION".

August 21, 2014 at 8:20pm · Edited · [Like](#) · [5](#)



Sayyid Omar Banahsan Seggaf Terima kasih...soaln dusul ikut pgalaman dhadapi...sila kmukakn kmasalahn yg pernah dhadapi...nanti arbitre2 yg mahir akan mjawab...sama2 kita blajar dr masalah2 & jawabn2.

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Lucien Rakotojaona Never argue with the Umpire.Uzero is right

August 22, 2014 at 6:23am · [Like](#)



Uzero Metreize "Willing to work with each other" is not what the umpire is there to do. He/she is there to measure and determine which team holds the point; he/she will usually measure several times before announcing the result, and once this is done, it is final.

August 22, 2014 at 5:20pm · [Like](#) · [3](#)



Uzero Metreize My comment above refers specifically to the act of measuring, not to the umpire's demeanor during a game or tournament. There is not negotiation when measuring, as a matter of fact, the umpire prefers not to know which boule belongs to what team when he/she is about measure.

August 22, 2014 at 9:56pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg In response to the actual question asked: the player is in danger of being disqualified for not accepting the decision of the Umpire.

The player/Team cannot call another umpire to measure, they must accept the decision they have been given.

Of course the umpire has the responsibility to ensure the competition runs smoothly.

They are also required to ensure the rules are applied and followed.

A part of the job will involve listening to a players who may have an issue however, if the umpire has made a decision be it a measure or a ruling then the players should get on with their game and the umpire should walk away and not engage in a discussion about his/her decision.

To put it briefly the umpires decision is final!

August 23, 2014 at 2:36am · Like · 5



Raymond Ager Could I ask, is this a hypothetical situation or did it occur during a comp? If it did, what was the reason why Team B thought the Umpire was wrong?

August 23, 2014 at 3:56am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Before they called umpire, they already measured.. but team A did not agree with team B measurement..

August 23, 2014 at 6:20am · Like



Mike Pegg Makes no difference, the umpire was called, measured and gave a decision... both teams must accept that decision

August 23, 2014 at 6:48am · Like · 2



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Thanks everyone

August 23, 2014 at 6:56am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, my reason for asking the question - perhaps you could comment. Obviously if the team thinks, "the umpire didn't give us the point, I'm not happy", that's obviously wrong. But supposing you think the Umpire made an error, moved a boule, didn't measure accurately to the centre of the boule, etc, can you point this out and ask for a re-measurement?

August 23, 2014 at 9:43am · Like



Mike Pegg no Ray, the umpire should say if he has moved a boule or jack and act accordingly but you cannot ask him/her to re-measure after having made a decision... as stated you have to accept it.

August 23, 2014 at 11:39pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Thanks, Mike.

August 23, 2014 at 11:41pm · Like



Narong Kitudom

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The umpire decision is final. No argument

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Kim Badcock

August 19, 2014

Mike, our Club has some players with chronic injuries that they say only permits them to throw palm upward. I assure them that as long as their feet remain in the circle and on the ground until the boule first lands that their unorthodox throwing style is perfectly legal. Am I correct here or have I missed something from the rules?

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Mike Pegg Hi Kim, the style of throwing a boule is basically personal preference.

It is perfectly acceptable to throw a boule palm down or palm up.

The main difference between these two styles is palm down the player has more control over the boule and can apply back or side spin.

The palm up method of throwing tends to give greater distance to the boule as has already been explained.

Hope this helps

August 19, 2014 at 11:04am · Like · 3

Kim Badcock Thanks for the great responses. I will pass them on to the



particular players for their reassurance - it is more effective if they get the same message from a number of sources. 👍

August 19, 2014 at 2:30pm · Like · 2



Raymond Ager It's sometimes the case that when beginners pick up a boule for the first time they think, "the boule is heavy" and when they throw it, they 'force' the shot, trying to throw hard. The result is that they are way too long. Often it is more a case of learning the correct technique, i.e. throwing with more 'suppleness' rather than brute strength. In my experience, it's rare to find a player who doesn't have the physical strength to throw a boule 10m. HTH.

August 19, 2014 at 11:59pm · Like · 1



Derek Adam Pendulum swing, arm back behind and bring forward, needs little strength.

However if you try to throw with an arm by your side and only going forward, this requires a lot more strength.

Make it simple, the pendulum works for a reason.

August 20, 2014 at 8:39am · Like · 1



Madge Jordan

August 17, 2014

It's 12 11 team A is out of boule, team B point in, member of team A says that's game shakes hands, picks her boules up puts them away, her partner says he wants a measure, and finds they are on. what should be the correct procedure please. we did continue with another end.

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Mike Pegg The boules that have been picked up are now considered dead. The measurement is taken and the team holding win the point

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Madge Jordan Thank you for the comments, we did it right then.

August 18, 2014 at 1:36am · Like



Raymond Ager

August 6, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

This happened in a local comp today: we're out of boules and the opponents shoot our holding boule. The jack - brown, wooden (important!) - moves to about 12 - 13m and comes to a rest just in front of a pile of brown leaves at the edge of the terrain. The jack is not covered or hidden by the leaves but is resting on them. The opponents claim the jack is not visible from the circle and claim 2 points for their remaining boules. They're claiming that a brown jack can't be seen against the brown leaves.

What's the correct ruling?

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Aina Ika Ratovo After the shot: who got the point?

August 6, 2014 at 9:46am · Like



Raymond Ager I'm not quite sure as no other boules were played.

August 6, 2014 at 9:48am · Like



Herve Bavazzano Correct ruling: Give them their 2 points and in the next end, carreau 6 times to finish the game off. Shake hands and tell them not to try this one again against you.

August 6, 2014 at 9:49am · Like · 7



Jamie Lewis Mark the coche and replace it with a coloured one and tell them to man up and get a grip.

August 6, 2014 at 10:28am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Changing the jack is the common sense approach - although not allowed under Art 10a 😞

August 6, 2014 at 10:33am · Like



Jamie Lewis Common sense and fair play should always be the major consideration, in my opinion. But then again not everyone plays in the right spirit. "Le respect" as Herve often says

August 6, 2014 at 10:35am · Like



Raymond Ager The problem with common sense? It's not very common 😊

August 6, 2014 at 10:37am · Like · 5



Aina Ika Ratovo You don't change the jack ... But the wiser choice here before doing anything else is measuring whose boule(s) is the closest after the jack moved. The team that says it scores 2 might even get more. Might even carreau twice and score at least 4 or 5. But they're chicken

August 6, 2014 at 11:21am · Like



Raymond Ager The question really is: are the opponents right to claim the jack is not visible, hence the end is dead? the position of the boules is irrelevant in this context. But perhaps if they could score more points, they might suddenly be able to see the jack 😊

August 6, 2014 at 11:33am · Like · 2



Aina Ika Ratovo In that case I guess I'd dare them to abide by the "concours sauvage" rules: play to the last boules at every mene

August 6, 2014 at 11:48am · Like



Michal Dzurik ray, of course the opponents can not claim anything. only referee can make a final decision. if it is a friendly and there is no referee around, probably both teams could agree on and call someone who is around.

August 6, 2014 at 3:27pm · Edited · Like



Tony Thompson Send both teams to Spec savers

August 6, 2014 at 3:34pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager In this particular case, I don't think the opponents were employing 'unsporting' tactics. I believe they were being honest in saying they couldn't see the jack - it was just 1 player with 2 boules to play - and it was their understanding of the rules. It's very possible they could have scored more points by playing their 2 boules but they believed the end was dead. Also, it was just a small comp with no 'official' umpire. I'm sure [Mike Pegg](#) will give us the correct ruling.

August 6, 2014 at 10:54pm · Edited · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, if you had an umpire I would expect him/her to check from the circle to see if the jack was not visible which means obscured or hidden.

Assuming it could be seen, even if it was a similar colour to the leaves, the umpire should have asked the team to continue playing.

Given that the jack was not easily defined against the leaves I would personally allow the "teams" to change the jack for a brighter colour.

As you did not have an umpire you should have asked the competition organisers to give you a ruling... perhaps if teams did this more often competition organisers would realise they need to appoint an umpire!

August 7, 2014 at 12:35am · Like · 3



Raymond Ager Mike, many thanks for your answer and advice.

August 7, 2014 at 2:24am · Like



Darren Watling

June 29, 2014

I have been watching Germany and Finland and I see there throw the jack mark the jack then fill a hole on the piste then throw the 1st boule .But I did not think you can fill a hole untill you throw your 1st boule .so can you help with this

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Mike Pegg Hi Darren, art 10 allows for the player about to throw the jack to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times. Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

June 29, 2014 at 1:36am · Like



Raymond Ager One problem is that "one boule played previously" is open to interpretation. Does it mean, "a boule in the same end?" - in which case, logically, the 1st player couldn't fill in a hole. "A boule in the same game?", in which case, logically, the 1st player in the game couldn't fill in a hole.

June 29, 2014 at 3:35am · Like



Mike Pegg it means "one boule played previously"!

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Raymond Ager In the same game? In which case the 1st player in the game shouldn't fill in a hole...

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Mike Pegg who said anything about in the same game - oh yes, you did!

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Raymond Ager So why does the rule say "by one boule played previously"? Really this is a redundant phrase. "Players can fill in one hole" would avoid any ambiguity.

June 29, 2014 at 3:44am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg no it's not it just specifies that the player about to throw his boule can fill the hole or mark made by a previous boule... you are just trying to over complicate and very simple rule

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Raymond Ager Actually, I'm trying to simplify a rule which is open to interpretation 😊

June 29, 2014 at 3:47am · [Like](#) · 🗳️ 2



Mike Pegg the player about to throw his boule can fill the hole or mark made by a previous boule - simple!

June 29, 2014 at 3:48am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg So taking your suggestion - "Players can fill in one hole" which hole?

June 29, 2014 at 3:49am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Any hole - simple!

June 29, 2014 at 3:50am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg 😊 you would think so!

June 29, 2014 at 3:51am · Edited · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Having just watched the end of the French Triples 1/4 final, Rocher vs Lacroix, the Umpire intervened to warn players not to "fill in a hole" in front of a boule when shooting - to *much* disapproval from the crowd.

June 29, 2014 at 3:53am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg because mostly it is not filling in holes it is flattening the ground to make the shot easier... good for the umpire!

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Raymond Ager The problem is, how can you distinguish between "filling in a hole" and "smoothing over the ground"? You could often say the same about the pointer, "they're not filling in a hole, they're smoothing over the ground".

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Mike Pegg smoothing over the ground is not permitted, filling in a hole is... that's probably why the umpire stepped in and did the right thing

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Raymond Ager To repeat, the problem is, what's the difference between the two? Assuming there is a hole in front of the boule, then the shooter is allowed to fill it in. But unless the Umpire is standing over every shot, who can say whether or not there was a hole?

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Mike Pegg but in this case the umpire was watching so no problem.... and of course in sports a player is honest so would not cheat!

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Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for the comments - off to fill in a few holes now 😊

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Michal Dzurik ray, i would say the umpire was watching the game and acted after he noticed there is always some "hole" right in front of the boule which was about to be hit 😊

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Raymond Ager My comment is that everybody does that. If it's seen as a problem, the Umpires should inform players and act at the beginning of the comp. I think what was unpopular was that the Umpire only intervened at a critical point, 12-all in the 1/4 final, having taken no prior action throughout the match.

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Mike Pegg perhaps Ray he had already warned the player(s) in previous games of this event... did you watch him watching the games all day?

July 3, 2014 at 12:17am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I don't think he'd warned players during the 1/4 final, only when the score was at 12-all.

July 3, 2014 at 12:39am · Like



Mike Pegg I'm a little surprised that the umpire would pick them up for this at 12 - 12 if he had not wanted earlier...

July 3, 2014 at 12:51am · Like



Raymond Ager You can watch the match here <http://www.boulistenaute.com/.../video-championnat-france...>

July 3, 2014 at 12:56am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, interesting that he came over after the end was complete to give them perhaps advice... I don't know but it does seem an odd time to do this. Anyhow, I'm making some enquiries to find out why - don't hold your breath!

July 3, 2014 at 11:13am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, many thanks (not holding my breath...) 😊

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Mill Park Pétanque

May 18, 2014

What is the rule concerning the heels but not the toes coming off the ground when throwing a boule?

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, There is no rule regarding lifting your heels while playing a boule... you just need to keep both feet in contact with with ground and inside the circle until the boule has landed

May 18, 2014 at 7:05am · Like



Mill Park Pétanque Thanks [Mike Pegg](#)

May 18, 2014 at 7:27am · Like



Mill Park Pétanque I understand that when an infraction of the rules are detected by an umpire the player receives a yellow card. My question is; is the orange card given for any other infraction or does it have to be the same infraction that received the yellow card?

May 18, 2014 at 7:57am · Like



Mike Pegg It is normal practice to warn a player (yellow card) before disqualifying a boule or excluding the player or the team... but a warning does not have to be the first penalty applied.



May 18, 2014 at 8:43am · Edited · Like · 3



Mill Park Pétanque Am I correct to understand that an infraction of the rules is just that and no matter what the infraction, the progression of color coded cards happens. Also, you say a warning does not have to be the first penalty applied: Are you saying the umpire can be lenient if he wishes.

May 18, 2014 at 9:11am · Like



Mike Pegg Any infringement or violation of a rule can result in 1 or more penalties being imposed... also, if the umpire thinks it necessary he could impose a penalty without first issuing a warning

May 18, 2014 at 9:58am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad yellow card - disqualified 1 boule played right?

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Mike Pegg no, yellow card is a warning

July 2, 2014 at 5:28am · Like



Raymond Ager

June 14, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

This question came up recently on a French forum - I'd be interested in hearing Mike's response. Playing on a wet terrain, a player plays a very high lob and the boule sinks into a hole, due to the wet terrain, making it difficult to shoot. Is the shooter allowed to mark the position of the boule, remove it and fill in the hole, replacing the boule, thus making the shot easier?

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Jac Verheul I would say, off course not! Article 26 – Removed Boules: It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end. And also (but more indirectly), Article 24 – Temporary removal of boules: In order to measure a point, it is permitted, after having marked their positions, to temporarily remove the boules and obstacles situated between the jack and the boules to be measured.

June 14, 2014 at 10:23am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I really don't know - I'll await Mike's reply.

June 14, 2014 at 10:25am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, as Jac has stated Article 26 clearly states "It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end"

June 15, 2014 at 1:10am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, we have a slightly unusual situation, perhaps not explicitly covered by the rules, so an interpretation is needed. Isn't Art 26 really concerned about picking up boules before the completion of an end? Isn't the key point, Art 10, which allows one hole to be filled in - without any constraints as to which hole or where it is? Boules can be marked and removed when measuring, why not in this case?

June 15, 2014 at 3:24am · Like



Derek Adam Because your not measuring the boule. It's just a part of the game using a soft terrain to your advantage. I have done it in the past, when I was the shooter and pointer couldn't reach. Swapped position, lobbed to jack and sunk down a bit. Opposition couldn't shoot anyway, so we were scoring heavily.

June 15, 2014 at 4:07am · Like



Mike Pegg Sorry Ray, perhaps I was not very clear in my answer - It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end - so you cannot pick up a boule to fill in a hole that the boule is sitting in.

June 15, 2014 at 11:47pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, you were perfectly clear - perhaps it was me that wasn't being clear! Art 10 allows players to fill in 1 hole. Sometimes players need to check which team a boule belongs to: common sense, the player marks the boule, picks it up to check. Are they breaking Art 26?

June 15, 2014 at 11:54pm · Like



Mike Pegg No Ray, they mark the boule and pick it up for a valid reason... but filling the hole left by another boule does not mean you can fill in the hole it is sitting in.

The purpose of this rule was to allow the pointer to fill in a hole that may be in the area he was planning to land in... not to raise a boule up so it was easier for the shooter.

June 16, 2014 at 12:02am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager OK, that's fine. Thanks for the clarification.

June 16, 2014 at 12:04am · Like



Raymond Ager shared a link.

May 22, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

Another silly question... in the Shooting Comp, why is the jack placed at the front of the circle rather than in the centre, as per all the other targets? As an aside, I notice in the 2001 World Shooting Comp they are shooting resin jacks, see

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Mike Pegg Nice easy one Ray, the jack is placed in the forward position to create the need for a more skilful shot.

If the jack was central in the circle it would give more room and make it fairly simple to land early in the circle and yet still strike the jack knocking it out of the circle

May 22, 2014 at 10:27am · Edited · Like · 4



Raymond Ager Hmm, not convinced that it's 'fairly simple' to shoot the jack...

There is a counter argument, placing the jack near the circle makes it more likely to hit the plastic - exactly what happened to Philippe Quintais in the vid.

May 22, 2014 at 8:54am · Like



David Plumhoff Sure with the boule in the middle it gives more room to land early ?

May 22, 2014 at 10:08am · Like



David Plumhoff My English in that comment, shocking!

May 22, 2014 at 10:08am · Like



Mike Pegg Ray, you asked the question why and have been given the answer.

May 22, 2014 at 10:24am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg As for your comment regarding hitting the circle, his shot fell short so he hit the edge of the circle.

Had he been on target he would have hit the jack - "precision shooting" the name of the game!

May 22, 2014 at 10:26am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager I probably didn't explain myself very clearly: it just seems odd that all the other targets have the boule in the centre of the circle whereas the jack - the hardest to hit - is at the front, making it even more difficult, so close to the plastic. I did say it was a silly question but I just wondered why the change - it seems illogical.

May 22, 2014 at 1:07pm · Like



Derek Jones Logically we'd all use the same size and weight boule . The jack would be bigger to make it easier to hit. Pistes would all be the same size, flat and with the same surface etc. But they're not! Why do we play 6-10 meters? Why not 4-8 or 8-12?

It is as it is! Someone set the rules and we all play to them the same. so it's fair. If it's hard, it's hard for everyone. If you can't do it practice and get better so you can.

May 22, 2014 at 4:08pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Ray - The first discipline is fairly easy in so much as it is a boule on its own in the middle of the circle.

This to some degree gives the player an easy start - if you can call doing this in front of a few hundred people easy!

After that the target boule is always surrounded by obstacles making it much harder to hit.

The jack is out on its own, so to make it a little bit more difficult and to require precision it is put nearer to the edge of the circle so the player has very little landing area in front of it....

May 22, 2014 at 11:51pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Ps. your question was not silly...

May 22, 2014 at 11:53pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager OK, thanks for the clarification. I was just curious. Will go out and start practicing 😊

May 23, 2014 at 12:04am · Like · 1

Mike Pegg shared a Page.



May 21, 2014 · London, United Kingdom

One of our group members has suggested that I include a link to another group for questions that are not related to the rules of petanque... happy to oblige: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Water-polo/103107889730103>



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Dave Court do they use dog balls ? 😊

May 21, 2014 at 8:03am · Like



Raymond Ager What's the rule for a jack floating in water?

May 21, 2014 at 8:21am · Like · 1



Dave Court your thinking of jacks brother bob 😊

May 21, 2014 at 8:28am · Like



Jac Verheul Water petanque, why not? 😊

May 21, 2014 at 8:30am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg use the resin jacks Ray cos they don't float!

May 21, 2014 at 10:07am · Like



Jac Verheul Also boxwood jacks don't float. Only the cheaper and lighter jacks of beechwood float (about 10 grams against 15 grams).

May 22, 2014 at 4:02am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager I'm sure shooting would be great fun!

May 21, 2014 at 11:44am · Like



Jac Verheul Splashing!

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Darren Watling

May 17, 2014

jack rules as I played a game this week when the jack was been pick up by magnet it was a obut jack.

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Steve Clark Not legal in the UK as far as I know

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Darren Watling Thank you she woud not have it when I was playing the match

May 17, 2014 at 11:22am · Edited · Like



Peter Astle Coastal league ??!?!?!?

May 17, 2014 at 11:30am · Like · 1



Darren Watling No it was not Thursday night game that Dave had set up for us to play

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Peter Astle Which team ?

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Peter Astle If it was a friendly match what's the problem if a league game then different matter 😊

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Robert Parker At no time must the jack be capable of being picked up by at magnet. (Article 3)

May 18, 2014 at 5:44am · Like



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Stephen R Ferg Thanks for these 3 documents. It is really great to have them available. I'll add them to the rules archives ASAP.

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Jac Verheul Hi Stephen, I hope you will enjoy it! It's a bit of our mutual history.

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Stephen R Ferg [Jac Verheul](#) ---

Do you know of any revisions of the rules between 1964 and 1984? I know that the FIPJP essentially died around 1967, and that the French national federation (FFPJP) brought it back to life in 1970. I'm sure that the 1970's were a difficult time for the petanque federations as they got back on their feet, so I wouldn't be surprised if there were no rules revisions between 1970 and 1984.

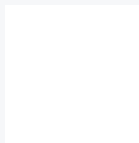
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Jac Verheul Hi Stephen, as far as I know there were some minor revisions of the rules in 1964, 1970, 1980 and 1984 (see also the overview I made some weeks ago). I have some other rules from different years between 1964 and 1980 (e.g. from the booklets 'Boules, Quilles-bowling, Pétanque' by Charles Tardieu, published by Bornemann in Paris), but they all refer to an earlier date. In 1980, in the rule book of the FFPJP, it was mentioned that there would be some revisions, amongst other things concerning for a better understanding!). This was accomplished in 1984.

You are right that there were troubles in the FIPJP and the FFPJP during the sixties. In his book 'Pétanque in Flanders-Belgium' the former Belgian president Lea van Craeyvelt says the board members of the FIPJP, and the FFPJP as well, remained inert. And after the world championship in 1966, the FIPJP was no longer active. In 1964, the French federation even retired from the FIPJP! Thanks to a new board of the FFPJP in 1969, the French federation took the initiative for a revival of the FIPJP and it lasted till 1971 for there was a new world championship in Nice, organised by Henri Bernard and his team of Alpes-Maritimes. Since that year there were no more interruptions of the world championships. See also <http://fipjp.com/fr/historique>.

It's nice to know, coming back to the rules, that the the French federation discussed in 1962 the use of plastic circles and a new minimum distance of 7 m. As regards to the plastic circles, invented by a certain Mr. Vellitini, one of the counterarguments was: 'Children will laugh at us!'



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Stephen R Ferg Thanks! Interesting!! 😊

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Eli Nielsen

May 11, 2014

Valid Jack.... The Jack is thrown and is measured from the inner edge of the solid circle to the first edge of the Jack, and it is exactly 6m - good. Next round the Jack is thrown and measured in the same way (from inner edge of circle to first edge of jack) to be 10m, but the opponent claims that the Jack is invalid since it is not positioned within the 6-10m... WHO

agrees?

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Stephen R Ferg IMHO - The jack is good because "the distance that separates it from the internal edge of the throwing circle" is exactly 10 meters, the maximum allowable distance (see Article 7). The expression in your question "within the 6-10m" suggests that the team that thinks the jack is not good is working with an incorrect mental model in which there are imaginary lines at a distance of 6m and 10m, and the jack must come to rest between those lines.
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Stephen R Ferg There is a second reason for considering the jack to be valid. Suppose the teams disagree about its validity, and neither a rule book nor an umpire is available. What should they do? Article 8 says that "For the jack to be thrown again, both teams must have recognized that the throw was not valid...". In effect, this means that if the teams disagree about the validity of the jack, the jack is deemed to be valid.
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Eli Nielsen So anyone who claims, that the valid playing area for throwing the Jack is between 6m minimum and 10m maximum and within the boundaries (looking at a drawn area) is not correct?
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Raymond Ager [Eli Nielsen](#) I have a suggestion for opponents like that: if you have to measure a close point, with your own boule, measure to the front of the jack - with their boule, measure to the back of the jack 😊
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Eli Nielsen Good idea 😊
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Stephen R Ferg [Eli Nielsen](#) - IMHO - Thinking about the throw of a jack in terms of a playing AREA is a handy rule-of-thumb, but players should be aware that it is only a rule-of-thumb, and that the rules (well, Article 7 specifically) are actually written in terms of valid DISTANCES, not valid AREAS.
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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the jack is valid if when measured it is 6m from the inside of the circle to the nearest edge of the jack
The same applies for the maximum distance in as much as the distance must be no greater than 10m from the inside edge of the circle to the nearest edge of the jack.
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Mike Pegg Stephen - your second post "the is a second reason" is incorrect!
If the two teams disagree about the validity of the jack it is not deemed valid, they just need to call the umpire or perhaps take up another sport like solitaire!
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Stephen R Ferg [Eli Nielsen](#) - Here's another question involving precise measurement that may amuse you.

Q: When placing the circle, a team finds that [they cannot throw the jack to the maximum legal distance because] they are too close to the OB line, and decide to move the circle back [to "step back" as described in Article 7]. They want to be able to throw the jack as far as legally possible. How far from the OB line should the circle be?

A: 11.030 meters. 10 meters circle to jack. 1 meter jack to OB line. And 30 mm for the width of the jack.

[By "OB line" I mean any line marking the "boundary of an out-of-bounds area" (la limite d'un terrain interdit), as per Article 7, condition 3.]
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Mike Pegg Hi Stephen. by OB do you mean "out of bounds" and/or "dead ball line".

The circle can be drawn up to but not over the "dead ball" line so your scenario is flawed by suggesting that the team found the circle to be too close to the dead ball line.

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Stephen R Ferg I've edited my original post to clarify it. Hope this helps. 😊



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Mike Pegg are you sure you play petanque Stephen? I ask because you don't appear to have much of an idea of how it is played.

As I have already stated - the circle can be drawn or placed up to, but not on or over, the dead ball line.

You ask how far the dead ball line (that's its correct name) should the circle be - and then you give a list of measurements which make no sense as the jack has not yet been thrown.

I think the problem here is you are inventing a scenario, better to stick to what actually happens!

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Gary Jones I think Mike is still missing your point, Stephen. You're obviously not concerned about the circle's relationship to the dead ball line except that it is so close to the end dead ball line as to preclude a toss of the jack to all valid distances as detailed in Art. 7. Here is the FPUSA version of the wording in Art. 7, "...In the second case the player may step back, in line with the previous round's line of play, until he or she is able to throw the jack any valid distance up to, and not beyond, the maximum distance allowed."

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, thanks but I have answered Stephen's question which was - How far from the OB line should the circle be?

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Gary Jones Okay, thanks. Here is my question: How far may a player move the circle (maximum), in line with the previous round's line of play, if the distance from the inside of the circle to the most distant dead ball line is exactly 10 meters? One meter? Or 1.030 meters to allow for the width of the jack?

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Mike Pegg As it says in the rules (FIPJP) Gary - the player may step back, in line with the previous round's line of play, until he or she is able to throw the jack any valid distance up to, and not beyond, the maximum distance allowed

So in this scenario it would be 1m... assuming that you cannot throw to a valid distance (max 10m) in any other direction.

Some teams seem to think that you must always be able to throw to 10m but that is not the case.

The team may want to throw the jack to 8m but can only throw to 7m (in any direction).

Of course they can move the circle back until they can throw to 8m... or they may decide to move the circle back until they can throw to 10m but still only throw an 8m jack.

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Gary Jones If you move the circle back 1m, as you suggest, and throw the jack to a distance of exactly 10m, as measured from the inside of the circle to the nearest edge of the jack, the distance from the jack to the dead ball line, as measured from the dead ball line to the nearest edge of the jack, would be less than one meter! Thus, Stephen's question.

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Raymond Ager Very clever. My question: can you throw the jack to within 3cm accuracy over a distance of 10m? *That* would be clever 😊

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Gary Jones Nope, but if you did...

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, I see the point you and Stephen are trying to make although the way you have presented it was not at all clear.

It is very unlikely that the umpire would be required to measure to the mm the distance a circle was moved.

However, to answer your question you would need to move your circle back to enable you to throw a valid jack - as stated in the rules.

In your made up scenario that you be 1m plus 30mm, give or take 1mm to allow for the thickness of the jack.

But, i think it safe to say that this is so unlikely to happen in any game, except

perhaps in the US of A 😊
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Gary Jones Not here either! Thanks for addressing the hypothetical though.
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Raymond Ager A diagram would help...
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Mike Pegg just for you Ray



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Raymond Ager Thanks, Mike, I think I've just seen the light. %-)
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Mike Pegg 😊
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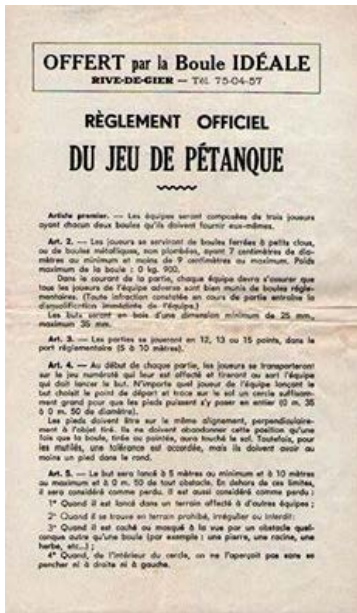
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Raymond Ager Jac Verheul thanks again for taking the time to post these. It's interesting to see what's changed over the years. I can't help smiling about something I've mentioned in the past: how it strikes me as rather odd that only the player about to throw the jack is allowed to test the ground - logically (and how many actually play) it should, of course, be the playing pointing who can test the ground. Surprise, exactly how it used to be! I would love to know the reason for the change...

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Alex Chen thanks so much !

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Jac Verheul

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After I had uploaded earlier the rules from 1935, now the rules of 1952. Very likely one of the first official rules after the foundation of the French federation FFBPJP (about 1954 FFPJP) in 1945.



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John Mcallister

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hi mike when 1st player throws the jack and it is not legal can the opposing team then walk back to the circle and pace out the length they want to place the jack.

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Derek Adam John, I'm assuming you mean our timed games, with one throw of the jack. I would say yes, as long as its not taking an overly long time to do so. Then they can place it at the required length - remembering that it has to be legal distances too.

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John Mcallister thanks derek.

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Mike Pegg Hi John, the answer is no... pacing is not measuring and the team (opponent) should not be in front of the player who is in the circle about to throw a boule

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Derek Adam Hi Mike, I think what John is referring to is our slight modification to the Jack throwing rules for timed games. Only one throw is allowed, the jack is called illegal - short, long etc. Opposition can then place the jack anywhere on the piste. I believe what John means then is can team 2 pace the distance out before placing the jack legally. I don't think John is suggesting using pacing as a definitive distance measurement, more a guide to 6 or 10m length.

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Mike Pegg So this is a local rule...

in timed games if the validity of the jack is in question it is often far quicker to measure it with a tape than to pace and then decide it needs measuring

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Derek Adam It's an SPA rule based on the FIFJP timed rule. It is for after the first thrown jack has been ruled illegal, which will be done be measuring.

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John Mcallister it is our timed games, but i thought the opponent had to place the jack without walking back to the circle to pace out his preferred distance, and he did indeed walk in front of my team mate.

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Mike Pegg You mean the rule they tested at the World champs two years ago but haven't used since...

We considered this rule and think it would be more appropriate that the opponent has to place the jack 6-10 metres from the circle but centrally in the lane

Another option was to limit teams to 2 throws of the jack before passing to the opponent... all to cut down on time wasting!

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Mike Pegg Hi John, I've no idea this is a local (SPA) rule so you need to ask them not this forum...

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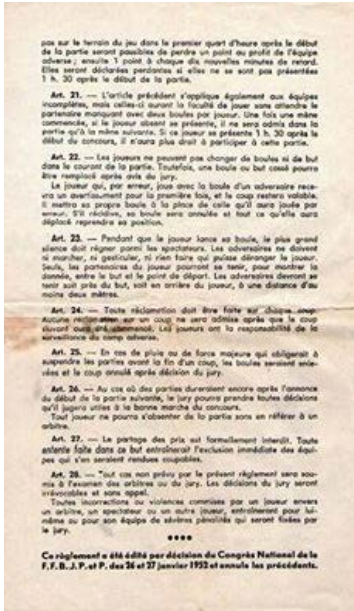
Em Montgomery John why dont you ask mr montgomery, the spa umpire, my fabulous father, who will give you a fabulously detailed answer which I cannot be bothered typing as life is far too short for that.

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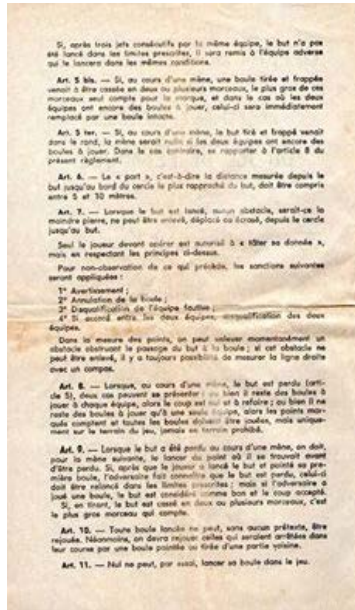
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Gary Jones

May 5, 2014

Hello Mike, Articles 14 and 19 address interference with moving jacks and boules. Article 15 also touches upon interference with a thrown boule between the circle and the jack. My question relates to the wording in Articles 14 & 19. These articles state that moving jacks or boules, having been hit, that are stopped by an Umpire or a spectator remain where they stop. I don't see a mention of animals, boules from another game, footballs, or the like; whereas, Article 15 is explicit regarding interference of this nature. Is there a reason for this? And what about a played boule stopped by a spectator between the circle and jack? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, the term "spectator" does actually mean anyone/anything that is not involved in this game. So for example a player for the adjoining lane steps onto your lane and accidentally stops a boule - he/she would be considered to be a spectator. Which is why the rules are very much the same for incidents involving spectator/Umpire/Animal etc.

As for a played boule stopped by a spectator between the circle and jack take a look at art 19

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike, but I have a follow-up question. If the term "spectator" in art. 14 and art. 19 means "anyone/anything that is not involved in this game," why would it not follow that boules or jacks from other games, animals, moving objects, and footballs which are given as general examples in art. 15 of things "not involved in this game" would include spectators? On the

one hand, you're saying that "rules are very much the same for incidents involving spectator/Umpire/Animal"; while, on the other hand, you're saying a boule stopped by an animal between the circle and jack can be replayed while a boule stopped by a spectator between the circle and jack remains where it comes to rest?

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Mike Pegg art14 - is dealing with the incident where the jack having been hit is then stopped or diverted by an umpire/player/spectator

art15 - is dealing with replaying a boule and explains that in the case where the boule was stopped or deviated accidentally from their course between the throwing circle and the jack by a boule or jack coming from another game, or by an animal or any moving object it must be replayed

art 19 - deals with a scenario where any boule played that is stopped or deviated by a spectator or the Umpire and where any boule played, that is stopped or deviated accidentally by a player to whose team it belongs and where any boule pointed that is stopped or deviated accidentally by an opponent - in each case it explains what must happen. Art 19 is not about the jack, it is specifically the boule.

I think you are reading these more or less as if they are the same thing but they are very different scenarios.

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Gary Jones Thanks again. I understand that the situations are different. Maybe I'm just not getting my question through. Once more, if you'll allow. Let's just focus on art. 15 and art. 19 to keep it simple. Art.15 states that a boule stopped by an animal between the circle and the jack can be replayed. It makes no mention of a boule stopped by a spectator. Art. 19 states that a boule stopped by a spectator remains where it comes to rest. It makes no mention of an animal or whether or not the stopped boule is between the circle and the jack. Am I to understand that art. 15 does not include "spectator" when it states "animal," but that art. 19 DOES include "animal" when it states "spectator"? Or are both spectators (human animals) and other animals covered by art.15 when the boule is stopped between the circle and jack and both spectators (human animals) and other animals covered by art. 19 when the boule is stopped beyond the jack? Thanks.

May 6, 2014 at 6:48am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, I'm a bit pushed for time so will come back to you, meanwhile see my post "can we replay a boule" and the image attached

May 6, 2014 at 7:06am · Edited · Like



Gary Jones Thanks a lot, Mike. From your chart I can see that interference by an animal versus a spectator is treated differently when it happens between the circle and jack. Animal=replay; Spectator=remains. But, when interference happens elsewhere than between the circle and jack, animals and spectators are treated the same. Animal=remains; Spectator=remains. Got it. Not sure I understand WHY a pointed boule stopped by a spectator between the circle and jack can't be replayed when one stopped by a non-human animal can, but maybe you have an idea?

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Mike Pegg

May 6, 2014

Can we replay a boule...

The rules state that a boule cannot be replayed but then, perhaps a little confusingly, goes on to explain when a boule 'must' be replayed.

The attached image taken from the umpires course is designed to help explain...

Article 15/19: Any boule cannot be replayed except when: 1) a first boule is played, the opponent contest the validity of the thrown jacks position and is correct. 2) A boule played is stopped or deviated between the throwing circle and the jack by an animal or boule, jack coming from another game. 3) A boule pointed that is stopped or deviated accidentally by an opponent and they do not want to take the option of the advantage rule.			
Article 17: No one as a test can throw a boule during a game – practicing is not permitted during play			
Article 19: Stopping a Boule	Boule Pointed		Boule shot or hit (if marked)
	Between Jack/Circle	Elsewhere	
Umpire/Spectator	Remains where it is		
Moving Object (Animal etc)	REPLAY	Remains where it is	
Partner	DEAD		
Opponent	The player has the choice: Replay or leave it in the place it stopped		The opponent of the person who stopped it may: 1) Leave where it stopped 2) Put it on an extension line – started/stopped – but playable (marked)
A player deliberately stopping a boule is immediately disqualified with his team for the game			
Any boule moved by something other than a boule in this game is replaced (if marked)			

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Ruben van Stockum so to make it a little more confusing. when a boule is played and deviated by an animal or boule, jack from another game after it passed the jack, it's considered to have had it's chance and will be valid and not be replayed.

May 6, 2014 at 7:51am · Like · 1



Wioletta Śliż Thank you, it is very useful 😊

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Mike Pegg Hi Ruben, yes, that's exactly the reason.

May 6, 2014 at 11:07am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Thats the tabulated summary of articles 15,17,18 and 19. But I would use the word "re-spotted" instead of "replaced" in the bottommost sentence, viz 'any boule moved by something.....is re-spotted (if marked). Then there is a difference for situation under article 21 [for boules] and article 11 [for jack] - pertaining to STATIONARY boules or jack.

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Teri Sirico

May 5, 2014

Question...the opponents throw out the jack and play their first boule. Then his partner notices that the distance is too short and picks up the jack. This was only a casual game with a casual player, but I was curious as to what the rule is here? I honestly can't imagine it being done during a tournament. Hopefully we all know better. Thanks.

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Gary Jones Here, from Article 8, is the FPUSA version of the rule: "For the jack to be re-thrown both teams must have accepted the throw as being invalid or the Umpire must have declared it so. In either case the jack must be re-thrown. Any team proceeding otherwise loses the throw of the jack."

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Teri Sirico Thanks.

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Shannon Bowman in other words, that guy who picked up the jack was a jack...

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Teri Sirico Be nice, Shanny. LOL!!!

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Kirk Edwards I was under the impression that if the first boule was played by the team then they were acknowledging that they thought the jack was fair in

placement. The second team could contest the jack placement after the first boule as long as the jack was not displaced by the first boule. If it were then they could not.

May 5, 2014 at 12:08pm · Like · 1



Derek Jones My personal Rule 1: always, always mark everything. If it's not marked it was never there, if it is marked you can replace it and measure it.

May 5, 2014 at 1:34pm · Like · 3



Teri Sirico Our situation was that the partner of the person who already threw out the boule picked up the coch, while saying "this is too short". No discussion with anyone else.

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Kirk Edwards Sounds like they didn't like the placement of the first boule.

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Kirk Edwards Hmm.....is the first boule now dead?

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Kirk Edwards Played out of turn?

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Teri Sirico That's a good question, Kirk. As I said, it was a casual game so I didn't want to ruffle too many feathers. And as I said, I couldn't imagine this happening in a tournament. but I could be wrong...normally am.

May 5, 2014 at 3:19pm · Like



Mike Pegg An interesting scenario that I have never come across in over 20 years umpiring... To make it a little easier to answer - Team A threw the jack and player A1 the first boule. Player A2 picks up the boule and jack stating that the jack was too short and without the agreement of Team B

If this happened in a competition I would consider applying the following:

1. The jack is now thrown by Team B (art 8.)
2. The Boule that was picked up is now dead - taken out of play (art 26.)
3. Team A is warned that they must have the agreement from the opponent that the jack was not valid (art 8.)
4. Player A2 is also warned for picking up a played boule before the end is complete

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Raymond Ager Apologies for the 'broken record' but this again demonstrates the confusion caused by Art 8, 2nd para. The whole emphasis is on challenging the jack after a boule has been played - rather than the teams having to agree the jack BEFORE a boule is played. I too have seen players who play a poor 1st boule thinking they have the right to contest the jack!!!

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray... the issue here was the player from the same team picked up the boule and jack without the agreement of the opponent.

May 6, 2014 at 4:55am · Like



Mike Pegg I should have added - player A1 should have checked to see if the jack was valid before throwing the first boule.

The rule is very clear - it is the "opponent" that still has the right to challenge that the "thrown" jack was valid after the 1st boule.

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Raymond Ager Mike, I agree 100% that player - or Team - A should check the jack before playing. But this is what's missing from the rules, hence the confusion over many years. As you know, there is a current discussion on a French forum where the Umpires give different interpretations of Art 8. When even the umpires disagree, it shows there a problem with the rule. Off to play now 😊

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Mike Pegg The rule states that for the jack to be valid it must be 6 - 10m from the circle.... so why does player A1 throw the first boule without first checking?

Why do we need a rule to tell you to check, surely that come under training/teaching the game.

Stop being lazy, mark the position of the boules, mark the position of the jack and mark the circle.

I'm off for a quick 9 holes of golf, where I have to mark the ball to clean it before putting....

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Gary Jones Maybe Player A2 picked up the boule and jack, but if he did, Teri does not say so. She says that he picked up the jack. If that is what happened,

there is no way of knowing whether boule A1 was played out of turn or not. So:
1. The jack is now thrown by Team B (art. 8)
2. Team A is warned that they must have the agreement from the opponent that the jack was not valid (art 8.)
3. There is no penalty associated with the play of boule A1. It is retrieved to be replayed once the jack has been set.

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary - good point, I should have read this more closely....

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Teri Sirico Indeed. Only the jack was picked up. The boule was not. And if you want a good laugh, the person who played the first boule and threw out three jack, a newbie, was going to leave his boule and just throw out the jack again. Thanks for all your help. I was just curious and learned much. Case closed.

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Teri Sirico The jack...not three...auto-correct!

May 6, 2014 at 8:06am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg don't get me started about auto-correct or predictive texting... had to switch it off on my Mac, Pad and iPhone as it was getting me into all sorts of trouble - wouldn't have been so bad had the stupid app understood "English" instead of trying to correct to American English 😊

May 6, 2014 at 11:08am · Like · 2



Teri Sirico Mark, glad you got a kick out of this. I did too!... But it really did happen.

May 6, 2014 at 1:35pm · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 5, 2014

There are still boules to be played by the 1) A 2) B. The circle were removed by the A team, and there is no mark. What should be the decision to be made by the umpire?

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Mike Pegg what is the score when this happened?

March 6, 2014 at 1:49am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan 1. A is holding the point and it's not the final end, B still has a boule / 2 boules to be played.
2. B is holding the point and B still has a boule/2 boules to be played.
3. A is holding the point and it's not the final end, B has no more boules, but A still has a boule/2 boules to be played.

March 8, 2014 at 11:04pm · Like



Mike Pegg Ask team B where they think it should be and check the ground to see if there are any parks.

Put the circle in this place, look towards the jack to see if it agrees with the play of boules.

Give both teams a warning (yellow card)

March 11, 2014 at 2:50am · Like



Gary Jones I think I am correct in stating that there is no rule requiring that teams mark the position of the circle when prefabricated circles are used. I don't think that the rules even suggest that teams should do so. I suppose your instructions to warn BOTH teams as opposed to warning only the offending team A must, therefore, be based solely on "common sense"? Do you think this might be an area where the rules could be improved upon?

March 11, 2014 at 4:52am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan In Malaysia, we always make a point to remind the players to mark the position of the circle.

March 16, 2014 at 10:23pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen Hi all... I feel I have to bring this up Again. Today I was the umpire and was called to clarify... Team A and B has played all boules except one and the team B player throwing the last boule - believing it was the last - picked up the unmarked prefab circle and of course his team wanted to play the last boule. Team A stated it was lost due to the circle was not marked and as such, the boule could not be thrown from a valid circle. I agreed... too bad and MARK YOUR CIRCLES. Anyway, this should be clarified in the official rules, please.

May 3, 2014 at 4:58pm · Like



Steve Clark I always mark the position of these circles, my wheelchair tends to "skid" them very easily

May 5, 2014 at 6:42am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad I just wonder why the manufacturers of prefab circles doesn't design them to leave distinct markings whenever /wherever placed in the piste - e.g. something like screw-on spikes of golf shoes.

May 5, 2014 at 12:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg probably because it is cheaper for the players to mark the position of the circle 😊

May 5, 2014 at 1:18pm · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Michal Dzurik it is a bit tricky, all these marking the jack/boules/circle things... once moved, you can't really put them back to the very same position they were before. the gravel surface is not a snooker pool.

May 5, 2014 at 2:38pm · Like



Mike Pegg if the ground is that rough that you can't mark the position of the jack/boules/circle then having studs in the circle by the manufacturer will make no difference...

May 6, 2014 at 1:14am · Like



Gary Jones

April 28, 2014

Hi Mike, We played in a tournament this weekend where the ceiling over the terrain was not quite high enough to allow for the VERY high lob. It was announced before play that a boule that touched the ceiling and dropped back down within the boundaries of the piste would be rule live. Is this the typical ruling? Thanks.

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Bo Park Edwards and Bekah Bekah like this.



Mike Pegg It varies considerably Gary, some venues will rule it is a dead ball whilst another, like the venue you were at will rule it is live...

April 28, 2014 at 10:39am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Christophe Chambers Thanks Mike. I was the one who decided to make it live, but wasn't sure if that was correct. Luckily, no one actually got to experience that!

April 28, 2014 at 12:58pm · Like · 🇺🇸 3



Teri Sirico Pooh!

April 28, 2014 at 8:14pm · Like



Raymond Ager Just a thought: if the ruling is that the boule is dead, how can the umpire decide if a boule hit or not in the case of a dispute??? 😊

April 28, 2014 at 11:09pm · Like



Mike Pegg my guess Ray is everyone would have heard it including the umpire..

April 29, 2014 at 1:22am · Like



Raymond Ager We know that umpires sometimes turn a blind eye - will they also turn a deaf ear? 😊

April 29, 2014 at 3:04am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Mike Pegg Sorry didn't catch that Ray, what did you say?

April 29, 2014 at 10:48am · Like · 🇺🇸 3



Raymond Ager Evidently they do!!! You heard it here first 😊

April 29, 2014 at 10:50am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg having a deaf ear and a blind eye are two of the most valuable and necessary tools in the umpires kit....

April 29, 2014 at 10:51am · Like · 🇺🇸 5



Raymond Ager Along with eyes in the back of the head...

April 29, 2014 at 10:52am · Like



Mike Pegg It also helps for the umpire to have:
Thick Skin: Remember it is never personal when the player/team do not agree with your decision

Sense of Humor: Smiles and laughter are key variables in any relationship.

Have fun when you umpire... it is contagious.

Short Term Memory: When things do not go well, forget about it. There is

always a new day!

April 29, 2014 at 10:59am · Like ·  10



Eli Nielsen Like if a branch is hanging low over the pitch... a boule hits the branch and drops down within the pitch...?? It must be similar if the bould hits a branch or a stone on the ground... or what? Articles 18/19 rules something about this... Let's hear the precise interpretation.

April 29, 2014 at 3:06pm · Like



Raymond Ager That was answered a while back (can't remember how to link to previous questions). The boule is live.

April 29, 2014 at 11:39pm · Like



Christophe Chambers Okay, it looks like I was wrong to make it live. Article 18 clearly states that the boule is dead and must be removed. (Art.18) "If the boule subsequently comes back into the playing area, either because of the slope of the ground or by having rebounded from any object, moving or stationary, it is immediately taken out of the game. Anything that it has displaced after reentering the playing area is put back in place." Hitting the top of the hangar would have made the boule dead. Oh well... no one did, so no harm done. Everyone: the roof is now off limits! LOL

April 30, 2014 at 4:35pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike has already said it's ok to rule the boule is live. I guess it's a question of whether you consider the roof as an obstacle or not. I think Art 18 refers to a boule while has left the defined playing area and "subsequently comes back".

April 30, 2014 at 11:23pm · Like



Christophe Chambers It may not be an obstacle, but it is a stationary object, off of which the boule rebounds. This is an interesting question. I guess I could use a little more clarification. BTW, this is the roof in question (nice,eh?):



May 1, 2014 at 4:40am · Like



Gary Jones You announced before play that the roof was to be considered an obstacle within the playing area; therefore, as Mike said, the boule never left the playing area and Article 18 does not apply.

May 1, 2014 at 4:59am · Like




Christophe Chambers That makes sense. But could I have declared it out of bounds if I wanted to? Some people wanted it live, some not. I made my decision thinking no one was likely to hit it. What if the roof had been much lower?

May 1, 2014 at 5:07am · Like




Gary Jones Yes, quoting Mike, "...some venues will rule it is a dead ball whilst another, like the venue you were at will rule it is live." If it had been a lot lower roof, I would have declared it to be out of the playing area before play began were it up to me, but let's hear what Mike says.

May 1, 2014 at 5:11am · Like ·  1




Mike Pegg I have some rules for playing petanque indoors, just got to find them!

May 1, 2014 at 6:02am · Like ·  1




Christophe Chambers Rule 1: No china shops... 😊

May 1, 2014 at 6:17am · Like ·  2



Justin Bo Johns I would of hit the roof just to say I was 1st at something.

May 1, 2014 at 7:41am · Like ·  2



Chris Barron What was it like playing under? What was it made?

May 1, 2014 at 8:19am · Like



Raymond Ager What is the 'obstacle is out' rule??? I fear, as has been previously discussed, there is no definition of 'obstacle' and it is used in different senses in the rules: 'obstacles' in the sense of a stone, piece of wood, etc, on the terrain, i.e. things you are not allowed to remove. But also 'obstacles' in the sense of trees, walls, etc, where the thrown jack and the circle must be 1m clear.

May 1, 2014 at 8:51am · Like



Gary Jones I found ten uses of the word "obstacle" in the FPUSA rules, and not one of them states that a boule or jack that hits an obstacle within the playing area is "out"! Just as Ray points out, it is only relative to the tossing of the jack, the drawing of the circle, things that may not be moved or flattened, and things one may or may not be able to remove for purposes of measuring. Maybe Daniel meant to say the "obstacle is NOT out" rule to be inferred, because there is no "obstacle is out" rule?

May 2, 2014 at 5:16am · Like



Gary Jones Quoting from this forum from March 21, 2012: Mazlan Ahmad- "does that mean we can bounce our boules off the wall/tree to our advantage - as a means to be closer to the jack?" Mike Pegg- "if the tree is in the terrain (an obstacle) then the answer is yes" ...Mike Pegg- "But it is not odd to play up to and against a tree, I know of many terrains with trees in the middle of [t]he area and it is a tactic to play towards and against the tree" So, the point I was trying to make is that I don't think you should be viewing "obstacles" as not covered by the rules. The rules relating to obstacles just don't cover making a boule or jack dead any more than hitting a rock or stick lying on the terrain would make a boule or jack dead.

May 3, 2014 at 6:38am · Like



Gary Jones No. We, like so many, use bocce courts or petanque pistes that have no string boundaries, so we consider that a boule or jack need only touch the sideboards, not completely cross them, to have left the playing area. Article 18 would then apply to boules or jacks rebounding into the playing area. We do, however, sometimes play on some beautiful terrains that have trees, drain covers, etc within the playing area, and we play these as obstacles, not out-of-bounds. Your terrain at the lighthouse in St. Augustine has a lovely tree canopy but makes a wonderful, shaded place to play.

May 3, 2014 at 6:59am · Like · 1



Christophe Chambers I'm in with the "in" crowd... 😊

May 3, 2014 at 8:35am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager I play in France and it's pretty much the norm that 'anything goes' i.e. walls, etc, are all in play and bouncing boules off them is "very" much part of the game. In 'official' comps, where the terrain is marked out, there will be a dead-boule line but the rest of the time, they are live, unless players agree otherwise before play starts. Personally, I don't really like it - but you have to do along with the locals!

May 3, 2014 at 10:02am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager In Provence virtually all terrain have rows of plane trees to provide shade, so "lots" of obstacles (hence my recent question on 'sight-lines'). Photo, La Place des Lices, St Tropez.



May 3, 2014 at 10:58pm · Like



Gary Jones Paggi Square in Austin, Texas.



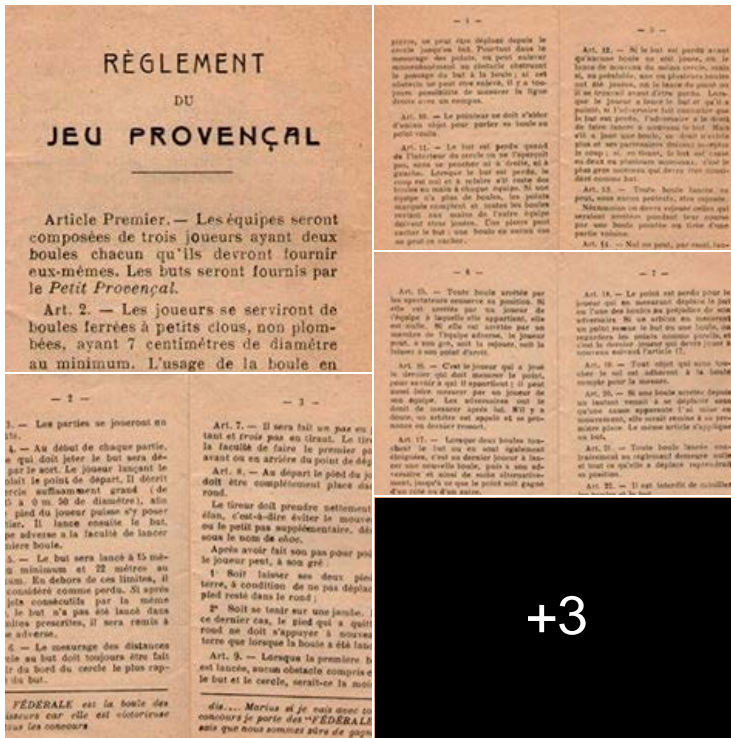
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Jac Verheul




May 2, 2014

Here the complete rule booklet (jeu provençal and pétanque) from 1935.



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Michal Dzurik, Ruben van Stockum, Mink Spies and 5 others like this.

-  **Stephen R Ferg** Thanks, Jac, this is great. I've combined your image files into a single pdf file and uploaded the pdf file to the archive of petanque rules at <http://petanquerules.wordpress.com/petanque-rules-1935/>
May 2, 2014 at 1:39pm · Like
-  **Jac Verheul** Ok, Stephen, well done! If you want, you can also use the PDF I made on the evolution of the rules. See below.
May 2, 2014 at 2:16pm · Edited · Like
-  **Stephen R Ferg** Excellent! Will do! 😊
May 2, 2014 at 3:08pm · Like

 **Stewart Burns**
April 25, 2014 · Havant, United Kingdom

A player steps into the circle believing it is his sides turn, he then walks towards the cosh to view the end and repairs a hole on his way. On reaching the end it is considered the other sides turn. What is the ruling on the repair of the hole?

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Raymond Ager likes this.

-  **Colin Stewart** Article 10 covers it - the player repairs a hole when it was not his team's turn to play so an article 34 penalty applies, the first of which is a warning.
April 25, 2014 at 8:57am · Like
-  **Mazlan Ahmad** nay... be a sport. We do not want to win a game by complaining to the arbiter all the inadvertent mistakes by our opponent. A smooth, cordial game is preferred in whatever tournament.... so let go all those petty unintentional mistakes. I'd do that.
April 25, 2014 at 9:12am · Like · 3
-  **Raymond Ager** Interesting... did this actually happen in a game? I'm sure Colin is right about Art 10. However, consider the following scenario: Team A plays, believes they have won the point and announce "we're holding". Team B goes to the circle - as above - walks to the jack, fills in a hole but then says, "I think we're holding", measure and confirm that Team B was holding the point. So was Team A at fault or both Teams for not properly checking? If Team A was at fault, then it would be unfair to penalise Team B for filling in a hole.

April 25, 2014 at 9:21am · Edited · Like · 1



Istvan Poka simple, live with the game and you not make that mistake.

April 25, 2014 at 9:25am · Like



Aina Ika Ratovo As I always said: do not play until you are certain the point is not yours. People tend to forget that one of the main objectives of pétanque is NOT TO PLAY UNTIL YOUR OPPONENTS HAVE NO MORE TO PLAY.

April 25, 2014 at 9:33am · Like · 2



Colin Stewart Hi Ray - ok, in good faith Team B believe Team A's false claim to hold shot. It may sound harsh but if Team B had measured to confirm who was holding shot they wouldn't then have fallen foul of the rules. .

April 25, 2014 at 9:35am · Like



Raymond Ager I like Mazlan's comment. This has been a recurring theme in this group: what is the common sense/sporting thing to do vs what is the letter of the law? In this scenario, if we assume a genuine mistake has been made, what harm has been done in filling in a hole? Would anybody actually call the umpire? That's why I asked if this actually happened in a game?

April 25, 2014 at 9:40am · Like



Eli Nielsen If you call an umpire for that incident, he will probably be "unhappy" (not showing it - of course), but he will instruct you in the rules and nothing will change for that round... play the game and smile 😊

April 25, 2014 at 9:44am · Like



Colin Stewart I agree Ray, the teams may of course agree not to call the umpire, have a laugh about it all and carry on. Most would probably do this in my experience. But the question was what is the ruling which infers either the umpire has been called or the umpire has been observing

April 25, 2014 at 9:45am · Like



Raymond Ager Colin, I agree with what you say. What I think is the strength of this group is that, yes, you can get an expert, 'correct' interpretation of the rules but often there is an issue of interpretation, what is sporting, that benefits from discussion, etc. This very much adds to the value of the group and, I think and hope, leads to a better understanding.

April 25, 2014 at 9:48am · Like · 3



Colin Stewart You need the black and white rule though, otherwise the whole thing descends into opinion and hearsay. Knowing the correct ruling can be a powerful tool

April 25, 2014 at 9:56am · Like



Christophe Chambers The team who's turn it actually is, gets to fill another hole.

April 25, 2014 at 12:40pm · Like



Mike Pegg more probably, no one takes any notice and gets on with the game...

April 26, 2014 at 2:39am · Like · 6



Stewart Burns [Mike Pegg](#) that is how it was.

April 26, 2014 at 3:35am · Like



Peter Astle Extra hole filled in - bonus particularly if it's my turn to play next lol 😊

April 26, 2014 at 8:27am · Like



Mike Pegg you land where you aim to Peter?

April 28, 2014 at 1:40am · Like



Peter Astle haha it happens once in a while Mike lol but admittedly not as often as it should 😊

April 28, 2014 at 3:06pm · Like



Mike Pegg and you are not alone Peter... 😊

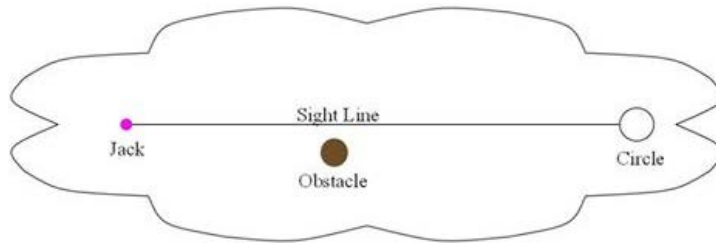
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Raymond Ager

April 27, 2014

Forgive me if this has been asked before - I suspect this is one for the 'Mythical Rules'. It's an issue that's come up a few times during games: playing open terrain, there is an obstacle, e.g. a tree, on the terrain. Does there have to be 1m between the obstacle and a 'sight line' from the circle to the jack? Is this something that used to be in the rules or has this been proposed as an amendment?



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Jac Verheul I would say, of course not! But if there is a part of a terrain around the tree, let's say a small flower garden, and this part is between the circle and the jack (the axe of the game goes through this piece of ground), then the jack is void.

April 27, 2014 at 11:38am · Edited · Like



Tony Thompson No. You only need to be able to see the jack when standing in the circle, as is clearly the case in your diagram. If the tree was on the line then the jack would be dead as it would not then be visible from the circle. The circle must be 1mtr. away from the obstacle,

April 27, 2014 at 12:04pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, it is not a requirement, it never has been a requirement and as far as I know it has never been proposed...

April 28, 2014 at 12:58am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Tony, you missed that the "thrown" jack must be 1 metre from the tree (obstacle)...

April 28, 2014 at 12:59am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks for the clarification. Strange that I've encountered a few players who are convinced this is a rule.

April 28, 2014 at 1:05am · Like



Mike Pegg First time I've come across it in over 20 years... 😊

April 28, 2014 at 1:39am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, you must have lived a very sheltered life - come to France 😊

April 28, 2014 at 2:41am · Like



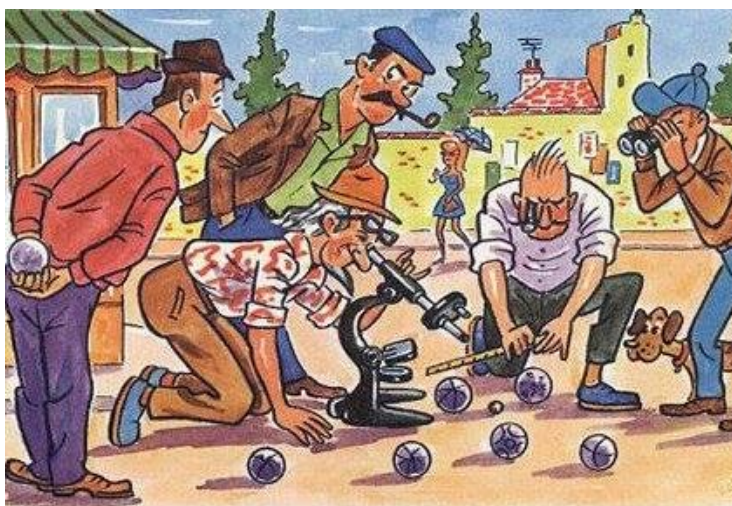
Jac Verheul For me the same as Mike, but over more than 35 years... What ever happened, long ago: we once threw a jack some meters behind a bench in a park in order to complicate the game for our opponents who couldn't very well play a lob. They asked the umpire if it was allowed or not. Of course it was allowed, the jack was visible all the time. We also did the same thing with flower gardens and so on between the circle and the jack. In those times it was allowed, in contrary with the actual rules.

April 28, 2014 at 3:19am · Like · 🍷 1



Mike Pegg

April 23, 2014



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Michelle McKenzie Interesting to see that it is men who need such optical things to come to a conclusion...

April 23, 2014 at 10:08am · Like · 5



Raymond Ager What happened to the previous comments???

April 23, 2014 at 11:46am · Like



John Thatcher That must be Ray Ager with the microscope!

April 23, 2014 at 3:12pm · Like · 1



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, the picture on top of the page is still not very nice speaking on the resolution... If necessary, I can send you another one in a still higher resolution.

April 24, 2014 at 8:50am · Edited · Like



Mazlan Ahmad good enough to convey the message... putting matters to "beyond doubt"!!

April 24, 2014 at 6:35am · Like



Derek Jones She does look good! What are you looking at?

April 24, 2014 at 7:48am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, thanks but the poor resolution is deliberate...

April 25, 2014 at 1:08am · Like · 1



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, very strange, normally the resolution remains how it is. Look for instance at my page: <https://www.facebook.com/jacpetanque>.

April 25, 2014 at 1:35pm · Edited · Like



Eli Nielsen I noticed the dog... of course 😊

April 25, 2014 at 9:53am · Like · 1



Derek Jones So, since this is an umpire page. Who can list anything wrong in this picture? Apart from he's not wearing socks!

April 25, 2014 at 1:20pm · Like



Eli Nielsen Assuming it's a tete a tete.... six boules on the ground and he's still holding a boule in his hand ????

April 25, 2014 at 2:49pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg what rule states you must wear socks Derek?

April 26, 2014 at 2:36am · Like



Dave Court the tv aerials pointing the wrong way thats why the pictures blurry 😊

April 26, 2014 at 3:03am · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad That man smoking the pipe-- he's wearing a french cap in public... hahaha !!

April 26, 2014 at 6:12am · Like · 1



Sayyid Omar Banahsan Seggaf hahaha....I need new glasses...

April 26, 2014 at 6:54am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg shared a link.

March 11, 2014

International Umpires Meeting - a report on the recent umpires commission meeting has been published by the FIPJP.

The link to the document

is:http://www.fipjp.com/userfiles/sem_ARBITRES_%20INTERNATIONAUX.pdf

An English translation to this French document will be made available soon

http://www.fipjp.com/userfiles/sem_ARBITRES_%20INTERNATIONAUX.pdf

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Jac Verheul Hi Mike, I was still right as regards to the painted jacks ! You remember, some months ago when I told you that there is a difference between the French and the English text of the internationals rules of the

game...

March 11, 2014 at 3:49pm · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg and of absolutely no use until such time as the FIPJP Executive have discussed and agreed to take any changes to the World Congress to be adopted... so don't get too excited!

March 15, 2014 at 4:18am · Like



Stephen R Ferg The English translation is available at http://www.fipjp.com/.../INTERNATIONAL_UMPIRES_SEMINAR...

March 31, 2014 at 7:56pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg just a quick reminder... these are basically notes of what went on but no decision has been made so the rules HAVE NOT changed...

April 1, 2014 at 1:06am · Like



Raymond Ager Nobody seems to have picked up on this but there is a 'substantive change' proposed: the team that lost (sic) the end throws the jack and starts the next end. According to the report, the majority were in favour of this - major - change. Interesting idea... It's a question of endless debate whether or not the team playing first has the advantage or disadvantage. Rather than force the losing team to start the next end, it might be more interesting to allow them the choice of whether or not to start? Just a thought...

April 22, 2014 at 3:35am · Like



Mike Pegg it was more of a discussion about how we could change the game to reflect other sports where the loser starts the next round/end...

April 23, 2014 at 4:05am · Like



Raymond Ager So was the discussion, 'How can we make pétanque more like other sports?' or 'The winning team has the advantage - it would be fairer to let the losing team start the next end'? Just curious...

April 23, 2014 at 8:22am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Lets look at a hypothetical singles game... If the loser were to start a new end each time, then the winner will simply shoot all the boules pointed, and assuming he doesn't miss, then he will collect 1 point per end, and this will go on right up to 13 points. Urghh... boring and monotonous!!

April 23, 2014 at 9:12am · Like · 2



Michal Dzurik hey, mazlan, you mean 3 points per end, right?

April 23, 2014 at 11:50am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Could be 3 points... but considering shoot and counter shoot, the last to shoot will win 1 point. In singles, one needs to shoot back in order to hold point,

April 24, 2014 at 12:15am · Edited · Like



Tony Mann It is important to keep the game flowing. Knowing who starts the next end be it the winner or loser of the previous end allows this to happen. Waiting for a team to discuss, decide and then communicate to their opponents who is going to throw the jack would only serve to slow the game down.

April 25, 2014 at 4:17am · Like



Raymond Ager If there was still the 1-minute rule, there should be no difference.

April 25, 2014 at 4:25am · Like



Tony Mann Sorry Ray but can't see your suggestion being practical. How long does the winner of the previous end have to make their decision? And if they decide the opponents should throw the jack how long are they then given? The one minute rule would not cover this as the winning team could take 55 seconds leaving their opponents with only 5 seconds.

April 25, 2014 at 4:31am · Like



Raymond Ager Tony, good point. However, if there is going to be a major change, perhaps there could be a simultaneous change to 30 secs for each team?

April 25, 2014 at 4:35am · Like



Darren Watling

April 8, 2014

I like to no the rules for wheel chair players like how there use the circle?

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Peter Astle Article 6 of Official Rules of the game of Petanque applies ie "For players throwing from a wheelchair, at least one wheel (that on the side of the throwing arm) must rest inside the circle" from the link to the Rules on EPA website http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/.../Official_Rules_of...
April 8, 2014 at 11:26am · Like



Darren Watling thank you
April 8, 2014 at 11:27am · Like



Mai Halim Juni
April 3, 2014

Hi Mike . Need help here

1. Past rules if the jack is thrown is out of the boundary or less than 1 meter , the player still have 2 more trows. But today it seem the openent is given the right to put the jack within 6 to 10 meter. Is it crrect ?
2. In the past the jack must be a least 1 meter away from the boundary. Is it been changed to 50 cm ?
3. When a player want to throw a ball but suddenly he is about to fall down. Still holding the ball he touch the ground to balance himself with the ball also touching the groud outside the ring. Is the ball considered being played or not ?

Tq

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Mike Pegg 1. No, the team still have the right to throw the jack 3 times
2. No, the thrown jack must be 1m from the dead ball line or obstacle
3. No
April 4, 2014 at 12:57am · Like · 1



Mai Halim Juni tq mike.
April 4, 2014 at 3:21pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Similar to question 3. What if the ball was inadvertently released while breaking fall?
April 6, 2014 at 11:30am · Like



Mai Halim Juni Hi Mike. For que 1 n2 . In SEA games recently they change the rules. Is it recognised by the Petonque Association.
April 7, 2014 at 4:30am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad [Mai Halim Juni](#) in seagames still 1m..not 50m
For 1st question,even world championship use that..
April 7, 2014 at 8:58am · Like



Derek Adam As long as any modifications to any rules are published and announced before the start then you can change them, within reason.
April 7, 2014 at 10:21am · Like



Mai Halim Juni tq Atif Sheikh Ismail.
April 7, 2014 at 11:04pm · Like



Darren Watling
April 3, 2014

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Derek Adam Can't see whatever it is
April 3, 2014 at 10:48am · Like



Raymond Ager
March 30, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

I suspect this is a bit of a grey area between 'the rules' and 'sporting behaviour'. We throw the jack to 8m. I don't think there was any doubt as to

whether or not the distance is valid. However, as we're about to point, one of the opponents steps in front of the circle to measure the jack. Surprise, they declare it to be 8m. It seems the only reason for doing this was to put off the pointer. Was any rule broken?

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Mai Halim Juni, Ad van Helvoort and Janice Doherty like this.



Ross Woodward Yes, rule number 1, don't be a contemptible dickhead. Sadly I know a few people who aren't aware of this rule.

March 30, 2014 at 10:28am · Like · [5](#)



Jamie Lewis I'd go and talk to the competition organiser at the moment and ask him/her to have a word with them.. There's nothing in the rules but it's about respect. Who ever this was lacks any and is clearly a moron!!

March 30, 2014 at 10:36am · Like · [3](#)



Colin Stewart Opponent is supposed to stand beyond the jack and to the side until it is their turn to player. Neither are they allowed to talk, gesticulate etc while the opponent is in the circle. So yes they have broken rules.

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Stephen Meadowcroft Should of played your boule has he was measuring it.....

March 30, 2014 at 10:48am · Like



Raymond Ager Stephen Meadowcroft I like you're thinking - shame we weren't shooting 😊

March 30, 2014 at 10:54am · Like · [2](#)



Steve Clark Unfortunately, the world is full of people who think they know about psychology, most of them are dickheads..... The rest are worse.....

March 30, 2014 at 11:06am · Like · [1](#)



Christophe Chambers You can't contest the jack until the first boule is played....

March 30, 2014 at 11:22am · Like · [1](#)



Ross Woodward Can you force them to mark it so it can be measured in its original position if it is moved. If not then this is open to abuse, lay a deliberately short or long jack and move it. It now can't be challenged despite being clearly invalid.

March 30, 2014 at 11:52am · Like



Alan Issler Twats- there are some of them about...

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Leesa Guillaud Ray? Did that happen in France by any chance?

March 30, 2014 at 12:10pm · Like



Raymond Ager Bien sûr !

March 30, 2014 at 12:11pm · Like · [1](#)



Terry Thomson-Dewey sounds like you were playing Worthing petanque club, the president think this is good sportsmanship

March 30, 2014 at 12:13pm · Like



Raymond Ager Il y a les bons et les cons - partout !

March 30, 2014 at 12:16pm · Like · [1](#)



Mike Pegg Hi all, sorry for the delay in responding been a busy weekend... Colin was quite right, while the player is in the circle the opponents are to stand either behind the jack or circle and in both cases to one side a 2m away. The player from team B could be excluded from the competition if they continue with this sort of conduct after the umpire has given them a warning.

March 31, 2014 at 1:13am · Like · [4](#)



Ross Woodward So if the team do not leave the circle between jack and first point they could legitimately throw a 3 metre jack, then touch it with lead point and it would have to be played?

March 31, 2014 at 1:42am · Like · [1](#)



Mike Pegg I understand the point you are trying to make but please, lets be a little realistic.

If the umpire was to ask both teams what happened he should be told the truth... shouldn't he?

The main point I keep making is the jack and boules need to be marked.

March 31, 2014 at 2:02am · Edited · Like

Ross Woodward I agree mike, but only one team seemingly has the right to



mark them.

March 31, 2014 at 2:55am · Like



Mike Pegg at the time of throwing the jack, yes the team mates or the player who threw it...

March 31, 2014 at 3:13am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i understand...but what the suppose umpire will do?... from my opinion its very simple if no marked, the umpire just measured the new jack stop....if the jack marked, umpire measure from circle to the marked... [Ross Woodward](#) question up there very superb....

March 31, 2014 at 6:00pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad we cannot always say that this is sport manship..we talk about the rule...

March 31, 2014 at 6:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg If the jack was not marked and it has been moved by a boule the umpire cannot measure to the new position because it is a MOVED jack not a THROWN jack!

April 1, 2014 at 1:04am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Yeah thats right.but the question is how the umpire know the jack was moved?..

April 1, 2014 at 1:09am · Like



Ross Woodward I can see an argument to insist that both teams have the right to mark the jack.

April 1, 2014 at 2:38am · Like



Mike Pegg because the teams tell him the jack was moved!

April 1, 2014 at 2:43am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ross, both teams do have the right to mark the jack but team B must also abide by the rules that state the players should be quite, not move etc...

However, we all know from "playing" this game that there is normally an opportunity for either team between the jack being thrown and the 1st boule being played to mark the jack!

April 1, 2014 at 2:45am · Like



Ross Woodward If he can't measure the original position then surely knowing it moved is if no use to the umpire.

April 1, 2014 at 2:46am · Like



Mike Pegg So you are suggesting that team B call the umpire claiming the jack in not valid and that team A are not going to say they moved it with their 1st boule...

April 1, 2014 at 2:49am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad team A claim the jack was move,but team B claim not moved..so how?

April 1, 2014 at 3:11am · Like



Colin Stewart If it came down to it where one team says the jack moved and the says it didn't surely the umpire would insist that thrown jacks must be marked to prevent any further argument/unsporting play and watch the game very carefully.

April 1, 2014 at 3:13am · Like



Mike Pegg perhaps if the teams cannot be honest then the answer is to give them 3 minutes to agree or both are disqualified.....

April 1, 2014 at 3:21am · Like · 3



Colin Stewart Knock their heads together (metaphorically) 😊

April 1, 2014 at 3:23am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Hahahaha

April 1, 2014 at 3:37am · Like



Ross Woodward No Mike, I'm saying that since it wasn't marked there is nowhere to measure whether it was under distance.

April 1, 2014 at 4:21am · Like



Mike Pegg hi Ross, if it was under 6m when thrown and then was moved to just inside 6m you would know it could not have been valid as a "thrown" jack... I guess the point I'm making is that the umpire has to use a little common sense - no too much though as there is not so much in our sport!!

April 1, 2014 at 5:15am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward I actually think that most people apply common sense. But in league games for example, where there is no independant umpire present, there are players who will exploit the literal rules to their advantage. I advocate marking each boule and jack. Normally if this had not been done then the

boules would be left to be played where they are. In terms of jack length this is the only instance I can think of where the original unmarked position may in itself be in transgression of the rules. For that reason I think it's only right that the team not in possession of the jack be given the chance to mark it, or request that it be marked. After all the rules state that a legal jack must be thrown, so its only right that it should be possible to check that it is legal.

April 1, 2014 at 5:25am · Like ·  1



Terry Thomson-Dewey I think its a tragedy people cant Play fair and by the rules they are not that complicated. it seems some people want to win at any cost. I thought the game / sport was meant to be fun and enjoyable but unfortunately some idiots want to spoil the game

April 1, 2014 at 7:16am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad For me,if ur master n understand the rule u can use the rule to win in a bad way..even win at any cost..

April 1, 2014 at 7:52am · Like



Michal Dzurik to know rules well may stop "bad guys" playing against you to use their dirty tricks. however, which is more important, to know rules well may help you to win a game in which both teams play fair 😊

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Mike Pegg very good point Michal...

April 2, 2014 at 4:33am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad

March 30, 2014

During an End, after all boules have been played, 2 boules - one each from team A and team B - ALMOST kissed the jack. When viewed from above, both boules 'overlapped' the jack. How do we arbitrate such situation? Is it:

i] A draw -since both boules overlapped the jack when viewed from above and measurement was impossible, OR

ii] Other than [i] above, we need to consider viewing from the 'clear' sides (side view/elevation) - to see which boule is closer to the jack which is quite impractical for the difference could be mere millimeter apart, and the naked eye can hardly tell. Further, nowhere in the articles require this 'side-viewing' be done and findings deemed conclusive.

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Jac Verheul With a feeler gauge, you have a big chance that you would be able to measure the distance. Measuring just in an optical way ('viewed from above') isn't a measurement!

March 30, 2014 at 11:03am · Like ·  1



Raymond Ager [Mike Pegg](#), serious question: what is the smallest distance, as an umpire, you would measure?

March 30, 2014 at 11:22am · Like



Mike Pegg difficult to answer Ray because as Jac has stated we can use feeler gauges so the distance can be very small.

It is surprisingly easy to use the feeler gauge to measure as you only need to apply very light pressure against the boule as you pass the gauge between the jack and boule.

Of course care has to be taken but it's possible.

March 31, 2014 at 1:27am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, thanks for the info.

March 31, 2014 at 2:40am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic

April 13, 2013 · Ljubljana, Slovenia

Hi Mike!

Could you help me on this:

Team A throw the jack to app. 8 m, forgot to mark it, and immediately play the first boule. Boule hit the jack and replace it to the distance of app. 11,5 m. The boule stays 10 cm in front of jack. Team B then claim that jack is not valid, as it is more than 10 m from the circle.

Team A call the umpire.
Umpire decide that jack is valid, and ask the players to continue with the game.
What would you do in this case? And, if the umpire has made a right decision, could you explain me, why?
Thanks in advance and greetings from sunny Slovenia!

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Merike Aava and Barna Novák like this.



Mike Pegg The umpire was correct to tell the players to continue.

The rule is "the thrown jack" must be 6 - 10 metres from the circle, not the "moved" jack

As the teams had not marked the jack the umpire could not measure to the point it was at when they threw it.

April 14, 2013 at 12:18am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote Which team should have marked the jack?

April 14, 2013 at 1:29am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam The one that threw the original jack obviously, thats been discussed in recent weeks. Its up to that team to mark.

April 14, 2013 at 7:47am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Mr mike..the jack is not mark..how that the umpire measure the distance without mark?...if the jack is mark,the umpire can measure form circle to the mark..

April 14, 2013 at 7:48am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad How that the umpire know the jack is moved?..in my umpire course in Bangkok, mr Patrick told that if jack is moved,the umpire must measure at the new place of jack,if marked measure at the mark spot.

April 14, 2013 at 7:52am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, sorry for the broken record but I think the fact that there is STILL confusion - both from players and even some Umpires - over Art 8 demonstrates how much this rule needs to be rewritten.

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Brian Stote As a follow-up to my question, if the responsibility rests with Team A to mark it, and in the example given the beneficiary is Team A, then there is no incentive for them to mark it. Perhaps Team B should have the right to mark it.

April 14, 2013 at 10:06am · [Like](#)



Alan Routledge marked or not if the jack is only moved to 11.5 mtrs it is still within a legal distance from the circle

April 14, 2013 at 2:45pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I will try and answer all the questions in this one post

Atif - If the jack is not marked how can the umpire measure to the point it was thrown - he cannot so play continues

Brian - The team that should mark the jack is the one that just threw it, that does not prevent the opponent from marking the jack but only if the player has stepped out of the circle.

Alan - you should read the rules about valid distances....

Ray - the rule does not need rewriting, it needs to be read and understood

April 14, 2013 at 11:37pm · [Like](#)



Dragan Antonijevic Hi Mike, many thanks for your answer! We will stick with your suggest in the future. My opinion is similar to Raymond's. There is a confusion between two rules, and maybe it should be revised to be clearer. Maybe the umpire have to give a warning to the team A

April 14, 2013 at 11:40pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Sure he can warn the players for not marking the jack.... but the rule is very clear - For the "THROWN" jack to be valid.... it does not say For the thrown jack that has been moved by a boule to be valid!

April 14, 2013 at 11:42pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Dragan Antonijevic Ok, It's clear now for me, thanks again.

April 14, 2013 at 11:44pm · [Like](#)

Raymond Ager Mike, sorry but this rule has caused SO much confusion, it



needs a rethink. The problem is not with players misunderstanding - the problem is with the way the rule has been written.

April 14, 2013 at 11:44pm · Like



Mike Pegg No need to apologies Ray.....

April 14, 2013 at 11:48pm · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad why there is always different arbitre with different answer?...

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad mr mike answer like this but umpire from france that give course to me answer different...

April 15, 2013 at 2:35am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad 1 more thing,how the umpire know the distance of the jact before the jack have been move?..let say the jack at 10.5m(no mark)..after move it become 11m..

April 15, 2013 at 2:39am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Atif

In your scenario the umpire cannot measure as the jack was not marked so he should give the benefit to the players and tell them to play on.

He should also tell both teams to mark the jack and boules.

April 15, 2013 at 9:10am · Like



Alan Routledge Hi Mike i thought a jack could be moved up to 20mtrs and still be valid , so if the jack was not marked team b would have to play,or am i being thick (again)

April 15, 2013 at 9:21am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad my scenario is same with the question above...only the diffrent is my scenario 10.5m and question 8m...with no mark...

April 15, 2013 at 9:21am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Alan, we are discussing the thrown jack being moved by a boule and the opponent challenging it was valid.... when it was thrown!

April 15, 2013 at 9:49am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Atif, I'm not sure I understand your question.

Very simply - The jack is thrown but not marked.

The first boule moves the jack and the opponent challenge the position of the jack when it was thrown.

The umpire cannot measure to the new position as that is not where the jack stopped when it was thrown.

The umpire cannot measure to the position the jack was before being moved because it was not marked.

So the umpire tells the players to continue play and warns them both to mark the jack.

April 15, 2013 at 9:52am · Like · 3



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad is it supposedly umpire must measure the the new position...because there is no mark jack before being moved...this is what we have told in our umpire course in bangkok....umpire come to the terrain n see what he see in present..the umpire just being call by the player to measure the distance of the jack...so the umpire only see the new position, team A claim jack is moved by the ball then the umpire ask him is there any mark?..if there is a mark, the umpire measure form the mark but if not the umpire measure at the new distance...

April 15, 2013 at 4:45pm · Like



Mike Pegg How crazy.... just think about what you are saying.

as I have stated, the rule says "FOR THE THROWN JACK" so you would only measure to the position of the jack if it had not been moved or if it has to the place it was if marked.

How can you justify measuring to the jack if it has been moved!

The umpire has been told the jack was moved by the boule and that it was not marked so

1. he cannot measure to where it was thrown to
2. the new position is NOT where the jack was thrown to.

April 15, 2013 at 11:57pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, NOW do you believe me! 😊

April 16, 2013 at 12:26am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad yeah i know what u mean...but how can mr patrick from france told us like i told u?...why our understand like this but u diffrent?..which one we want to follow?...

April 16, 2013 at 12:36am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I have no idea why Patrick would tell you to measure to the new position or to tell the team to throw the jack again...

April 16, 2013 at 1:04am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad My dad [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) has explain this to me..sorry...i just dunno why there is always not same explanation between france n english...thats why petanque still not in Olympic games...

April 23, 2013 at 8:51pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg sorry if I am repeating myself but it's not a confusing rule, you are just not taking in what the rule states:

for the "THROWN" jack to be valid

If the jack is not marked and is moved by the first boule you cannot measure from the circle to the jack to see if it is valid because it is no longer a THROWN jack, it is a jack that has been MOVED!

April 23, 2013 at 11:37pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok i agree with how explanation...thats u..but totally different with mr dominique n mr patrick...they said that if not marked and is moved by the first boule you can measure it from the circle to see if it valid...

April 23, 2013 at 11:41pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg But you only have to consider the logic of what they are saying to know it cannot be correct...

The issue is the jack is not being marked. If it was marked the umpire (and the players) have the position of the THROWN jack so they can measure from that place to the circle to prove if it was valid.

If the first boule MOVES the jack and its position was not marked they cannot measure to the jack because that is NOT where it stopped when it was THROWN.

April 24, 2013 at 12:35am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok how about team A said that there is no moving jack.but team B claim to umpire the jack is moved,the umpire didnt see the situation...how about this?..

April 24, 2013 at 1:30am · [Like](#)



Tony Thompson I think this discussion really boils down to MARKING THE JACK. In your lates scenario there is no way of telling if the jack was moved unless it's THROWN position was marked therefore, jack marked before the first boule was thrown then it's position can be challenged, jack NOT marked then the position cannot be challenged as it's original thrown position is not known.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad let me explain - team A throw jack but no mark(maybe 9m), then throw 1st boule and the boule hit the jack(new distance 11m)...Team B call the umpire and claim over 10m...the the umpire just measure new position jack with circle and clearly over 10m...umpire didnt see the moving jack...the only reliable information that the umpire has is what he sees on the ground(because there is no mark)...

April 24, 2013 at 4:57pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad this is same as jack thrown at 11m(no marked)..then the 1st boule throw n hit the jack to 12m....

April 24, 2013 at 5:43pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg What is it that you two don't understand...

The rule is "the thrown jack" must be 6 - 10 metres from the circle, not the "moved" jack

As for the umpire not seeing the jack move... there are lots of things that happen in a game that the umpire will not see, but the players tell him what occurred, just as you do on this page, and the umpire tells you the rule/answer.

Now for the very last time... the jack was moved so the umpire cannot measure to the place it had stopped when it was thrown - play continues!

April 24, 2013 at 11:44pm · [Like](#) · [+ 1](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i undrstand your explanation..what i cant accept is why there is defferent between u and mr dominique and mr patrick...

April 24, 2013 at 11:47pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg because unfortunately Mr Dominique and Mr Patrick are both wrong

April 24, 2013 at 11:53pm · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok..thanks...

April 24, 2013 at 11:56pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg or you have misunderstood what they are telling you.... but for sure you cannot measure to the "Thrown" jack if it has been moved.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad im very2 sure about this....

April 24, 2013 at 11:59pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad same problem that jack covered by a leave n paper...they said that only 1 paper n 1 leave can take...but u said, all paper n leave can take...

April 25, 2013 at 12:03am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Atif, I have no idea why they tell you these things unless they don't understand the question or maybe you don't understand the answer!

In the "French" umpires code there is a section that explains when the jack is knocked into a pile of leaves.....

I will try and explain -

Someone has swept all the leaves off the terrain into a pile in the corner of a lane.

During a game the jack is hit by a boule and goes into this pile of leaves.

The French code of umpires will tell you that in this case the jack is dead.... it is because it will take more than 5 mins to find it.

So I think it is likely your two French Umpires have this in mind when they answered your question.

It is not the same when 2 or 3 leaves (pieces of paper) are blown across the lane and stop covering the jack.

In this case you would remove the leaves/paper and continue play.

A duty of the umpire is to ensure all games proceed in good time, if each time a few pieces of paper or leaves are blown across the lane and cover the jack you start a new end the game could take forever....

April 25, 2013 at 12:12am · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad 2 or 3 leaves (pieces of paper) are blown across the lane and stop covering the jack...this is the problem..mr patrick told that only 1 can remove...this question he personally ask me, other candidated shock when mr patrick told that only 1 leave can removed....

April 25, 2013 at 12:28am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg he was wrong

April 25, 2013 at 2:53am · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Noam Seifer two more question about the cochonnet "problem"... suppose team A throws the jack, than throws a ball and moves the jack over the 10m. team B calls the umpire, and says the jack has not been moved.... (lying ofcourse), the umpire (to my understanding) cannot know who is telling the truth and since the jack has not been marked must measure the current position of the jack, and since it is over 10m must say the jack is dead.. (where am i wrong ?). question 2 : team A throws the jack, measures with steps and asks team B if the jack is valid, one of the players of team B also measures with steps and says the jack is ok ! team A plays a perfect ball, team B two other players now claim the jack is over 10m and the player who has agreed says he didn't agree... the umpire AGAIN is infront an actual position without being able to tell who's the liar..

May 4, 2013 at 11:34pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, so you are suggesting Team B lie to the umpire and Team A say nothing.... I don't think so!

2. pacing between the circle and the jack by one or both teams is not measuring and any agreement they may make is not valid

May 6, 2013 at 2:38am · [Like](#) · [+1](#)

Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad your question 1 perfect...



May 6, 2013 at 2:43am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i still cannot imagine..how n why arbitre can follow what player say while arbitre didnt see the situation...

July 4, 2013 at 5:48pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg just the same way I give you an answer here on FaceBook having only read what happened in your message and not actually seen it!

July 5, 2013 at 2:43am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul Mike, I see that there is a difference between the French and the English text in article 7 (the first rule):

French: Pour que le but lancé par un joueur soit valable, il faut : (etc.)

English: For the thrown jack to be valid, the following conditions apply: (etc.)"

If you translate the French text well in English, it should be like this: For the jack that has been thrown by a player, the following conditions apply (etc.).

For me it's a big difference! In the French text 'lancé' is used as a perfect participle (or present perfect), in the English text 'thrown' is used as an adjective!

December 22, 2013 at 12:53pm · Edited · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, for the jack that has been thrown is the same as for the thrown jack.... in both cases it is the jack that has been thrown, not the jack that has been thrown and then moved by a boule!

December 23, 2013 at 5:05am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, I still don't agree with you if you say that a thrown jack is valid after it is thrown at a distance less than 10 m and is not marked by the team that has thrown the jack and has been moved with the first played boule to a distance that is more than 10 m. You stated that, BECAUSE the jack wasn't marked, it will be impossible for the umpire to know at what place exactly the jack was thrown. But what happens if the jack in contrary to the former case was surely marked and is moved by the first boule of an end? If, in this case, the jack will be valid too, I would say, and there wouldn't be any reason to mark the jack after it has been thrown...!!!

March 30, 2014 at 12:05pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, teams should mark the jack after it has been thrown, not just because it may be moved by the first players boule but it could also be moved by a boule from another game etc.

As you know we can put a boule or jack back in its original position if it is marked, likewise we can use the marked position of the jack to establish if, when thrown, it was valid or not.

March 31, 2014 at 1:19am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad team A throw jack but no mark(maybe 9m), then throw 1st boule and the boule hit the jack(new distance 11m)...Team B call the umpire and claim over 10m...the the umpire just measure new position jack with circle and clearly over 10m...umpire didnt see the moving jack...the only reliable information that the umpire has is what he sees on the ground(because there is no mark)...

March 31, 2014 at 1:43am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg not at all... there are two teams involved in this game and it may be a matter of talking to both to get the facts plus any marks on the ground made by the boules and jack

we can all make up scenarios but the rules are drawn up to deal with issues that actually happen on the terrain.

Let's not forget this is a sport and if the umpire asks a team what happened he is given the truth.... isn't he?

March 31, 2014 at 1:57am · Edited · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad if there is argue between team A n B, umpires make the decision by what sees on the ground...

March 31, 2014 at 1:56am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I guess what you mean is the two teams disagree over what happened... which is why I keep stating the jack and boules should be marked!

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Mill Park Pétanque

January 18, 2014

What are the tolerances for a cochonnet to be considered official?

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Mill Park Pétanque The reason I asked the question is I have a French version of the F.I.P.J.P. rules and Article 2ter states that the diameter of the cochonnet must be between 25mm (minimum) and 35mm (maximum). These rules were approved by the International Congress of the Federation on October 3, 2002 in Grenoble, France. Have the rules changed since then?
January 18, 2014 at 7:27pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, just curious to know why the option of having a 25mm - 35mm jack was removed? In general, being able to choose the size/weight of boules, a long or short jack, a 35cm or 50cm circle, choosing an 'easy' or 'difficult' terrain, etc, is all part of the tactics and charm of pétanque.
January 19, 2014 at 1:07am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the rule was changed standardising the size of jacks so that the "target" is always the same for each game in a competition.... there is talk of standardising the weight but I've no idea if this will happen.

Maybe I will have some news on this and other matters after the International Umpires meeting in Feb
January 19, 2014 at 4:08am · Like



Raymond Ager Will boules and the distance also be standardised? 😊
January 19, 2014 at 4:10am · Like



Mike Pegg The boules are already regulated to meet specific standards and are differing sizes/weights so a player can use what is comfortable etc.

The distances are already regulated 6 to 10m etc
January 19, 2014 at 4:13am · Like



Raymond Ager Apologies, just being flippant 😊 thanks for the clarification.
January 19, 2014 at 4:17am · Like



Mike Pegg I guessed as much Ray.... 😊
January 19, 2014 at 4:17am · Like



Derek Adam How about the weight of the jacks? I've played with some that you could blow to move, others that are heavy. There seems more discrepancy in that bit than diameters.
January 19, 2014 at 6:07am · Like



Raymond Ager [Stephen R Ferg](#) thanks for the extra info but my question was 'why' the change, which Mike answered.
January 19, 2014 at 6:59am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Derek, as I said early there is talk about having a regulation weight, maybe something will be decided in Feb
January 19, 2014 at 8:36am · Like



👤 **Brian Forbes** Was it to do with the diameter of the human eye socket? To minimise the damage done when a flying jack hits the eye?
January 19, 2014 at 9:03am · Like



Raymond Ager 👤 [Brian Forbes](#) are you suggesting that 30mm is the best size to be hit in the eye? 😊
January 19, 2014 at 9:05am · Like



👤 **Brian Forbes** Now Ray, you know that's not what I meant! No size is preferable when that happens, but the larger size minimises the damage.
January 19, 2014 at 9:17am · Like



Raymond Ager I would be amazed if 30mm was chosen for eye safety reasons - my guess is simply it was the most common size made, hence easy to standardise. Mike, again, just curious: how will the weight be decided? If there is a 'safety' issue - which has been the reason cited for banning resin jacks - then logic would dictate a light jack. However, players generally prefer a heavier jack for accuracy.
January 19, 2014 at 9:22am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg the size chosen just happens to be the same as the jacks the FIPJP purchased... of course that may not be the reason but my guess is far more likely than the size of a human eyeball 😊
January 19, 2014 at 10:01am · Like · 1

Raymond Ager Can we therefore assume the weight will be the same as the



FIPJP jacks? 😊

January 19, 2014 at 10:04am · Like



Stephen R Ferg While we're working at it... The safety issues with the resin jacks were probably due to their elasticity rather than their weight. Perhaps the Umps would consider specifying the "elastic modulus" of jacks. 😊

January 19, 2014 at 10:12am · Like



Jac Verheul Some information about the weight of a jack. A jack made of beechwood (for instance the old 'fluo' but of Obut) has a weight of 9 to 10 gr. A jack made of boxwood has a weight of 14 to 15 gr.

March 30, 2014 at 11:44am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

March 26, 2014

A place his boule close to the jack. B shoot the the boule that cause both boule when dead. No other boule in the plying area. Who should play next?

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Mike Pegg Well done guys.... here's the longer answer:

If after shooting (or pointing) no boules are left on the terrain (designated playing area) the teams should apply article 28

1) If the two teams have no more boules to play the end is dead and the jack belongs to the team which threw the jack at the preceding end.

2) If only one team has boules at its disposition, it plays them and scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule.

3) If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them.

When only one team possesses boules, the arrangements set out in the preceding paragraph apply.

If, after completion of the end, no boules remain within the boundary of the authorised playing area, the end is null and void.



March 27, 2014 at 1:23am · Like · 4



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

March 25, 2014

For the shooting competition is there still 1pt score for workshop 5. If it dose, its not stated in the document shown on the FIPJP web..

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Mike Pegg No, you only get 3 points or 5 points for shooting the jack.

March 25, 2014 at 5:07am · Like · 1



Jac Verheul

March 23, 2014

Hi Mike, I'm not sure if someone asked this question before, but anyhow. A competition is - partially or not - organised within time limits. After one hour there will be a whistle and after completing the ongoing end, there will be two more games (and of course in case of a draw a third one). After one hour of playing, the whistle sounds just between two ends of a game. That's to say, both teams agreed about the points and all boules are picked up, but the jack is not yet thrown out on his reglementary spot. How many ends still remain to play for these two teams: two or three? I would say two, because the new end had not yet started officially. See article 32: An end is considered as having started when the jack has been placed on the playing

area in accordance with the Rules.

Thanks a lot in advance! In The Netherlands there is a discussion on this issue.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Jac,

This has also caused a lot of discussion with umpires...

For your scenario the end that the teams were playing was complete but they had not started a new end, in this case they would get to play 2 more ends for the reason you state - the new end had not been started.

March 23, 2014 at 1:08pm · Like · 3



Jac Verheul Thanks a lot, it's exactly what I thought. Till soon!

March 23, 2014 at 1:09pm · Like · 1



Derek Adam We discussed this in Scotland. Our ruling is that for these timed games, the next end is deemed valid when the points are agreed at the end of the previous one.

That way a team cannot take their time throwing the next valid jack.

March 23, 2014 at 1:15pm · Like · 1



Jac Verheul Hi Derek, a national federation is not allowed to make its own rules. The international Rules say clearly that an end has finished at the moment that the points are agreed and that a new end has started when the jack has thrown out in a regular way. And don't forget, in order to throw out a jack, each team has just one minute! No more.

March 23, 2014 at 1:24pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, at the world champs (women) Claude Azema made a change to the rules for the timed games just as Derek has stated... but it was a test to see how well it worked.

Much like in Turkey they only allowed the teams 1 throw of the jack and then the opponent placed the jack where they wished.

We discussed timed games at the Umpires meeting but nothing was decided... I think decisions like this are OK to make before the start of the event when you know how many teams etc and the time you have to play.

In Israel just a few weeks ago timed games were 45 minutes plus 1 end, not ideal but with the number of teams (100) and the time limits for the day it was the only way to play 5 rounds.

So I think it is a good thing to have a general rule but to allow for small changes when needed - just so long as everyone is told before they start play

March 23, 2014 at 2:12pm · Like · 2



Jac Verheul Hi again Mike, thanks for your further explication, but for this moment the rules are as they are. By the way, I don't like too much playing on time, however I can understand the reasons why.

March 23, 2014 at 2:20pm · Like



Michal Dzurik dear Jac, "a national federation is not allowed to make its own rules" :-)) each federation make some own rule... actually even fipj sometimes makes own rules that are valid just for championships and are against approved international rules. just one more example: in England they can't use plastic jacks.

the rule derek explained is used in all tournaments in countries: Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary. this rule is a must in tournaments where there is just one or two referees who can not observe all grounds at once (when the time limit bell is around to toll).

March 23, 2014 at 2:27pm · Like



Ruben van Stockum Hi Mike, to be clear about it, the discussion is about the following: so when does a new end start? Some think it starts when the old end stopped, there is no time in between because then you can drag that pause/period as long as you like. If there was a period between that there probably would have been a rule made for it. So there really is no in between. Thus you have to act accordingly. Normally you could say that an end is finished when the last boule is thrown. But to be supple about it and it maybe as handy as well is that the end stops when points are agreed upon. So when that happens the new end begins and from that point on the team that has won the last end has 1 minute to throw the jack to a regulatory spot. So if you look at that this way and the whistle sounds after agreeing upon points they have a maximum of 4 ends left. (two extra plus another one when there's a

draw) because the new end has already started.

March 23, 2014 at 4:22pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I see where you are making your mistake.

The time between ends is not "free" time.

Once you know the result of an end - how many points etc, you have 1 minute to throw the jack for the next end.

So a player or team can be penalised for wasting time between ends just the same as during an end.

March 23, 2014 at 11:56pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, I think most, if not all, nations have their own rules.

The CEP and FIPJP have separate rules for their Championships which are an extension to the playing rules.

We know sometimes they introduce a "new" rule for a specific championship, like they did in Turkey for throwing the jack but it was not included in the rule book or use again for example in France with the juniors or women.

As Michal has posted, in England (and other nations) the resin jack is banned because we know it to be dangerous. For us it is because our insurance will not cover us if we use it, so we don't permit it!

I am sure that there are nations that do not follow the rules about dead ball lines or even the dimensions of the lanes.

The important thing here is that the players are always informed about a rule change before the play begins.

March 24, 2014 at 12:05am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul Hi Mike, but you should agree with me that 'national' rules must not be in conflict with the international rules. This is also part of the FIPJP statutes.

March 24, 2014 at 1:07am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart Hi folks. This year we are actually using our own rule that in timed games a new end begins the moment the last boule is played of the previous one, to avoid a 'timewasting' measure. We have to introduce our own rules in certain situations for a number of reasons, mainly from through experience of the FIPJP rules not covering a particular scenario which crops up often, particularly with timed games. We do it to ensure fair play.

March 24, 2014 at 1:33am · [Like](#)



Ruben van Stockum Hi [Mike](#), you're absolutely right about that there's no free time between ends. I was only trying to make that clear for everyone. The thing you say is and I quote, "Once you know the result of an end-how many points etc." can be interpreted as of the last end has ended. This, because when people talk about results there must be finished something, otherwise you can't talk about results right?. But to make it clear you say that an end starts when the jack is thrown to a regulatory spot concluding that's also the time the old end has ended.

March 24, 2014 at 4:29am · [Like](#)



Jac Verheul When reading art. 26 well, it will be clear at what moment an end has finished:

Article 26 – Removed Boules

It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules before the completion of an end.

At the completion of an end, all boules picked up before the agreement of points are dead. No claim is admissible on this subject.

March 24, 2014 at 5:11am · Edited · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg yes and from the moment the points are known (maybe after measuring) the clock is ticking and the player has 1 minute to draw the circle and throw a valid jack for the new end

March 24, 2014 at 5:56am · [Like](#)



Ruben van Stockum Thanks [Mike](#), you're the best.

March 24, 2014 at 6:13am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 21, 2014

A throws first boule and followed by B. Since the both boules were equal distant to the jack, B throws the second boule and hit one of the boule (which cause the first case of equidistance dissolve) but still having another

new case of equidistance. Thus this make B to throw another boule?

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Bobby DarkDestiny yes B

March 21, 2014 at 1:14am · Like



Derek Adam yes, because they have still not "beaten" A's first shot boule. Even though B's first shot was equal and displaced.

March 21, 2014 at 1:28am · Like



Robert Parker Team A throw next as the head has changed

March 21, 2014 at 1:52am · Like



Raymond Ager Another instance where it would be more logical and consistent with the normal rules of play for Team B to continue playing until they win the point or are out of boules. Problem solved 😊

March 21, 2014 at 2:02am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Raymond Ager](#) lol, but it could be a good sugetion for a change in rule. Since its not been beaten than u still has to play along with the common rule.

March 21, 2014 at 2:33am · Like



Raymond Ager I know [Mike Pegg](#) will disagree - we've already had this discussion before 😊 - but for me, and I think others, the 'alternating' rule is an anomaly. What's interesting is that the result as shown here is confusion, some think Team A should play, others Team B! A consistent rule would keep things simple and in line with the normal rules of the game.

March 21, 2014 at 4:00am · Like · 1



Michal Dzurik ok, i sometimes have my "issues" with rules, but this one is crystal clear for me:

Article 28 – Boules equidistant from the jack

When the two closest boules to the jack belong to opposing teams and are at an equal distance from it, [and] both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them.

so in the above case it is team B that should play the next boule.

March 21, 2014 at 5:20am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg but these are the normal rules of the game you are discussing

March 21, 2014 at 4:27am · Like



Mike Pegg the answer is:

A throws the 1st boule
B throws the 2nd boule

The 2 boules are equal distant from the jack

B throws again and hits their own boule... the 2nd boule is now equal distant from the jack with team A's 1st boule

Team B throw the next boule - it is a new boule that is equal distant!

March 21, 2014 at 4:31am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Hmmm, interesting... in this edquidistant scenario (where the rules require teams to alternate) Team B has now thrown 3 boules. Premumably if this 3rd boule hits another boule, creating another new edquidistant scenario, they then play a 4th boule? Almost like continuing to play until they win the point 😊

March 21, 2014 at 4:37am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, pop outside and throw 6 boule and see how many you can get to take the exact place of the first boule thrown... don't let me know how you get on 😊

March 21, 2014 at 4:41am · Like



Raymond Ager Of course it's an unlikely scenario - but that has nothing to do with the rules 😊 I guess we're always going to disagree but if the rules were consistent, i.e. the opponents play until they win the point or are out of boules, such confusion and discussions would never occur.

March 21, 2014 at 4:45am · Like



Mike Pegg maybe the better way would be for each team to play alternatively for each and every boule just like Bowls

March 21, 2014 at 4:46am · Edited · Like

Raymond Ager Voilà la solution !



March 21, 2014 at 4:48am · Like



Mike Pegg and I'm sure someone will still ask the question "who plays next"

March 21, 2014 at 4:49am · Like · 1



Derek Adam Not sure, but it is possible some are getting confused between : the equidistant boules being disturbed by team B's second boule but remaining equidistant, and : one of the equidistant boules being replaced by team B's second boule, and remaining equidistant. Similar situations but subtle differences

March 21, 2014 at 6:25am · Like



Mike Pegg 😊

March 21, 2014 at 7:53am · Like



Dave Smith

March 17, 2014

Can anyone point me in the direction of the most recent official rules of pétanque. I came across rules for 2011 but I imagine there have been a few changes since then?

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Peter Astle Dave the current rules are the ones approved on the 7th October 2010 by the International Congress of the F.I.P.J.P. in Izmir Pete Hardy is running another Rules Refresher on 1st April at the Bob Carter full details on NCPA website if you are up for it

March 17, 2014 at 8:29am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/.../Official_Rules_of... is the most recent version

March 17, 2014 at 8:31am · Edited · Like · 1



Dave Smith Thanks to you both. Mike, can I assume then that there have not been any changes since 2010?

March 17, 2014 at 12:49pm · Like



Darren Watling So you are up to date with the rules now?

March 17, 2014 at 12:54pm · Like



Dave Smith Hi Darren (team mate), I thought there had been a few minor changes since 2010. I'm planning on doing our own rule refresher course at the club.

March 17, 2014 at 1:00pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Dave, the rules adopted at the World championship in Izmir, Turkey (October 2010) have not been modified or changed

March 17, 2014 at 1:35pm · Like · 1



Dave Smith Okay Mike, thanks.

March 17, 2014 at 2:28pm · Like



Mike Pegg Dave is a member of my Association and has access to the "Official Rules" via our website... 😊

March 20, 2014 at 11:28am · Like



Bobby DarkDestiny

January 24, 2014

gudnoon everyone...

Could you help me on this...

Team A thrown the first boule...

and team B thrown the boule...and the point is team B...and by mistake

Team B thrown the boule again.....the second ball team B is valid?

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Mike Pegg no, because team B were holding they should not have thrown another boule... it was for team A to play.

January 24, 2014 at 1:42am · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny if by mistake he play another boule...what happend to the boule,is valid or dead boule?

January 24, 2014 at 1:46am · Like



Anna O'Connor Does that mean the boule is removed?

January 24, 2014 at 2:30am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg We have discussed this in previous posts... how can it be by mistake if before playing a boule you check which is the holding boule.

I guess the issue really is the difference between playing a social game, players seldom measure and a "competition" when players measure nearly everything before playing a boule.

I have never come across a player throwing a boule out of turn... so how would I deal with it if I was umpiring the event.

My answer is I would give the opponent the opportunity to play the advantage rule, consider the boule as played and leave everything in place or consider the boule as dead, remove it and put back everything that it had moved assuming positions were marked.

January 24, 2014 at 3:58am · Like · 2



Bobby DarkDestiny thanx a lot

January 24, 2014 at 7:28am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad How about the team B using team A boule? Is it team A can use advantage rule to leave their boule to be there?

March 15, 2014 at 4:10pm · Like



Mike Pegg No, the rule is very clear the boule thrown by team B (team A boule) is replaced

March 16, 2014 at 9:41am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad What i mean is,this 2 situation happen in the same time.

March 16, 2014 at 11:08am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg In a triples game a player is not allowed 3 boules

March 16, 2014 at 11:30am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

March 3, 2014

morning..team A want to play 10m, but there is only space for 6m to throw the jack...They can ask opponent to bring back the circle to 4m back right?

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok thanks..i ask this because i need confirmation...because one arbit here mr jamaludin told me that mr [Mike Pegg](#) give to him an email about this mation that only can get back 1 meter only...

March 3, 2014 at 5:54pm · Like · 2



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad [Jijoji Tokio](#) refer this

March 3, 2014 at 5:58pm · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad article 7 , paragraph 4...clearly told that

March 3, 2014 at 6:03pm · Like



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Here's a tip that may be useful: Even after you have submitted and entered a comment, you can still go back and edit (or even delete) it. Here's how.

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I hope this is useful. 😊



March 3, 2014 at 8:47pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad [Stephen R Ferg](#) sir, my comment are not edited...

March 3, 2014 at 8:52pm · [Like](#)



Stephen R Ferg I'm sorry. I didn't make myself clear. I'm not suggesting that your comments ARE edited. I merely wanted to tell you HOW to edit them, if you want to do so.

March 3, 2014 at 9:06pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Oh ok.hehe

March 3, 2014 at 9:07pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg you asked if you can ask your opponent to move the circle back... if they have the jack to throw it is their choice if to move the circle or not. It would have nothing to do with your team.

while on, I have never told anyone that you can only move the circle 1m...

the rule is you can move the circle back 1, 2, 3 or more metres until you can throw the distance you wish - up to the max 10m.

March 3, 2014 at 11:16pm · [Like](#) · [4](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad yeah thanks... [Jijoji Tokio](#) this is the answer from mr mike pegg...

March 3, 2014 at 11:17pm · [Like](#) · [3](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

January 24, 2014

Boule that approve by fipjp is made by metal(can contact with magnet)..is it right?..boule cant contact with magnet are not approved right?

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Ruben van Stockum Sorry, that's not right. there's a type approved by the FIPJP that is made of brass, it's metal but not possible to be picked up by a magnet. the name of this boule is:L As de Carreau AC (and is made by Integrale)

January 24, 2014 at 7:03pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Yeah..because of this integral boule i ask..thanks sir

January 24, 2014 at 7:05pm · [Like](#)



Ruben van Stockum You're very welcome

January 24, 2014 at 7:06pm · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik there are few other bronze boules approved made by brands futura and unibloc

January 25, 2014 at 3:48am · [Like](#)



Darren Watling Me son use the future bronze boules . work will for him at 9 years old

January 26, 2014 at 5:57am · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan

January 8, 2014 · West Palm Beach, FL, United States

In regards to art. 27 (displacement while measuring), both teams have boules left and a player measures to see who holds the point. He moves the jack or boule and loses the point, but his ball is now closer. Both teams play their remaining boules but nothing has changed. Who has the point now?

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Colin Stewart You ignore the closest boule and the next closest one(s) score

January 8, 2014 at 7:18am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg well answered Colin

January 8, 2014 at 8:46am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Thanks for the answers. One more question - a player believes that the other team has the point and therefore plays his boule or boules. The other team then calls the boule or boules dead, applying the "boules played contrary to the Rules", even though he has stood by and said nothing. I think this is unsportsmanlike, but is it the correct application of the rule, and is he right?

January 8, 2014 at 12:30pm · Like



Colin Stewart I asked Mike the same question a while back. The ruling is that boules played out of turn are dead. The umpire would also warn both teams for failing to measure to verify who was holding shot. I believe Mike said he would also watch both teams very closely thereafter...

January 8, 2014 at 12:35pm · Like · 3



Mike Pegg The point being overlooked here is why would the player assume the opponent was holding the point. Are players really that stupid!

January 8, 2014 at 2:54pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, this has been commented before, it can sometimes be a mistake 😞

January 9, 2014 at 12:21am · Like



Mike Pegg a mistake of not checking to see who is holding before playing a boule - rubbish!

January 9, 2014 at 1:02am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, my previous comment was a game where one of our players checked the head and thought the opponents were holding. Normally this guy amazes me with how accurately he can see and I accepted his judgement. We played 3 boules and then he rechecked the head and measured - we were holding all the time. This was a genuine mistake, not a case of stupidity or failing to check. Ok, with the benefit of hindsight, perhaps we should have measured but our player was certain and I had no reason to doubt his normally accurate judgement.

January 9, 2014 at 1:06am · Like · 1



Dragan Antonijevic Or, sometimes, teams deliberately "overlook" the point, to get the advantage (although it looks illogical, in some situations you actually could get the advantage this way). I have had similar situation playing Marseillaise 2008...

January 9, 2014 at 1:07am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, it is stupid to rely on a "look" unless of course it is very obvious... if it was so close to be able to make a mistake you should measure - always!

January 9, 2014 at 1:49am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Mike, I'm a very poor judge and will frequently measure - others seems to have an amazing eye and are right 99% of the time. As it was in our interest to be sure, I don't think he would have said the opponents were on if he wasn't sure.

January 9, 2014 at 2:21am · Edited · Like



Gary Jones [Jo Ella Manalan](#), you may want to review the thread begun on Nov 17th, 2013, by Eli Nielsen regarding the application of Article 27. In that thread, Mike makes the point that if nothing changes relative to the positions of the jack and the two boules in contention during the original measurement, the boule closest in your scenario would not count as 1st place, but it WOULD count as 2nd place.

January 9, 2014 at 4:34am · Like · 1



Jo Ella Manalan Thanks, Gary.

January 10, 2014 at 11:49am · Like



Raymond Ager

January 8, 2014 · La Ciotat, France

This occurred in a 'friendly' today - nobody, myself included, was really sure of the correct rule. Playing open terrain, we shoot and accidentally hit the jack, which goes to about 19m, the boule being over 20m. Is the boule still live?

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Colin Stewart A boule can only be dead if it's played against the rules of the game or is outside the playing area. With no boundaries in open terrain a boule

which has been played legally will always be live, regardless of where it is situated. In short - yes, the boule is in play. If the jack was displaced beyond 20m it (the jack) would be dead however.

January 8, 2014 at 7:53am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart Sorry, a boule could also be dead if it was stopped by a member of the team who played it too, but you get my drift... 😊

January 8, 2014 at 7:59am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the answer is the boule remains valid...

I think you are getting a little mixed up with the rule which refers to the jack. art 9 (3) When the jack is displaced to more than 20 metres (for Juniors and Seniors) or 15 metres (for the younger players) or less than 3 metres from the throwing circle

Of course this can only happen on an "open terrain" which is an area of play that is NOT marked out in lanes.

January 8, 2014 at 8:52am · [Like](#) · 🗨️ 1



Raymond Ager Thanks for the answers - we all knew the jack was live but weren't 100% sure about boules that were over 20m.

January 8, 2014 at 11:40am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg

December 31, 2013

Happy and successful New Year 😊

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Em Montgomery Happy new year!! 😊

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Stone Williams Happy new year to you and Marie as well guvnor.

December 31, 2013 at 10:57am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Happy New Year 😊

December 31, 2013 at 11:08am · [Like](#)



Ruben van Stockum bonne année:-)

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Peter Astle Happy New Year Mike to you and Marie

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Robert Parker Happy new year Mike & Marie

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Dave Terry A very exciting 2014!!

December 31, 2013 at 1:54pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones And to you, Mike!

January 1, 2014 at 6:50am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg

April 22, 2013 · London, United Kingdom

UMPIRES Exam

The CEP (European) Board are putting into place an exam leading to a diploma for umpires, this is to bring us in line with the FIPJP plans for umpires.

The first of the exams, which will be held every other year, will take place this year at the European Championship for Men in Rome.

It will be necessary for a candidate to take and pass the CEP exam before they can move on to take the International (FIPJP) exam.

The FIPJP have an age limit of 60 years and a maximum number of 2 candidates per year/Federation.

The CEP will have the same max number but the max age will be 50

years.

More details of the umpires exam will be made available soon.

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Ruben van Stockum thanks for the info, has there been already any news about this?

December 23, 2013 at 6:16pm · Like



Mike Pegg the 1st exam was held in Rome, 3 candidates passed the exam and all participating Federations have been informed

December 24, 2013 at 1:40am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg I'm working on it... time is the biggest problem!

December 25, 2013 at 10:31am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic shared Club De Petanque Brdo Slovenia's photo.

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Our best wishes to all!

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Raymond Ager

December 22, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

Hi Mike, Please could you clarify a situation which occurred in a club comp today. The opponents are out of boules but holding the point, we have 2 boules left to play. We shoot the holding boule but also hit the jack, which goes sideways and just before stopping, hits one of our players. Nothing had been marked and we're playing 'open terrain'.

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Tony Thompson Article 14 If the jack was not marked it stays where it is. If it was marked then the opposition have the choice of A) Leaving it in the new position. B) putting it back where it was before it was moved, C) placing it on the extension of a line from it's original position to the place where it was found up to the maximum permitted distance. It must still be visible from the circle.

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Raymond Ager Thanks, I thought that was the ruling, I just wanted to be clear.
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Raymond Ager BTW I don't really understand Art 14 C - I think a diagram would help. In our situation, the player was standing approx. 4m to the side of the jack, the jack was hit and would probably have gone about 5m to the side but it hit our player. If the position had been marked, what does 14 C allow the opponents to do?
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Gareth Sullivan For instance if the jack was traveling at the direction of 11 o'clock before it hit the player the opponents of the player it hit (not the player that hit the jack) can choose to place the jack anywhere on the extension of 11 o'clock up to 20m. This can on most terrains mean making it dead. The only time I've used this rule is in the home nations qualifier a couple of years ago and we placed the jack next to two of our boules that had been shot but weren't dead as they were on the extension of the traveling direction of the jack. Sorry for long winded answer.
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Jac Verheul
December 11, 2013

Hi Mike,
Maybe it's a theoretical question, but it may happen. A boule that has been shot and missed the target makes a small heap of sand or gravel just before the jack, in order that the jack is no longer visible from the circle. In another case, the jack is buried in the sand and again no longer visible. What to do? To clean the area around the jack in order that it is visible again, or is the jack void?

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Colin Stewart It happened during a game which I played in many years ago. We tried to shoot the jack out to kill the end but it fell a little short and hit a large stone. The stone flipped into the air and landed right in front of the jack so it wasn't visible from the circle. The umpire was called and he agreed he couldn't see it from the circle so declared the jack dead (and we scored 4 points as a result). Our opponents weren't happy but I think the umpire got it right.
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Raymond Ager Hmmm, another tricky one! Had a leaf or piece of paper landed on the jack, it can be removed - a stone???
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Jac Verheul Or 50 grams of sand or gravel...
December 11, 2013 at 8:35am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart In both your examples I think the jack is dead.
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Phuong Luong I think that a leaf/paper should be removed, but a stone makes the jack not visible from a circle: the jack is dead.
December 11, 2013 at 10:02pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



John Thatcher The jack is dead. Article 9.2the moved jack not visible from the circle, as in Article 7. That the jack must be visible to the player whose feet are placed astride the extreme limits of the interior of the circle and whose body is absolutely upright. In case of dispute on this point, the Umpire decides, without appeal, if the jack is visible. If you are playing and want it to be visible then call Mike at 6'1" and not me at 5'6", you stand more chance of him seeing it than me! If you want it to be dead then call me!
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Raymond Ager John, you're absolutely right, of course, by the letter of the rules, the jack is dead. However, I think this has raised an interesting point and - dare I say it (?) - a possible anomaly in the rules. The problem, as I see it, is that Art 11 only refers to a leaf or piece of paper? This means that if, say, a bit of cloth or card were to fall on the jack, strictly by the rules, they can't be removed - only a leaf or paper. But compare Art 8, which refers to 'any moving object' - for consistency this should also state, a leaf or piece of paper. But I think 'any moving object' is much better. So if Art 11 were consistent, i.e. 'any moving object' then a stone could be removed. I think the 'logic' should be to distinguish between fixed objects, trees, statues, seats, etc - if the jack goes behind and can't be seen, it's dead. But any temporary moving object, i.e. purely accidental, should be removed.
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John Thatcher You are applying logic again Ray. Common sense must be applied. If every eventuality has to be covered then the rule book would be the size of an encyclopaedia. What would happen if a meteorite landed on the terrain during play? LOL do not answer that!! Articles 7 & 9 clearly state what to do when the jack is not visible, don't try to overcomplicate it. The question has nothing to do with leaves or pieces of paper. It is very simple if you use that very valuable common sense that Mike speaks of so often but is so often ignored.

December 12, 2013 at 1:57pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager That would be covered by 'any moving object ' 😊

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Colin Stewart John, you were the umpire who made the ruling in the game I mentioned. I have to admit the tallest member of our team *might* have been able to see the top of the jack...

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Derek Adam "I" could see 😊

December 13, 2013 at 12:55am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Jac, in your scenario the umpire would need to be called... The umpire, in accordance with art 7 (4) would stand upright with his feet placed astride the extreme limits of the interior of the circle.

If, from this position, he can see the jack it would be considered valid and the game continues however, if the umpire cannot see the jack then it would be considered dead (see art 9)

December 13, 2013 at 4:42am · Like



Jac Verheul Thanks, Mike!

December 13, 2013 at 4:51am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic In depend on the situation, you can then call the taller or smaller umpire 😊

December 13, 2013 at 5:38am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg You are supposed to call "Umpire" or "Arbitre" and accept which ever umpire arrives at your lane... 😊

December 19, 2013 at 1:15am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

December 18, 2013 · Pyinmana, Myanmar

Situation

- Team A throw jack 3time n not valid
- Team B got the chance throw n its valid
- On that end while they play,the jack out n no team got point for this end.

Question:what team to throw the jack?A or B?.,

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Stephen Meadowcroft Team A oops I meant, The A team...

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Dragan Antonijevic A

December 19, 2013 at 12:47am · Like



Mike Pegg Team A because they won the previous end/toss of the coin and retain the right to throw the jack

December 19, 2013 at 1:14am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Im at seagame myanmar right now..mr patrick say that team B has to throw..because team A has lost right to throw..

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Raymond Ager This was discussed before on this page and also on the French forums - Mike is right (of course!), Team A throws.

December 19, 2013 at 1:29am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Can u give me the link?..now mr patrick say B, mr azema say A

December 19, 2013 at 1:32am · Like



Raymond Ager Sorry, I've forgotten how to do this - you'll have to scroll down.

December 19, 2013 at 1:36am · Like

Mike Pegg Mr Patrick is incorrect - again!



At the start of an end the team winning the toss or the previous end has the right to throw the jack.

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Raymond Ager

December 11, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, as it's nearly the season of goodwill 😊 can I ask you, for the benefit of all of us on the group, what do you consider is ok and appropriate in a social game, whereas, of course, in a comp everybody should be playing to the rules?

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Mike Pegg You are asking me what is OK and appropriate in a social game..... to play in accordance with the spirit and the rules of the game



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Raymond Ager Mike, top marks 😊

December 13, 2013 at 8:46am · Like



Alan Issler Ray in a social game perhaps don't say 'there's no such thing as a bad bounce.' Do say 'if it works it's the right shot.' 😊

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Raymond Ager What about 'good boule to beat' ?

December 13, 2013 at 8:58am · Like



Alan Issler My favourite!

December 13, 2013 at 9:07am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager How about 'unlucky' - for a rubbish shot!

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Alan Issler Kind but inaccurate (like the shot)

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Michal Dzurik in dublin by far the most common phrase on saturdays games is "hard luck!" 😊

December 18, 2013 at 4:31pm · Like · 1



Gary Jones

December 1, 2013

Hi Mike,

Could you please clarify the rule allowing one minute to play after measuring has been accomplished? For example, suppose a team plays a boules, looks at positions, discusses strategy, walks back to the circle, walks back to the jack, THEN decides they need to measure several boules to make sure they don't have the point and to determine relative positions of various other boules. All this activity takes a minute, maybe even a little more. Are they then STILL allowed another minute beginning at the moment the final measurements have been effected? Thanks.

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Michal Dzurik i believe this is very clearly written in the rules - team has one minute to throw the boules, measuring do not counts into this minute. so if they are walking 40 secs, then measuring, after the measuring they have 20 secs left. Good night, and good luck.

December 1, 2013 at 5:39pm · Like



Gary Jones **Michal Dzurik** I disagree that the rules clearly support your conclusion. Here is the wording, "Once the jack is thrown each player has the maximum duration of one minute to play his or her boules. This short period starts from the moment when the previous boules or jack stops or, if it is necessary to measure a point, from the moment the latter has been effected." The rules do not say that the minute allowed does not include the time for measuring. They say the minute STARTS after the measuring has been completed.

December 2, 2013 at 3:50am · Like · 1

Derek Adam i suppose the doubt is that the playing team has seemingly



indicated they are not holding shot through their talking strategy, walking back and forward to the circle etc. This would be part of their 1 minute allowance. To then decide to measure to find out who is "shot" seems unusual - this should have been done immediately after the previous boule was played.

December 2, 2013 at 5:22am · Like



Michal Dzurik gary jones - surely you may disagree. i am not native English, but for me this rule is absolutely clear - the rule is set for people who use brain when playing. so the team which is not sure what is the position of boules, are not talking to each other about yesterday's dinner, but measure boules first (because it is "NECESSARY TO MEASURE A POINT"), then talk about strategy. if you spend 40 seconds talking (surely not about the game, because you do not know who is holding), then measure, you do not have another minute to play your boule. otherwise you would extend the time for playing one boule to even 2min 30sec (60 seconds talking gibberish, 30 seconds measuring, 60 seconds talking strategy and throwing the boule).

December 2, 2013 at 8:41am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, using your scenario I would have already started the clock when the team had started their discussion.... if after this chat and walks to and from the jack they decided to measure I would stop the clock.

They would be given a warning for wasting time and informed if it happens again a boule would be disqualified

December 9, 2013 at 3:52am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager Teams are allowed 1 minute - this could be a genuine mistake. 1 player checks the head but afterwards a 2nd player checks and isn't sure.

December 9, 2013 at 4:01am · Like



Mike Pegg abd 1 minute is plenty long enough to decide which boule is holding without walking up and down and talking about it...

December 9, 2013 at 4:03am · Like



Raymond Ager To be fair, it's perfectly ok to discuss tactics - isn't that's why players are allowed 1 minute, to decide the best landing spot, etc.

December 9, 2013 at 4:05am · Like



Mike Pegg so before discussing tactics would it not be an idea to know which boule is holding, 2nd, 3rd etc.... taking the scenario Gary posted the team went about it the wrong way which is why I would have given then a warning.

Have no doubt Ray, had it been you I would have sent you home long ago! 😊

December 9, 2013 at 4:09am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager An example of a genuine mistake in a recent club game: the opponents play, our shooter checks the head, says they're holding and shoots, misses twice, I shoot and miss once, only for the shooter to double check and measure - we were holding all the time. Mike, I went home for an early bath 😊

December 9, 2013 at 4:12am · Like · 1



Gary Jones Just so I'm clear, Mike, you say, "I would stop the clock." Does this mean you would restart the clock after the measuring and only give a warning if the time before measuring PLUS the time after measuring exceeded one minute? This is what Michael suggested in the first comment above. Or do you mean that the team who, as you say, did things backwards would be allowed a full minute starting after the completion of the measuring as the rules state, but that you would warn them anyway for wasting time? Thanks.

December 9, 2013 at 3:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, the team has the right to measure to be sure which is the holding, 2nd, 3rd etc boule but in your scenario I would give them a warning because of the time they wasted talking and walking before they finally decided to measure.

December 9, 2013 at 11:44pm · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

December 1, 2013

Question-what happen with the boule that accidently fall from player hand in playing area?

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Mike Pegg he or she picks it up



December 1, 2013 at 7:52am · Like · 6



Brian Forbes that's one your funniest answers MP - priceless!

December 1, 2013 at 12:33pm · Like · 2



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Ok thanks..

December 1, 2013 at 3:38pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad Ok thanks

December 1, 2013 at 9:37pm · Like



Mike Pegg To be strictly by the rules - The umpire seeing any boule on the ground will considered the boule to have been played.

December 2, 2013 at 3:12am · Like



Mike Pegg But lets put another example similar to Stephen's

The player throws his boule but it slips a little and is very short, perhaps a metre or two from the jack... OH, say the player to his team mate, I'm sorry to have thrown it so short.

That's OK say his team mate, I read on Facebook that all you have to do is say you accidentally dropped it. When the opponent or the umpire comes just say you didn't "throw" it there and you can throw it again.....

December 2, 2013 at 3:22am · Edited · Like



Ross Woodward A metre or two from the jack, last time i saw you play you would have considered that a good boule Mike.

December 2, 2013 at 6:18am · Like · 1



Tony Thompson I have played a fair bit of Pétanque in NZ. and there they consider a spare boule dropped from the hand while standing in the circle as played. OK you may get a warning first but it is unwise to try it, unlike here where players often drop their spare boule on the ground alongside the circle. I know that the rules say that unplayed boules should be place off the playing area but how often is it enforced here?

December 2, 2013 at 11:42am · Edited · Like



Mat Jue Tq

December 5, 2013 at 4:30am · Like



Em Montgomery

December 1, 2013

I feel silly asking.. but I seen a conversation on here a while ago and id never heard or thought of it before.. if you win the toss are you able to get your opposition to play first?

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Derek Adam yes

December 1, 2013 at 8:58am · Like



Mike Pegg no, you win the toss and you must play

Article 6 – Start of play – Rules regarding the circle

The players must toss up to decide which team will choose the terrain and be the first to throw the jack.

December 1, 2013 at 9:04am · Edited · Like · 1



Em Montgomery Thank you mike 😊

December 1, 2013 at 9:05am · Like



Mike Pegg No probs Emma

December 1, 2013 at 9:05am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic But, if you want desperately that your opponent start to play, you just need to throw the jack three times irregular...

December 2, 2013 at 3:18am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg That is one way of letting your opponent get the advantage of throwing the jack, but if you are that desperate to lose why do you win points in the first place!

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Raymond Ager There was a recent disucssion on the English Pétanque page about the tactics/advantages of playing 1st or 2nd.

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Dragan Antonijevic Just joking, Mike 😊

December 2, 2013 at 3:40am · Like



Eli Nielsen

November 17, 2013

Measuring troubles.

We have touched this subject earlier, but a new question has been raised to me. Team A and team B has each played one boule, and a measuring is necessary. Team B measures and relocate the jack, so team B clearly has the point. By article 27 the measuring team will lose the point: "The team, whose player displaces the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point.". How is that handled?

- Is team B's boule taken out of the game for the round and the round continues? (There are more boules to play)
- If not, is it just not counted at the end of the round? (Team B could have a benefit of leaving it in its present position)
- If it is left in position and during game relocated, is it then considered "in play" again?

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Robert Parker Team B's boule is left in the game. It will not count if it has not been moved, if it gets moved during the game it will be considered "in play"

November 17, 2013 at 6:38am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, The rule is written in the main for the situation of a jack being moved during measuring after all boules have been thrown... so it is a little complicated to use this rule for an incident during an end.

In your scenario, of course the boule is not removed, there is no suggestion that it would be dead and out of play.

To make it a little easier to understand I shall refer to this boule as "B1"

1. The boules including B1 and jack remain in their place.
2. B1 is not counted as a point or in this case as holding the point.
3. Team B must play as the nearest boule to the jack is now Team A.
4. If nothing changes during the time all boules are played B1 will not be included in the count for points.
5. If the jack and or B1 are moved by another boule then B1 will count as normally played

Hope this helps

November 17, 2013 at 6:58am · Like · 2



Christophe Chambers Hi Mike— wouldn't B1 be counted as second place (its not the point, however, it IS still in the game) if nothing changes, wouldn't it still be second at the end of the round? Thx

November 17, 2013 at 7:42am · Like



Mike Pegg no, it would not count... if it was at the end of the game the boule would simply be taken off the terrain and the next boule regardless of team A or B would be the next to count.

November 17, 2013 at 9:57am · Like



Christophe Chambers Got it, thanks. But one thing still bugs me. If this happens in the middle of an end, let's say, after 4 boules have played, and B1 having been touched by measuring is now not the point but declared second (its not dead, right?, or it would have been taken out). Then the remaining boules (8) are played, nothing changes with regard to B1 & A1. At the finish of the end, we are NOT going to count B1? So it sits there the whole end "not counting" ? I guess this is one of those situations that a) doesn't happen too often, and b) interpretive insight is required for this ruling. WHew, that's a lot of words. Sorry Mike. Thanks again!

November 17, 2013 at 10:06am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Sorry if I've missed the point - no pun intended 😊 but surely a boule should either be dead and removed or live and it remains in play. Have I understood - a boule remains in play but doesn't count?

November 17, 2013 at 11:31pm · Like



Eli Nielsen Good point there Raymond. I would have treated this situation as team B lose their "possible" position as no.1, and thus has to throw the next boule. However, this could lead to speculation on the benefit of being next to throw.

November 18, 2013 at 8:21am · Like



Mike Pegg where did you get the idea that the boule was dead?

November 18, 2013 at 12:35pm · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers We're not saying the boule is dead. You said that at the finish of the end, the B1 boule, the one that was discounted after being touched, does not count. Even though the "incident" happened after, let's say, 2 boules, and that means 10 other boules were played after that, if it wasn't hit, boule B1 does not count. I'm not saying its dead. I just wanted to clarify that it just sits there, not counting, until the end finishes. In which case, I ask "what's the point?" It might as well be declared dead as it has no value, except as an object to be avoided or touched depending on who's side you're on. Maybe that's the reason its kept in, no? Dead boules are removed, but this "not the point anymore" boule stays in in case it could be moved...

November 18, 2013 at 1:25pm · Edited · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen A follow up question. If the misplaced boule remains on the pitch - as in play, but not counting!?! - AND later in the game, it is pushed into a position, where it is no.1..... what then? It is not a hypothetical question. An umpire colleague had the experience two weeks ago.

November 20, 2013 at 8:32am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg OK, I shall try and explain...

During an end: the jack is moved accidentally by a player.
The rule is such so the player cannot profit from this action.
So we do not make the boule dead but say instead say it cannot have the point - in other words this player cannot be holding so he must play again.

If during the game this boule or the jack is moved then everything returns to normal and all boules count.

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Eli Nielsen Hi Mike. Thanks for clarifying. I think we have covered this subject now 😊

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Christophe Chambers Thanks Mike. One last thing: If at the finish of the end, if B1 has not been touched (or beaten), does it still count as second, or does it not count at all? Thanks again...

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Mike Pegg It would count as 2nd.... the purpose of this rule during an end is to prevent the player from having an unfair advantage from moving the jack - so the rule states "does not have the point", put another way - is not holding, meaning the player must go again.
From the start I said this was complicated....

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Christophe Chambers Yay! I don't have to type anymore!.... 😊

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Frosty Sabo

November 19, 2013

Extra boule;

So, team A and B are playing a game. 2 new players (casual play) are added to make it 3 on 3. After the next end, team A noticed a player on team B forgot to throw out his third boule. Team A scored 2pts., yet are adamant that they receive an extra point because team B played one too many boules.

All of the boules played affected the outcome of the score.

Is the end replayed with the proper number of boules? Or does team A get an extra point?

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Mike Pegg If I understand this correctly you are saying that team A and B are playing a doubles game but along came 2 guys who joined in to make it a triples game.

After the first end of this new team format one of the players had not played his 3rd boule?

What was a triples team doing with 3 boule each - the rules are they play with 2 boules each!

Seems to me you made up your own rules from the outset so why ask me what

to do... 😊

November 19, 2013 at 11:19pm · Like · 1



Frosty Sabo Perhaps I was unclear. My apologies. The player on team B has forgotten to throw out, (remove from the game) his third boule. Not throw out, meaning, had forgotten to play it. That wouldn't make sense.

November 19, 2013 at 11:28pm · Like



Mike Pegg Team A are fortunate to get a point from the stupidity of a player from team B... Team B's players 3rd boule is removed from the terrain and the player is given a warning. The result remains.

November 19, 2013 at 11:36pm · Like



Frosty Sabo The result of an extra point, making it three points, or the original result of two points?

November 19, 2013 at 11:43pm · Like



Mike Pegg Ah, now I understand what you are asking... If the 3rd boule played moved any boules they should be put back to their original place if the places were marked.

Team A only get 2 points because the 3rd boule played by team B is not valid

Both teams should have made sure that all players only had 2 boules each but from what you are saying about 2 players joining the game after it had started makes me think this was a friendly game and not a competition.

November 19, 2013 at 11:55pm · Like · 1



Jo Ella Manalan

August 6, 2013

Team A holds the point after the majority of the balls have been played. Team B then plays 2 balls and fails to re-take the point. The Team B captain then says that they have no more balls to play. Team A plays its remaining 2 balls and then have a total of 3 agreed upon points. Just as the players are preparing to pick up their balls, the pointer from Team B tells his captain that he sees one of his balls that has not been played lying off the terrain. I know that Team A should have counted the balls, but should Team B still have the right to play that ball after having affirmed verbally that they had no more balls to play?

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Mike Pegg both teams are in error for not counting the boules played correctly... they should know exactly how many their own team and the opponents have thrown - makes you wonder how they manage to count to 13!!

team B have the right to throw all their boules.

I would not disqualify team A's boules for being thrown out of turn but I would give both teams a warning

August 6, 2013 at 9:58am · Edited · Like · 1



Mazlan Ahmad Seems that Team B captain's official declaration that they have played all their boules come to nought! Can we not (as arbiter) treat team B captain's words as BINDING for that particular end therefore disallow the unplayed boule?

August 7, 2013 at 11:24am · Like



Mike Pegg official declaration! so you take what the opponent captain says as being correct... if so why do you measure when your opponent says they are holding 4 points?

August 8, 2013 at 2:57am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Ok. Thanx Mike. Underlying principle understood.

August 8, 2013 at 7:12am · Like



Mike Pegg have you been on holiday Stephen... 😊

August 10, 2013 at 6:30am · Like



Mike Pegg I don't see what is so confusing Stephen, just because the player said they have thrown all their boules does not mean he/she has. As has often happened a one of the players in his team may still have a boule to play which the team captain (**is there such a person?) may not be aware.

It is up to both teams to "count" the boules played.

**normally teams at an international level will have a team manager/coach who

will keep a count of the boules played.

August 10, 2013 at 7:29am · Like



Jo Ella Manalan I think that it is obvious that the majority of our questions deal with problems that don't usually arise among very experienced or high-level competitors, but rather at the club level. I'm sure that it is unheard of for a player competing nationally or internationally to pick up the wrong ball and throw it, but it is not all that uncommon at the club level. So once again, thanks for having this forum so that we can all agree on the correct solutions to problems not specifically addressed by the rules.

August 11, 2013 at 10:52am · Like



Christophe Chambers This just came up in a recent competition. I was asked to make this ruling & I used the info in this thread to help make my decision. I let the boules played remain where they were, gave team B a warning, and let team B play its remaining boule. Thank you Mike for continuing this group. It provides invaluable information on so many of our game's nuances. Makes me glad I learned how to read... 😊

October 1, 2013 at 10:22am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Happy to help, just wish there was something like this when I first became an umpire.... but come to think of it there was either IBM or Amstrad 😊

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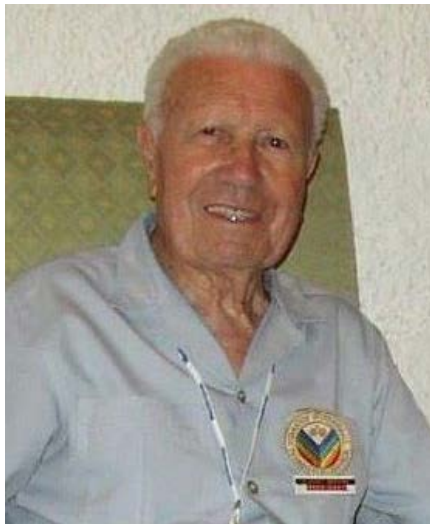


Mike Pegg

September 29, 2013

Henri Bernard (FIPJP President 1977-2003)

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Henri Bernard
I am sure all umpires join me in sending sincere condolences to his family



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Pedro Serrano Unanue My more felt condolence

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Eli Nielsen

September 28, 2013

Regarding the new rule of throwing jack in time limited competitions. Team A try to throw the jack at e.g. 9m, but the jack ends up at under 1m from dead ball line. Then Team B place the jack at around 6,5m from circle – all according to the new rule, and team A, who should throw the first boule, are not satisfied with the new shorter distance. Are team A allowed to move the circle backwards to obtain the 9m, which they prefer? In my opinion “not”. Only team B can move the circle backwards to obtain the maximum distance to throw the jack.

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Mike Pegg Hi Eli, it is not a new rule... yet.

It was used at the World Champs last year but this year for the Junior Worlds we went back to the jack being thrown 3 times by the team

September 28, 2013 at 2:45pm · Like · 3



Mike Pegg

September 25, 2013 · London, United Kingdom

Approved Boules & Jacks

Latest update from the FIPJP dated 23/9/13

French:

Buts

OBUT

But Noir marquage OBUT - OBUT en relief

But déclinable en plusieurs coloris marquage OBUT - OBUT en relief

Les buts portant le label "VMS" sont agréés.

Les buts sont en bois, ou en matière synthétique portant le label du fabricant et ayant fait l'objet d'une homologation de la F.I.P.J.P., en application du Cahier des Charges spécifique relatif aux normes requises.

Leur diamètre doit être de 30mm (tolérance : + ou- 1mm).

Les buts peints sont autorisés mais ne doivent pas pouvoir être ramassés avec un aimant.

English:

Jacks

OBUT

Jacks Black marking OBUT - OBUT in relief

Purpose appears in several colors marking OBUT - OBUT highlighted the Jacks bearing the label "VMS" are approved.

The Jacks are wood, or synthetic material bearing the label of the manufacturer and having been the subject of an approval of the F. I. P. J. P. , in application of the specification relating specifically to required standards.

They must have a diameter of 30mm (tolerance: or- 1mm).

The Jacks painted are permitted but must not be picked up with a magnet.

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Pedro Serrano Unanue, Bobby DarkDestiny and Stone Williams like this.



Colin Stewart Hi Mike, so the update is really saying the new Obut synthetic jacks are approved but no other changes?

September 26, 2013 at 1:22am · Like



Mike Pegg No, what it is saying is the obut jacks with in relief Obut on them are valid but the magnetic ones are not

September 26, 2013 at 5:12am · Like



Colin Stewart Ok, yeah that's kinda what I meant but you put it better. Thanks

September 26, 2013 at 5:17am · Like



Tony Thompson [Mike Pegg](#) Can the synthetic jacks be used in England or are they still banned here?

September 26, 2013 at 12:29pm · Like



Mike Pegg they are still banned Tony and will remain so...

September 26, 2013 at 1:19pm · Like



Raymond Ager

September 23, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

The last question reminded me of a situation that I remember from a UK comp - it's another instance of "what's the correct ruling?" but also "what's the right sporting thing to do?" We'd played our 1st boule, the opponents pointed and without checking, quickly played a 2nd boule, then checked to find they were already holding. They then accused us of cheating for not telling them they were on. We replied, "It's your duty to check but you played so quickly, we couldn't check and tell you anyway." If the opponents are haven't checked and continue playing out of turn, it is your duty to tell them or should you just let them play anyway?

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Mike Pegg Perhaps the best answer here Ray is to suggest to your opponents that they take up solitaire because they clearly are not good at team sports

September 24, 2013 at 1:37am · Like · 1



Colin Stewart This is a particular bugbear of mine and all stems from players not standing at the head - in most cases well behind the circle - cue shouts of "who's boule is on?" or "which boules belong to our team?" or "how many have they got left?" - all could be avoided if everyone stood at the head (within those limitations set out in the rules). I find it crazy that players feel they can understand what's going on while standing 12m away. They might as well be passing on a motorbike..... When I coach kids I make sure they all understand why watching the head develop is the only way to play and learn.

September 24, 2013 at 3:33am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Colin, I agree 100%. Personally I always stand at the head, when the opponents play, of course, to the side. I let them play their boules, not interfering - a bugbear of mine is when you're playing and the opponents rush to the head, checking every boule, even though it's not their turn to play.

September 24, 2013 at 3:45am · Like



Colin Stewart Hi Ray - yes that is another issue, but I like to give a little wiggle room for beginners. I gently remind them that while they do not have control of the circle (i.e. not their turn to play) they should do nothing but observe. Nothing more irritating than having to provide a synopsis of the end so far everytime someone steps into the circle and who hasn't bothered to pay attention in the run up to their shot... 😊

September 24, 2013 at 4:11am · Like · 1



Peter Astle

September 23, 2013

Hi Mike

The question below was posted in another petanque forum on fb, there were so many non-sensical answers/opinions posted can you please give the definitive answer as it will be accepted from you

"What is the right judgment on this issue. During an official club game, I shot my opponent's boule and both boules went further away at opposite direction from the coche. When inspected at close range, I realised, my opponent boule is on. Meantime their player was in the circle ready to play again. Shouting loud at him not to throw the boule as it is our turn to play, he did not listen and threw it even though his player witnessed my appeal to him. Now this boule lands next to the coche and is in the lead, what would you do next, is it in play even though it is giving an unfair advantage to the other team"

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George Edwards likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Peter, strictly by the rules the boule is removed from the terrain and cannot be re-thrown (it's out of play). The player should have checked to be sure your team was holding the point before playing his boule.

However, as you have stated this was a club game and whilst it was no doubt very competitive there is also a social side to the game.

So what would I have done... given the player his boule back to play when it was his turn.

September 23, 2013 at 10:18am · Like · 5



George Edwards Thanks Mike. An "official" answer for when in a serious competition, coupled with a "sensible" one for more informal occasions.

September 23, 2013 at 11:20am · Like



Dave Smith As Mike says, the opposition should have checked before they threw, however they had conceded that your boule was holding shot, so in their eyes did not play out of turn... Mike is normally right though 😊

September 23, 2013 at 1:18pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike is always right 😊

September 23, 2013 at 1:19pm · Like

Dave Smith That's what I meant 😊



September 24, 2013 at 12:56am · Edited · [Like](#)



Peter Astle Thanks Mike what worries me is some of the people who posted a 'wrong' answer in the other FB group - no names no packdrill as they say but would have expected better

September 23, 2013 at 3:26pm · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

September 16, 2013

Mike Pegg,

during an end, rain poured heavily, Team A had thrown all their boules and team B still had 2 boules in hand. Because of the weather condition the game stop for a while and it happened that the jack float. The jack is dead. Should the umpire offer 2 pts to team B or call the end as void?

What if the game was not stop, the rain still drop, and the jack float. Should team be offered 2 pts?

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Derek Adam Interesting position. My first thought was Jack is dead, no points. But I can see what you mean, normally a dead jack with boules for one team means points to them. It may be worth checking the rules to see whether it is a dead or void jack. I would think a void jack is no points to either team. The same could be said for a jack the is obscured, as in not visible. Same situation could occur.

September 16, 2013 at 10:07am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg article 9

(1), (6) - The jack is considered dead article 13

- 1) Both teams have boules to play, the end is void.
- 2) Only one team has boules left to play, this team scores as many points as boules that remain to be played.
- 3) The two teams have no more boules in hand, the end is void.

September 16, 2013 at 10:33am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Simon Cotton can rain stop play???

September 17, 2013 at 5:46pm · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan The point is the game has to be stopped for awhile advised by the umpire/organizer for safety reason. Secondly the team with the boules in hand can use the opportunity of gaining 2 pts as normally with such condition, probably the jack float is high.

September 17, 2013 at 7:22pm · Edited · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart An unlucky (for team A) consequence of the decision to stop play.

September 18, 2013 at 1:13am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Simon - yes but the end should be finished first

September 18, 2013 at 3:40am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Eli Nielsen So obviously the umpire/organiser made a mistake to stop/pause the game before the end has finished. OK, but what is that fair decision in this case?

September 18, 2013 at 8:59am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan The umpire did not make a mistake as the lightning and thunder can cause disaster and nobody dare to take responsibility if bad thing should happen.

I still interested to know the answer asked by [Eli Nielsen](#)

September 18, 2013 at 9:09am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I guess the umpire made the decision to stop the games before the end was over because he was concerned they would be struck by the lightning....

It is always much easier to make a decision with hindsight. In this case it would have been better to let Team B play their last two boules.

But of course we don't know if the player was the tallest thing in the area and so most likely to be struck by lightning... hopefully the umpire was not thinking because they play with steel boules it made them more attractive to lightning!

Anyhow, it does seem unfair for team A to give team B two points but as the jack is now floating it is dead and those are the rules.

Just shows you how careful the umpire must be when he is making a decision like this

September 18, 2013 at 9:22am · Like · 1



Simon Cotton thanks mike thought they would have to finish the end. id just play on anyway much prefer playing in the rain lol

September 18, 2013 at 6:10pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen

September 18, 2013

Will the "magnetic jack" (metallic paint coated) be a subject during the next FIPJP congress (EM in Rome?)

We have several players, who wish to assure, if they can buy and use the metal coated jacks.

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Mike Pegg The event in Rome this year is the CEP (European) not FIPJP. The CEP Congress has no authority to allow the use of magnetic jacks.

As I have explained before only the FIPJP can approve boules and jacks

The next World Congress will be at the Mens World Championship in 2014

September 18, 2013 at 10:22am · Like



Mike Pegg I should have added, of course you can buy the magnetic jack but according to the rules you cannot use them in competitions.

September 18, 2013 at 10:23am · Like



Eli Nielsen Okay. I also got the organistations in place. Thanks 😊

September 18, 2013 at 10:30am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, Having played with the magnetic jacks, as a player, I really like them, they just have a nice 'weight and feel' to them - not as solid as the resin jacks. As per a previous suggestion, how about an amendement to the rules that allows, say, a max permitted weight for jacks, rather than a restriction which only serves to penalise players unable to bend. Magnetic lifters are ok for boules, what actually is so wrong in having a jack that can be picked up? If the real issue is the weight - the objection given for the resin jacks - there's an obvious solution.

September 18, 2013 at 11:33am · Like



Mike Pegg it is basically because they are magnetic and people use telescopic measures which have a magnet on the end of them.... anyhow, I'm talking of events where most if not all can bend down, I guess you are referring to a club or social event so the rule could be relaxed.

We have been discussing more specific rules for the jack to include the weight

September 18, 2013 at 1:16pm · Like



Raymond Ager Makes sense to restrict weight, if this really is seen as a problem. Good luck. Now everybody is using the iPhone measure, time to ban the magnetic measures 😊

September 18, 2013 at 1:19pm · Like



Mike Pegg LOL... iPhone measure!

Seen it, tried it and won't bother to use it again. not at all accurate

September 18, 2013 at 1:21pm · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager I hear the next one will allow the use of feet 😊

September 18, 2013 at 1:21pm · Like



Mike Pegg only if you are UK size 9 2/3rds

September 18, 2013 at 1:22pm · Like · 2



Eli Nielsen

September 16, 2013

You are called to a measurement. Both teams have boules to play and team A has obviously the point. However, boule no. 1, has moved boule no. 2 and now team B wish to know if they should point or shoot, so they ask the umpire to measure boules 2 and 3. The umpire refuses to measure because there are stille more boules to play. Can he refuse that?

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Mike Pegg No - art 25 (2nd para) Whatever positions the boules to be measured may hold, and at whatever stage the end may be, the Umpire can be consulted and his or her decision is final.

The umpire has a duty to measure at any time in a game.
September 16, 2013 at 2:13pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen Of course 😊
September 16, 2013 at 2:39pm · Like



Mike Pegg uploaded a file.
September 9, 2013

Individual Precision Shooting Rules - English translation review & update
My CEP colleague Joseph Cantarelli and I have reviewed and updated both the French and English translation of the Individual Precision Shooting Rules.

We have included a number of diagrams and recommendations to help give a clearer understanding of the scoring and setup.

Attached file is the English version, the French version will be published soon



Precision_Shooting_Rules_English-B2.pdf
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Mat Jue, Hidemi Yamada and 2 others like this.



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#) Please check on the 3 pt note. I think there is a mistake: The target boule and the shooting boules both go out of the circle.
September 9, 2013 at 11:17am · Like



Mike Pegg perhaps not the best words but then it is a translation from the French rules.

If the shooting boule was to remain in the circle it would be 5 points.
September 9, 2013 at 1:01pm · Like



Derek Adam yes, its difficult to describe, when anyone having done it will know.
September 9, 2013 at 1:05pm · Like



Mike Pegg OK, to answer a lot of the emails.
The only change to the rules for shooting is the umpire or an official are the only people that can replace the target and obstacles.

It used to be that the coach or player for the team could do it.

The rest of the rules are the same... we just made it a better translation, easier to understand and of course the addition of the drawings and recommendations.
September 10, 2013 at 2:04pm · Like



Mike Pegg I did
September 11, 2013 at 12:54pm · Like



Noam Seifer how many teams/countries in the upcoming womens world championships and me european championships ?
September 11, 2013 at 12:59pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, I've not seen a list of nations for the Womens World Championship but I do know there are 36 nations taking part in the Mens European Championship
September 14, 2013 at 6:32am · Like



Noam Seifer in the mean time i found this, for the women :
September 14, 2013 at 6:35am · Edited · Like



Noam Seifer <http://www.ffjp.info/index.php/liste-des-equipes-engagees-2>
September 14, 2013 at 6:35am · Like



Derek Adam It's on the attachment. English B2 version 1. Sometimes you can't see the wood for the trees.
September 16, 2013 at 12:41am · Like



Raymond Ager
September 4, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, any advice on what became a somewhat silly, heated incident: we've played our last boule, the opponents have 1 boule to play. It's not obvious who's holding and the opponents insist that we have to measure "because we played last". We say, "we've no boules left, it's for you to play, you can measure if you want."

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I think I may have answered this question or one very similar before... the rules state that measuring of a point is the duty of the player who last played or by one of his or her team-mates.

The purpose of this rule is to make it the responsibility of the team that played last to "prove" they are holding the point.

So in your scenario in accordance with the rules you should have measured.
September 4, 2013 at 11:03pm · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager OK, thanks - I think with hindsight, we should have measured, declared that we're holding and leave it to the opponents to measure if they want to verify 😊
September 4, 2013 at 11:04pm · Like



Mike Pegg a wonderful tool "hindsight" 😊
September 4, 2013 at 11:06pm · Like · 2



Ross Woodward Do the fipjp provide a little sachet of hindsight in each umpiring kit?
September 7, 2013 at 11:37am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg no but it's rumoured that a blind eye and deaf ear will be mandatory for all candidates
September 8, 2013 at 12:17am · Edited · Like · 3



Sheikh Ismail Silan hahaha
September 9, 2013 at 3:50am · Like



Raymond Ager
September 4, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

A situation that occurred in a recent comp: the opponents throw a 10m jack, play a very poor 1st point and then proceed to measure the jack to see if it was valid. Unsporting but is this allowed?

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Michal Dzurik ray, firstly, after the jack was thrown, both team should agree the jack is valid. I guess this happened, because the team threw the boule and you wrote it was a valid (10m) jack. secondly, you should have a copy of the rules in the bag, there you would find: "If after the throwing of the jack, a first boule is played, the opponent still has the right to contest the validity of its position". so the team that threw the jack has no right to measure the distance of the jack. your team has. but, if you agreed with the distance before the first boule was thrown, usporting would be if you challenge the distance after the boule was thrown.
September 5, 2013 at 5:06am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the team have it around the wrong way... they should measure the distance before throwing a boule.

After they have thrown their 1st boule it the the opponent who can challenge the validity of the "thrown" jack.

Michal is not correct in saying that both teams must agree the jack is valid, the rule actually states that both teams must agree it is NOT valid for it to be thrown again.

September 5, 2013 at 9:35am · Edited · Like · 1



Raymond Ager As per previous posts, I'm firmly for a rule change that says teams must agree the jack before playing a boule. However, given the current rules, the question remains, "Can the first team measure the jack after/because they played a poor 1st boule?"

September 5, 2013 at 10:15am · Like



Mike Pegg nope... by playing a boule they are stating the jack is OK which is why the opponent can still challenge the validity of the jack until they have thrown a boule

September 5, 2013 at 1:34pm · Like



Mike Pegg You would be wrong Stephen.

The team threw the jack and then a boule, by this action they are saying the jack is valid so it is now the turn of the opponent.

As you can see I answered the question fully, so why add yours which are incorrect?

September 5, 2013 at 1:59pm · Like



Mike Pegg but you also say "So I guess I would say that after the throwing team has thrown their first boule, they can go ahead and MEASURE if they wish" which is incorrect

September 5, 2013 at 2:02pm · Like



Michal Dzurik "Michal is not correct in saying that both teams must agree the jack is valid" mike, they usually do. even at the world champs final. it is the etiquette. but frankly, i do not expect you agree with me, because sometimes you agree there are written rules and sometimes you deliberately break them saying something about common sense or "perfect world"... 😊

September 5, 2013 at 2:47pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Mike, just trying to be clear about the answer to my question... I assume from your posts that the answer is "No, the 1st team cannot challenge the jack after they've played a (poor) 1st boule".

September 5, 2013 at 10:40pm · Like



Derek Adam Yes Ray, that was Mike's answer, no they cannot challenge after the boule.

September 6, 2013 at 12:28am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg That's what I said Ray.... by playing the boule they are stating that the jack is valid, if it wasn't they should not have played the boule!

The opponent, as stated in the rules, is allowed to challenge the validity of the thrown jack but only if they have not thrown a boule.

Once both teams have thrown a boule the jack is considered valid unless of course the umpire decides it is not in which case you will start all over again and the thrown jack counts of one of your three throws...

So the rule (unwritten) is - if you throw the jack and have any doubts about it being valid measure it with a tape measure or ask the umpire to do it.

Do not pace up and down as this is not a valid or permitted form of measuring.

Asking your opponent has no value either as they still have the right of challenge after you have thrown your first boule.

Don't forget to mark the position of the thrown jack "before" you throw a boule!!

September 6, 2013 at 5:22am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager Thanks for the clarification.

September 6, 2013 at 3:05am · Like



Noam Seifer

September 5, 2013

Hello Mike,

in a Timed game (especially the way it's going to be in Montauban and Rome in October), what are the rules of :

- 1) 3 throws of jack ? yes no ?
- 2) adjacent courts are dead areas for both balls and jack ? only for jack ?
- 3) first placement of the jack must be 1 meter away from those lines ?
- 4) when is a "mene" considered started ?
- 5) anything else you can think of that is different from a traditional game with no time limits.

thx in advance
noam

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Mike Pegg Hi Noam, we are not running the Mens European Champs in Rome with timed games.

In Montauban I can only guess with a little knowledge from the Juniors this last weekend.

1. 3 throws of the jack - yes
2. all lines are dead ball lines
3. The rule was modified just for these championships to allow 0.5m for the thrown jack from the string lines
4. An end is started when a valid jack has been thrown but in the case of a timed game if the last boule has stopped and points are being agreed when the whistle is blown the players have the next end plus 2 more to play - or 13 points whichever is first.
5. The umpires are more strict with the 1 minute rule



September 5, 2013 at 1:42pm · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer thx for the quick answer, what will be in Rome ?

September 5, 2013 at 1:43pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg 5 rounds Swiss for the qualification Poules and then KO

Just the same as the World Champs but without the timed games

September 5, 2013 at 1:44pm · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer five swiss system but untill 13 points ?

September 5, 2013 at 1:45pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg yes.... 5 rounds swiss to 13 points

September 5, 2013 at 1:45pm · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer ok thank you 😊 see you there (both places)

September 5, 2013 at 1:45pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg sure... come and say hello

September 5, 2013 at 1:46pm · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer 😊 ofcourse !

September 5, 2013 at 1:46pm · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer so if i understand correctly, for the men in ROME the adjacent courts are inbounds, and therefor the jack can be thrown even on the line...

September 5, 2013 at 1:49pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg yes, normal petanque

September 5, 2013 at 1:55pm · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen

September 2, 2013

Shooting Competitions

We have just had our annual shooting competition and as usual, there was a lot of "noise" during figure 5, "The Jack". As we - the umpires - understood the rules, there is no 1 point in this figure, so in order to give 3 points, the jack must have been displaced from it's original position, but not left the circle. Correct?

A few times the jack is moved a 10th of an inch, so the shooter claims it has been displaced. However, we - umpires - deemed the displacement was due to material displacment of the thrown boule, which hit right next to the jack.

Are there any simple rule you use in this case, when you are thrown before the lions 😊

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Magnus Halleen and Sheikh Ismail Silan like this.



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, I'm just completing a review of the shooting rules to make them clearer.

I've included diagrams to explain the set up and scoring.

To answer your question - the jack must be moved from its mark for the player to be given 3 points.

There is no 1 point award

September 2, 2013 at 1:54pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen Great. Looking forward to your diagrams.

September 3, 2013 at 9:35am · Like · 1



Darren Watling

August 28, 2013

This photo show a broom been used in the mid of end in a match



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Raymond Ager Only in England, I presume...

August 28, 2013 at 10:07am · Like



Christophe Chambers Backyard rules...

August 28, 2013 at 10:41am · Like



Peter Astle Only in Suffolk lol

August 28, 2013 at 10:41am · Like



Mike Pegg Only at home - I hope!

August 28, 2013 at 10:53am · Like



Peter Astle Did she then go on to red lead the door step and clean the windows with newspapers ?

August 28, 2013 at 12:05pm · Like · 1



Darren Watling I did say to her you can not do that have you read to rules she said I do not under stand all the rules

August 28, 2013 at 2:47pm · Edited · Like



Gina Teator DeJoy I swear to you that I have played in a club (not mentioning which but it's south of Washington DC and starts with an R) where they rake between ends sometimes. The courts are so crazy flat, rockless and smooth that it is a wee bit boring.

August 28, 2013 at 8:40pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager "It's pétanque but not as we know it." 😊

August 28, 2013 at 11:00pm · Like · 1



Dave Smith Indeed Ray... I was at this match but It didn't bother me.

August 30, 2013 at 3:34am · Edited · Like



Dragan Antonijevic Well, obviously, there are much more kind of petanque game, than we thought...

August 30, 2013 at 4:07am · Like



Peter Astle A touch of OCD she doesn't want any of those 'horrible' pitch marks on the terrain before she throws her boule

August 30, 2013 at 4:11am · Like



Colin Stewart I'd dump a load of chuckies on there in the middle of the night... 😊

September 3, 2013 at 7:56am · Like · 🇺🇸 2



Mike Pegg please Colin, don't encourage them 😊

September 3, 2013 at 8:30am · Like · 🇺🇸 3



Colin Stewart ...suppose it would be extra material which needed clearing anyway... 😊

September 3, 2013 at 8:43am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Dave Smith

August 30, 2013

Why is there a restriction on the sizes of boules? How can you encourage younger people to play in leagues (8 years and up) if the boules are too big or too heavy (or both) for their hand. Even some adults have small hands

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Dragan Antonijevic Minors, juniors, and cadets could have a smaller and lighter boules, so called "junior". For the adults - could you imagine the competition between an jack-sized boul and an boule lionesse sized boul?

August 30, 2013 at 4:05am · Like



Raymond Ager I think you'll find that, over the years, the rules have gradually evolved to have a more 'standard' range of size and weight. I'm sure that, in part, there is a commercial aspect from the manufacturers. The number of permutations of model, size, weight, stripe pattern, etc, is absolutely phenomenal and manufacturers are gradually reducing the range of size and weight of their boules.

August 30, 2013 at 4:30am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Michal Dzurik juniors can play with junior boules at their juniors tournaments. but dave, if YOU organise YOUR tournaments, you can say the play with junior boules is allowed (for instance you can organise the tournament where 1 adult is accompanied by 1 junior). fipjp or cep will not send any commando to punish you 😊

August 30, 2013 at 4:40am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Dragan Antonijevic No, but could send PDF (Petanque delta force) to pick up all irregular boules!

August 30, 2013 at 4:44am · Like · 🇺🇸 2



Dave Smith But I don't see why someone with small hands can't play with a leisure boule if a competition boule isn't small enough. It is not like they are gaining an advantage.

August 30, 2013 at 8:56am · Like



Raymond Ager Dave, as per previous comment, if it's an 'official' comp then, of course, you have to follow the official rules but for anything else, you can always add, 'leisure boules are permitted'. BTW most leisure boules are 73 or 74mm whereas comp boules go down to 70,5mm and junior boules are even smaller. Most manufacturers now offer junior comp boules.

August 30, 2013 at 9:00am · Like



Dave Smith Ray, we have two eight year olds in our team (both played in a league game last night). So are you saying that the junior competition boules are allowed even though they are less than 70.5mm in diameter?

August 30, 2013 at 9:08am · Edited · Like



Raymond Ager Dave, I think the short answer is 'yes'. For local leagues, you can make your own rules - obviously within reason but I would think allowing juniors to use junior boules is perfect 'common sense'. Allowing, say, first year players to use leisure boules is another 'common sense' approach to encourage newcomers to participate in events.

August 30, 2013 at 10:33am · Like · 🇺🇸 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan Those players under 11 yrs old can use boule that weigh 600gm n diameter of 65mm but in games reserve for them only (art 2). As mention by the others, organizer can have regulation rule.

August 30, 2013 at 7:04pm · Like



Dave Smith There is just not enough youngsters around here to play in a league on their own, so I include them in the team now and again so that they get a head start in the sport.

August 31, 2013 at 2:41am · Like · 🇺🇸 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan I think a boule of 71mm with the weight 650 could be a good size.

August 31, 2013 at 11:09am · Like



Darren Watling For youngsters 70.5mm /650g are too much when you get a 10 meter end

August 31, 2013 at 11:26am · Like · 2



Dave Smith Sheikh, 71mm diameter (or 70.5) is no good for people (children or adults) with small hands. The powers that be, should at least allow 65mm for competitive play whether their boules are marked or not. I think you will agree that the most important thing to consider when buying a set of boules, is to make sure they fit properly in the hand. Lindsay (my ex-playing partner) had to play with 70.5mm diameter boules (which were too large) because of the rule restrictions imposed.

August 31, 2013 at 11:51am · Edited · Like · 1



Darren Watling I think that about do a 65mm/600 gram match ball with markings?

August 31, 2013 at 11:55am · Like



Dave Smith That's even better. So 65 - 80mm sounds more logical than 70.5 - 80mm and would allow youngsters (and people with small hands) to play in leagues with adults. I think that's what Ray already said (more or less). Darren is a team mate by the way.

August 31, 2013 at 12:12pm · Edited · Like



Michal Dzurik Dave, surely smaller boules makes disadvantage to the opponents - they have to point at or shoot smaller boules than their opponents... you say 65 mm. midgets can say, no no, let's make it 40 mm. etc. this would be a blind alley.

August 31, 2013 at 4:02pm · Like



Dave Smith Yes, but you could also say that that with lighter/smaller boules, there is less chance of knocking out larger/heavier boules. It works both ways.

September 2, 2013 at 8:05am · Edited · Like



Mike Pegg Just like every other ball sport, there are regulations regarding the size, weight etc for "competitions"

These rules in pétanque allow for younger players taking part in an event for their age group to use smaller and lighter boules.

If a junior or younger player competes in an open or event where there are adults etc they must use boules that conform to the regulations for that event.

September 2, 2013 at 3:18am · Like



Dave Smith Okay Mike, thanks.

September 2, 2013 at 8:04am · Like



David Keil

August 19, 2013 · Denver, CO, United States

Could I get the official ruling and an explanation please?

In tête-à-tête, player A throws out the cochonnet, and then points his first boule very close to the target. Player B shoots and hits, but sends both boules out of play. Which player throws the next boule, and why?

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Stephane Maurage Player B, as he has not won the point.

August 19, 2013 at 3:12pm · Like · 2



David Keil Thank you Stephane.

August 19, 2013 at 3:23pm · Like



Teri Sirico Good explanation.

August 19, 2013 at 5:22pm · Like



Linda Motschieder I think they start all over with Player A re- starting(??)

August 19, 2013 at 5:48pm · Like



David Keil I'm glad I got the call right. Thank you very much for the detailed explanation Stephen R Ferg.

August 19, 2013 at 7:32pm · Like · 1



Stephane Maurage my explanation is simpler!

August 20, 2013 at 12:00am · Like · 3



Mike Pegg I'm glad that Stephen is not involved with writing the rules... 😊

August 20, 2013 at 3:03am · Like · 4



David Keil Good question. Player B, correct?

August 20, 2013 at 5:03am · Like



Stephane Maurage Still player B, as he has not won the point. see first answer

August 20, 2013 at 7:24am · Like



Raymond Ager This is something that had a (very!) long discussion a while back - while it would be more logical and in keeping with the rules of pétanque for Team B to continue until they've won the point or run out of boules, Art 28.3 requires the teams to play alternately.

August 20, 2013 at 10:09am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg the answer is Team A because that's what is states in the rules... that's the much shorter answer 😊

August 20, 2013 at 10:28am · Like · 3



Mike Pegg not everyone can fish regardless of how much time you spend teaching them

August 20, 2013 at 12:08pm · Like · 1



Istvan Poka [Stephen R Ferg](#) are you play petanque or just playing with the rules..?!

August 20, 2013 at 12:20pm · Like



Istvan Poka Petanque is play with boules not with rules!!!!

August 20, 2013 at 12:21pm · Like



Robert Parker Istvan you need rules so that you can play

August 20, 2013 at 12:52pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg not exactly Robert... you require rules in petanque (and all sports) to instil the notion of equality and to involve treating everybody equally and without bias. Fair play is regularly understood to denote using only tactics that are in agreement with the spirit of the sport

August 20, 2013 at 1:05pm · Like · 2



Tony Mann Not everyone wants to learn to fish, some of us are vegetarians and clearly not everyone has a sense of humour.....

August 20, 2013 at 1:06pm · Like · 5



David Keil Thanks for both the more terse account and the longer explanation. I also agree with Mike on keeping it fair. I'm glad to have a place to ask.

August 20, 2013 at 6:40pm · Like · 1



Dave Smith The tie-breaker rule is rubbish 😊

August 30, 2013 at 9:03am · Like



Raymond Ager I think 'tie-breaker' is really the wrong terminology, as the normally accepted usage is in situations where the games have not been decided after a long period of play, e.g. tennis - NOT something that occurs in pétanque (except in timed games) and not the situation where boules are equidistant.

August 30, 2013 at 10:30am · Edited · Like · 1



Dave Smith Yes, it could even happen in the very first end.

August 30, 2013 at 9:11am · Like



Vincent Stanley

August 28, 2013

Can I play three boules of different sizes or weights in an official game?

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Derek Adam As long as they are officially stamped yes. It's unusual but still allowed. Will add to the confusion of some players.

August 28, 2013 at 9:18am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager This is a FAQ - whilst there's nothing in the rules preventing this, the more important question is why would you want to do this? I don't think you'll find any serious player using different boules.

August 28, 2013 at 10:05am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg it happens, it's allowed but like Ray says, why would you want to.

Having said that I was at an event in Holland where triple teams were put together (for a fun event) made up from a leading player, a sponsor and a VIP (not telling which I was).

I didn't have any boule with me so ended up with 2 different boules (3rd from 2 sets) to play with and I hasten to add a World Champion!

It was certainly more difficult playing with two differing sizes and weight of boule, not something I would recommend

August 28, 2013 at 10:53am · Like · 2



Vincent Stanley I guess I'm wondering if you could decide on whether to use a lighter/heavier, or softer/harder boule on the spot, depending on your strategy. Could you have two sets at the ready?

August 28, 2013 at 12:12pm · Like



Raymond Ager Some players will say use different boules, others will say it's best to always play with the same set - 'For every expert there is an equal and opposite expert' 😊 Personally, I prefer to change but I think it's for every player to decide what suits them best.

August 28, 2013 at 12:15pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager NB Remember you are not allowed to change boules during a game.

August 28, 2013 at 12:15pm · Like · 1



Derek Adam You can change before a he starts, or between games. I think you can only change a boule during a game if it breaks, or gets lost.

August 28, 2013 at 12:35pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg interesting Derek, what exactly is a "he starts"?

August 28, 2013 at 1:40pm · Like



Derek Adam Darned phone auto fill and correct, "game starts"

August 28, 2013 at 1:45pm · Like



Mike Pegg OH, I can see the similarity between he starts and game starts 😊

August 28, 2013 at 1:58pm · Like



Vincent Stanley Thanks, Stephen!

August 28, 2013 at 7:42pm · Like



Mike Pegg

August 20, 2013

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Vivien Middleton-Sams

August 13, 2013

10th edition of the tournament petanque of ice held the first week end in March on the Lac St-Jean in Roberval to Canada in the presence of twenty teams that found themselves in the winter festival. A winter activity that also collects the pro ice racing snowmobiles, and motorcycles, etc., etc. For participation in 2014, the invitation is especially pétanque other northern Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Scottish and other nations practitioners - please contact Bernard Aurouze Vice President FIPJP baurouze@hotmail.com

Are there any rules re playing on Ice Mike



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Mike Pegg other than don't let your boules freeze! 😊

August 13, 2013 at 6:16am · Like · 1



Derek Adam Don't fall through the ice?

Wrap up warm

Drink copious quantities of alcohol to thin the blood to stop it freezing.

Don't eat the yellow snow 😊

August 13, 2013 at 10:27am · Like · 2



Vivien Middleton-Sams I thought Petanque was a hot weather sport played around the Mediterranean whilst drinking a lot of cool beer or red wine. To think we moan about the cold days playing winter league.

August 13, 2013 at 11:50pm · Like



Bobby DarkDestiny

August 13, 2013

hello mr mike...
SWISS System rules and regulation
any link?

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Mike Pegg I think you mean format not rules and regulations...

I have a document that explains the swiss system we use at the World and European Champs and will post it once I have located where I put it!

August 13, 2013 at 4:14am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg or to save me some time you could follow this link

-<http://www.fipjp.com/en/other-information?show=96>

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Bobby DarkDestiny thanxx sir

August 13, 2013 at 9:13am · Like



Bobby DarkDestiny

August 11, 2013

hi mike i have a question
if the ball cross the line about 2mm, it not touch the line..the ball is dead?
in a mark terrains...thanxx

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Brian Stote If any part of the boule, when viewed from directly above the



string, cuts the line of the string, even if most of it is outside the string, then the boule is still live.

August 12, 2013 at 1:32am · Edited · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny even if the ball don't touch the line...it still alive ?

August 12, 2013 at 1:49am · Like



Magnus Halleen If standing straight over the boule, or jack and u can't see the line, it is still alive, even if not touch the line.

August 12, 2013 at 2:14am · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny ok thanxxx man

August 12, 2013 at 2:15am · Like



Brian Stote The base of the boule could be over 3cm from the string and outside it and the boule would still be live.

August 12, 2013 at 2:43am · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny thanx a lot man

August 12, 2013 at 2:44am · Like



Mike Pegg so many people called Mike.... 😊

August 12, 2013 at 3:57am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Bobby, to determine if the boule is dead you should stand with your feet on either side of the string line so that when you look down you are directly over the boule in question.

If the boule masks the string (even just a little bit) then the boule is still live. However, if you can see the string then the boule is dead.

August 12, 2013 at 4:01am · Like · 2



Bobby DarkDestiny thanx u mr mike

August 12, 2013 at 5:02am · Like



Raymond Ager

August 10, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, any thoughts/explanation on a situation that occurred in the French Masters series? Team A throw the jack 3 times, over 10m, Team B then throw the jack to a valid distance. Before Team plays their 1st boule, the Umpire intervenes and says, "If the jack goes out of play during the end, Team B throws again."

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Stephen R Ferg Is there, like, a YouTube or DailyMotion URL where it is possible to see video of the incident?

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Raymond Ager The vid is here - the umpire intervenes approx 2mn.

August 10, 2013 at 4:10am · Like



Raymond Ager Here ! http://www.dailymotion.com/.../x12u5aj_journal-des...



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August 10, 2013 at 4:11am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the throw of the jack "belongs" to team A.

If they threw 3 times the throw goes to team B but only to start the game.... so the umpire, in my opinion, is wrong to say if it goes dead team B throw the jack - because it has nothing to do with the 3 throws a team is allowed "to start a game"

August 10, 2013 at 6:29am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Stephen, I'm just trying to get my head around why the umpire would say team B should throw the jack if it goes out of play during the end.... The throwing of the jack belongs to the team that won the last end.

Even though they threw it 3 times and then team B threw the jack it is not teams B's jack so to speak.

Therefore the umpire, in my opinion, was wrong to tell both teams that if the

jack goes dead during the end that team B would throw it to start a new end.

August 10, 2013 at 7:24am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager If you watch the video, you'll see that the players, Suchaud in particular, are also surprised by the umpire's announcement - they clearly think it's wrong. Mike, thanks for the clarification.

August 10, 2013 at 9:53am · Like



Mike Pegg I'm not at all surprised...

August 10, 2013 at 9:56am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, just a point of etiquette/clarification: when you think the umpire has made a mistake, are you allowed to challenge what has been said or are you duty bound to accept the ruling, even if it's wrong?

August 10, 2013 at 9:59am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, the short answer is no, you cannot challenge the umpires decision - even if he/she is wrong.

August 10, 2013 at 10:25am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad I think applying article 28 is quite inappropriate in this case. Art 28 is regarding rulings on boules equidistant from the jack, where eventually if the status quo remains, it states "If the two teams have no more boules to play the end is dead and the jack belongs to the team which threw the jack at the preceding end. Applying article 13 is more like it. When the jack goes out of play, then that END is void, and the team that won the jack the preceeding end should re- commence and start the new end.

August 10, 2013 at 10:25am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Mazlan, exactly.... 😊

August 10, 2013 at 10:26am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, are you sure you can't challenge the umpire? PS Only joking 😊

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Mike Pegg 😊 you could try.... but in all seriousness the best you could do is talk to him/her afterwards and question his/her decision.

Maybe after a chat to explain your point of view he/she will see or realise the error

August 10, 2013 at 10:33am · Like



Raymond Ager OK, thanks.

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Colin Stewart

August 1, 2013

Mike - can you confirm or correct my understanding on this one about boules played out of turn. I know it should not occur as anyone stepping into the circle should know who's turn it is to play but it does happen quite regularly.

Team B claim that, having played the previous boule and without measuring, they are holding the point and Team A play their next boule without questioning it. Team A then measure and discover that they were in fact holding the shot and had therefore played one boule out of turn. Team B then claim Team A's last boule was played contrary to the rules and declare it as dead. Are Team B correct to do so?

Taking it a step further, suppose Team A in fact played 3 boules consecutively out of turn. Could Team B declare them all dead (as per Art 18 a dead ball would only become live again if Team B played before they were removed). I know this is a pretty extreme example but I think demonstrates the potential for Team B to benefit from their own mistake (failing to measure).

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Derek Adam But Colin, would that be a 'mistake' or taking advantage of an unquestioning opponent?

August 1, 2013 at 6:00am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Colin, both teams are at fault for not checking to see who was holding the point.

Team A are idiots (to put it mildly) by taking Team B's word and perhaps should think about taking up another sport such as Solitaire!

In your first scenario I would hope Team B saying Team A's boule is dead would shock Team A enough into calling the umpire... about time someone did!!

As for a ruling, well Team A's boule is played out of turn so Team B can either play the advantage rule or it is dead.

Both teams should get a warning.

The same goes for your second scenario even though 3 boules have been played out of turn.

This may seem unfair on Team A but they have brought this upon themselves for not measuring in the first place.

If I was umpiring the event I would be keeping a very close eye on both teams.

August 1, 2013 at 6:16am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart Thanks Mike - yes, I thought you might respond like that - Team A would be daft not to call the umpire as soon as it became evident that Team B were 'at it'. [Derek Adam](#) - well done for working out the undertone of the question 😊

August 1, 2013 at 6:21am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam New tactic against England next weekend?

August 1, 2013 at 6:23am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart The reason for the question was something similar (without the gamesmanship) came up at a competition recently where Team A were novices, Team B were more experienced. I am confident that in this case Team B were not being unsporting towards Team A, a genuine and 'lazy' mistake - Team B didn't declare the boule dead - in this case play just stopped while they all shrugged their shoulders and asked me 'what happens now?'. Thankfully I gave the right ruling about Team A's boule played out of turn (advantage rule or dead) and the result was both teams measured everything thereafter. And both teams (particularly Team A) learned something in the process and all was amicable. The question was really designed to find out what Mike would rule in the circumstance where Team B seemed to have unsporting motives... [Derek Adam](#) Erm No!

August 1, 2013 at 7:10am · [Like](#)



Robert Parker It just goes to show you must measure

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Dave Smith

July 28, 2013

Hey, is it allowed to play with an umbrella?

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Derek Adam Considering some of the weather we have in Scotland it's part of our kit. But most will put it down to throw the boule as it just causes distraction.

July 28, 2013 at 12:54pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg why would you want to throw an umbrella at the jack?

July 28, 2013 at 1:10pm · [Like](#) · 🍌 5



Joyce Nash very good mike I didn't know you were so witty

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Peter Astle I always point well with an umbrella lol

July 30, 2013 at 2:17pm · [Like](#)



Dave Smith

July 29, 2013

Mike, I inadvertently threw from the wrong circle on Saturday but no one noticed until the boule had come to rest. I gave myself a warning, returned my opponents holding boule that mine had displaced to its original position and then played my boule again, this time from the most recently drawn circle. Did I take the correct course of action?

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Colin Stewart I think the correct course of action would be to say the boule you had just played is dead and anything it moved being put back to its original marked position, or your opponent can play the advantage rule and leave everything in its new place and declare your played boule as in play. Art 23.

July 29, 2013 at 7:53am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg Hi Dave, you were wrong to reply your boule and could have been disqualified as it is equal to cheating - as Colin has explained art 23 your boule should be considered dead unless your opponent decides to play the advantage rule which would be to leave it where it stopped.

July 29, 2013 at 10:36am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Well I'm certainly no cheat but I am disappointed with myself for not knowing what to do. This sort of thing wouldn't happen if everyone played with pre-fabricated circles. Anyway, thanks for clearing this up.

July 29, 2013 at 11:44am · Like



Dave Smith I forgot to say that none of the boules had been marked but it we could all see that the holding boule had been pushed back a little.

July 30, 2013 at 1:36am · Like



Colin Stewart Ah, well in that case your opponent would only have the option of declaring your boule dead (but not able to move anything as there are no marks) or live under the advantage rule.

July 30, 2013 at 1:50am · Like



Mike Pegg not exactly correct Colin.... for example, if you were playing on a sandy surface it may well be possible to see the track of the boule in the surface so basically the starting point, where the boule was, may be able to be determined...

July 30, 2013 at 1:58am · Like



Colin Stewart Sure, of course.

July 30, 2013 at 2:00am · Like



Gary Jones I must say I'm surprised that Article 23 is not interpreted more literally. It clearly states that anything moved may be replaced "if marked." Are we to assume that it should read, "...if its original position can be deduced"?

July 30, 2013 at 6:15am · Like



Mike Pegg no Gary, I was suggesting that the "umpire" may consider the mark in the terrain on a sandy surface to be ample indication of the position.... the players would have to rely on the correct mark - they seldom use common sense or sound judgement 😊

July 30, 2013 at 1:11pm · Like



David Sedgeley

July 24, 2013 · Cowes, United Kingdom

During a recent league game, we had a situation where we (team a) were out of boule, and Team B had another 3 boule to play (which always seems to be the case!) the end was tight, however, Team B were confident that they were holding the point, and as we had three front boule relatively close, they declared that they would "Take the one" and started picking up boule We obviously quickly disputed whom was on, and after a measure it was confirmed that in fact we (Team A) were still holding. Now as none of our boule had been displaced during the melee of declaring the point and measuring, and that I'm a reasonable chap, I allowed Team B to continue the end and play their remaining boule, resulting in them promoting said front boule giving us 3 points! However, I was not sure if this had ever come up elsewhere and if there is any rule which would help to clarify if play should continue??...

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Robert Parker Not certain if play should continued but all boule picked up before deciding the point are deemed dead

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Mike Pegg But you should know Bob!

July 24, 2013 at 10:40am · Like



David Sedgeley So should I... So what is the answer?!

July 24, 2013 at 3:21pm · Like



Mike Pegg First of all Team B were in the wrong to pick up boules or claim any points until they, and if necessary Team A, had measured to "confirm" who was holding the 1st and subsequent points.

Team A quite rightly challenged Team B.

All the boules that Team B had picked up are now considered void and out of play...

Team B have the right to play their remaining boules regardless of how reasonable a chap you are!

July 25, 2013 at 2:06am · Like · 2



Noam Seifer

July 23, 2013

shooting competition question :
in the 5th "atelier", shooting the cochonet, is there a 1 point possibility ?
what will be the rule on this in Rome ?
Thank you in advance

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Derek Adam I thought it wad 3 pts for a touch, 5 for removal from circle.

July 23, 2013 at 3:44am · Like



Mike Pegg There was a change to the rules a couple of years ago to award 1 point for a jack that was only touched... but it was almost impossible to see if it was the boule or a stone that made the jack move but not off the mark.

So the rule has been changed again now it is:
3 points for moving the jack but not out of the circle
5 points for moving the jack outside the circle.

For the European Championship in Rome it will be this way.

I will be issuing a new English translation of these rules very soon as the current version is not good 😊

July 23, 2013 at 11:10am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#) you mean the change is made by FIPJP? and there is no more awarding 1 point?

July 24, 2013 at 2:09pm · Like



Mike Pegg yes, thats correct for the touched jack

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Colin Stewart

December 10, 2012

Hi Mike Pegg

Theoretical one for you, but has had me thinking for a while. Consider the case where during an end a player displaces a boule while measuring (there are more boules left to play). The rules state that this player's team loses the point which is clear enough, but I am not then sure how that player's/team's boule is treated for the remainder of the end.

It could be the closest boule to the jack by the time the end has finished, either because it was in fact the closest boule originally and noone has managed to get closer or it has been subsequently moved. Or have I misunderstood?

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Gary Jones Mike, I thought this was a very good question. How would you handle?

December 22, 2012 at 1:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Colin, if nothing changes after the remaining boules have been thrown then this boule that was moved during a measure does not have the point.

However, if during the course of playing the other boules the "moved" boule is hit by another boule, or the jack is displaced then the "moved" boule counts.

December 22, 2012 at 11:53pm · [Like](#)



Alan Routledge i know all the balls should have been marked before the original measure,if you marked them after the ball was "moved" and it was then hit could you put it back on its marks?

December 23, 2012 at 4:35am · [Like](#)



Stephane Maurage no as the boule is moved under normal play.

December 23, 2012 at 5:42am · [Like](#)



Alan Routledge i think the real answer is mark anything you don't want moved by accident

December 23, 2012 at 9:10am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart Hi Alan, the difficulty is that whether or not it is marked, if it is moved during a measure, the measuring team lose the point. I don't think marking makes any difference which I suppose makes sense, after all it is difficult to replace a boule precisely where it was, even with the help of a mark. If a measure is necessary there is likely to be a matter of a few millimetres difference between the two. I don't think I could replace a marked boule within such a tight margin.

December 23, 2012 at 9:25am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan There are 2 cases here (during measuring). 1 the boule or jack was 'moved' 2. the mark boule or jack was 'moved'. The 1st cases was answered by [Mike Pegg](#) and BoulesdeLeon PétanqueClub. The 2nd case the 'moved' boule or jack is put back to its original position if its mark, but that dose not change the right of holding the point.

December 23, 2012 at 11:12am · [Like](#)



Alan Routledge Hi Stewart,An umpire measuring for the point will mark all ball and place a wedge to stop any ball likely to move,he can then replace a ball if moved whilst measuring with a fair degree of accuracy.my point was if you don't mark the balls you can't replace them no matter what

December 23, 2012 at 2:18pm · [Like](#) · 1



Colin Stewart I see, got it

December 23, 2012 at 2:22pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I think there is a little confusion over articles 11, 21 and 27...

Articles 11 and 21 cover the accidental movement of the jack or boule by the wind, boule from another game or a clumsy player who forgets where his/her feet are and accidentally moves the jack or boule.

Article 27 is "trying" to cover a situation where the player deliberately moves the jack or boule while measuring.

The problem being it is not so easy to determine if it was deliberate or accidental.

There is also the assumption that the moved boule/jack has resulted in the player gaining an advantage, maybe even the holding point!

So, when it does happen the player "loses the point" in other words he/she must play next or if the end is over that boule does not count as a point.

If he/she is to play again then the boule that was moved does not count as a point unless during play it or the jack is moved.

As for marking the jack/boule whilst measuring - for the player this rule (art 27) still applies, for the umpire he is required by art 27 to make a decision in an equitable way... so he could have marked the jack/boule and decide that it is possible to "accurately" replace both or he may decide that was the holding boule etc.... it would be up to the umpire to be "fair".

December 23, 2012 at 11:39pm · [Like](#) · 1



Peter Beresford Thanks Mike. You've answered the question I was just about to ask!

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike, for a good explanation. I get your points, but I'd like to change the assumptions just a little to make sure I understand the nuances. Assume Team A plays boule A1. Team B then plays boule B1 and is close enough to require a measurement. In measuring, Team B accidentally moves boule A1. This is slightly different from your scenario above where you say, "...the boule that was moved does not count as a point unless during play it or the jack is moved." In my example, the boule that was moved IS counted as a point unless something changes during play. Furthermore, Team B can regain the point by moving A1, moving the jack, or moving B1. One could infer from your explanation above that there are only two ways to regain the point, since you said, "...unless during play it or the jack is moved." Thanks again.

December 25, 2012 at 5:33am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, it's very simple, although they have moved the opponents boule (A1) away from the jack team B will have to play again and their boule (B1) is considered not to be holding the point.
December 26, 2012 at 12:51am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith
April 10, 2013

What happens if the circle (that has not been marked) is picked by a player, after he thinks the end is finished but then realises there is still one boule to play by (a) his team mate or (b) the opposition?

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Colin Stewart See the post on 17th May 2012 below....
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Dave Smith found it... eventually, thanks.
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Jo Ella Manalan
July 2, 2013

I have a question about article 27 which states "If while measuring a player moves the jack or a boule being measured, his or her team loses the point." Suppose that team A and team B have both played a few balls, then team A measures and moves a ball so team B has the point. What happens when the end is over if no ball played by either team changes things? Does team B just mark 1 point and team A's ball is considered in second position? I know that a lot of problems could be avoided if everyone marked the position of the balls and the jacks, but a lot of our players don't, so this problem comes up.

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Colin Stewart Scroll down a few posts - this was raised by me a few months ago - there are plenty of good answers there
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Jo Ella Manalan Thanks. I guess I missed it.
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Mike Pegg what it means is if this was to happen during the game the team would not have the point so would need to play again... if it happened after all boules have been played (end is over) then the team would not get a point for that boule.
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Mike Pegg although moving a jack or boule can happen accidentally this rule prevents a player/team from gaining when they cheat - in other words deliberately move a boule or jack when measuring.... very easy to do, but not so easy to spot being done!
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Jo Ella Manalan Thanks everyone. I went back to the original post and read all the comments, so thank you Stephen for making it easier to find.
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Raymond Ager
June 25, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

If one player takes an authorised break during a game, are the other players allowed to practise?

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Derek Adam No
June 25, 2013 at 1:15pm · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden No you can practice anytime you like.....just don't get caught.....just like breaking any rule. 😊
June 25, 2013 at 2:27pm · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, have a read of art 17:
Absolutely no-one may, as a test, throw his/her boule during the game. Players who do not observe this rule could be penalised as set out in the chapter "Discipline", Article 34

So to answer your question, just in case that was not clear - you are not allowed to practice during a game

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Raymond Ager I was aware of Art 17 - my query was really when a player takes an authorised break, does this still count as part of the comp or can players practise whilst the game is suspended? Sorry if this wasn't clear.

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Mike Pegg just because a player has gone to the toilet does not mean the game is suspended... play can and should continue... and no you still can't practice!

June 26, 2013 at 7:08am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager OK, understood you can't practice - but should the game continue? What about the 1 min rule if a player has been given permission to leave the terrain? Surely the game can't continue with a player missing???

June 26, 2013 at 7:28am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, take a look at the last paragraph of art 31.

The reason the player seeks authorisation is so that he/she can return to the game during an end and not have to wait until the end is complete.

In most cases the umpire will allow play to stop until the player returns but if delaying play interferes with the tournament (perhaps a late running game) the umpire can and should inform the players to continue.

The one minute rule is for "a boule" to be played not which players boule!

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Raymond Ager Ok, thanks for the clarification. I had read Art 31 but it doesn't say whether or not play continues - I assumed it would stop if a player had been given permission to leave the terrain.

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Eli Nielsen

June 22, 2013

Too bad you can't search on a subject in Facebook, because this could have been put here earlier.
Team A throws the jack on 6,10m, win the end and correctly draw a circle around the jack, where it ended in the previous end. They now throw the jack out on 6,20m, but in the same direction as previous end. They play on 15x4m lanes, so no problems with distances. Is it allowed to continue in the same direction?

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Dave Smith I don't see why not. It happens a lot when we play at the beach.

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Robert Parker Nothing in the rules that say you cannot

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Magnus Halleen This was discussed 24th May, look further down.

June 22, 2013 at 8:40am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan Yes they can, as long as available valid distance for the jack to be thrown.

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Mike Pegg you have your answer Eli... as [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#) has explained: yes, as long as you can throw the jack to a valid distance.

June 22, 2013 at 10:37am · Edited · [Like](#)



Eli Nielsen @Magnus... Yes, I see it. Must have missed it 😊

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Magnus Halleen Thanks Stephen, that was new to me.

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June 13, 2013

is it legal to play with 3 completely different boules during a competition as long as they have the correct markings on them ? i.e 2 plain and 1 pineapple

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Sheikh Ismail Silan Yes, as long as all the boules are certified by FIPJP and still retain the mark of the producer and it's weight.

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Raymond Ager This is another 'old chestnut' that needs to be in a FAQ. Whilst the short answer is 'Yes' can anybody cite any top players who play with odd boules?

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Mike Pegg it is Ok to play with three "odd" boules but it seldom happens... maybe in Doubles a little more often!

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Brian Stote I played against an experienced player in the Over-50's last year who had two of one design and an odd one.

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David Alfred Ray, I've thought about it sometimes!

June 20, 2013 at 4:50pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager

June 19, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

Mike, it's often a grey/debatable area between 'filling in a hole' (allowed) and 'preparing a landing spot' (not allowed in pétanque, although allowed in le Jeu Provençal). Any thoughts? Are there any plans to change the rules relating to this? Another related one for the FAQ or perhaps 'Mythical Rules': shooters often fill in a hole in front of the target boule before shooting. A few times I've heard players say this is not allowed. Again, any comments/clarification?

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Pedro Serrano Unanue and Magnus Halleen like this.



Magnus Halleen I'm curious to see Mike's reply on this one. Was discussing this with a player last weekend, and he is very annoyed about the "landing spots"

June 19, 2013 at 9:33am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I think you may agree with me when I say most players that prepare an area (fill a mark) are not able to throw a boule accurate enough to land on the prepared area...

Anyhow, for those that can land on a specific area know the rules and push the limit as much as they can, or until the umpire spots them and gives a warning.

Is there a plan to change the rule - not that I know of.

As for your other question about shooters filling a hole/mark, if the mark is made by a previous boule then it's OK but if they are preparing the area in front of the boule then it is not allowed.

I have a question - where is this FAQ or Mythical Rules that you mention?

June 19, 2013 at 10:09am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager In answer to your first point - that depends on how big a landing spot they've prepared 😊 A FAQ is something I've suggested a few times would be useful for players to refer to and would prevent you having to spend time answering the same questions. Re the landing spot vs filling in holes - unless every single hole is marked (obviously silly) how can anybody know if a landing spot was a previous hole or not? For consistency, I would rather see the pétanque/Jeu Provençal rules brought back into line, i.e. to allow a landing spot. In practise, it's what many players do anyway.

June 19, 2013 at 11:51am · Like



Mike Pegg Jeu Provençal and Pétanque may be related but they are two different games. Why should the rules of one be inline with the rules of the

other!

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Raymond Ager Mike, the games are very closely related and the rules are 99% the same. To me it seems an inconsistency that the landing spot sentence is missing from the pétanque rules. IMHO allowing players to prepare a landing spot - what many do in practise - would avoid the problem of whether or not a landing spot was a previous hole, which in practise, you can never prove.

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Mike Pegg so we should change the rules to reflect jeu Provençal so we can overcome the issue of players standing inside the circle without walking or lifting a foot!

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Raymond Ager Fair point but accepting that the only differences between the game is the distance and the style of throwing, the rest of the rules are identical, apart from the landing spot.

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Mike Pegg it would be a much easier life for the umpires if the rules were the same but they are not because they are different games.

Of course there is a similarity in the type of game but that doesn't mean the rules have to be the same...

From my experience the only person who has a problem with a player filling a mark/hole is the player that is losing!

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Zanesfield Petanque Club Right or wrong we play you can fix one mark, divot, hole, per throw, landing spot, path, hope and pray that it might go past here spot, etc.

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Peter Astle

June 18, 2013

Team A wins the previous end and draws the circle around the jack, Player from Team A then attempts to throw the jack just over 6 metres but fails with his first two attempts the jack being short each time. The player then decides he wants to throw the jack to a longer distance erases the circle and redraws it 2 metres further back and throws the jack this time to a legal distance. The captain of Team B then goes to ask an umpire who was playing in the competition and therefore not the official umpire (see earlier posts re playing & umpiring) if the player from Team A was allowed to do this. In the meantime the second player in Team B not realising that his Captain was querying the legality of the circle being moved, had also thrown his first boule. The 'umpire' advised that Team A were not allowed to move the circle has they had drawn it and thrown the jack in accordance with Article 7 and therefore only Team B would be allowed to move the circle if Team A had failed to throw the jack a valid distance. Team A then claimed that play should continue as Team B had also thrown a boule therefore making it a valid jack (Article 8).

What should happen next.

1. Should play continue
2. Should play continue with Team A's boule being disqualified
3. Should the circle be redrawn as close to the original position as possible and Team A attempt their third throw, if they fail to throw a valid jack it then passing to Team B
4. Should the jack have been passed to Team B to throw being allowed to move the circle from the original position in accordance with Article 7 if they wished to do so

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Colin Stewart In my opinion play continues, Team A get a warning and the captain from Team B gives his teammate a telling off 😊

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Raymond Ager A follow-up question, from a game today: if you do move the circle back, does this have to be strictly in the line of play or can you move in any direction?

June 18, 2013 at 10:57am · Like



Derek Adam It's supposed to be in line with the old circle and the end position of the cache from that end. And extension line drawn imaginary, although slight left right movement is common, but not by meters.

June 18, 2013 at 11:16am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager OK, thanks.

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Mike Pegg If I understand this correctly....

Team A drew the circle around the position of the jack from the previous end.

They then threw the jack 2x only to fail reaching 6m - I guess they were to close to the dead ball line or an obstacle (please don't ask what is an obstacle).

So for their 3rd throw they moved the circle back to give them more space... I assume by moving it back 2m they were now able to throw the jack to 6, or maybe 7m....

If that is the case why did the player (with the umpire qualification) say they were not permitted to move the circle?

They had drawn the circle, tried to throw a valid jack and were not able to, so they are permitted to move the circle back to enable the jack to be thrown to a valid distance!

Anyhow, as team B have played a boule the jack is considered to be valid and play continues...

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James Urquhart Ah I thought this was the case 😊

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Peter Astle Thanks Mike, just to clarify the distance from the original circle to the dead ball line was at least 8m it was just that they (Team A) were deliberately trying to throw the jack to just on or past the 6m and failed, hence the player (with the umpire qualification) said they should not have moved the circle as they could have thrown a valid jack. If the player from Team B had not thrown his boule thus validating the new position what would the decision have been then re the circle position ?

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Mike Pegg Hi Peter, for a start if the distance was 8m and they had wanted to throw to 10m would there have been any objection to moving the circle - no!

So as they could not throw to 10m they were within their rights to move the circle back the 2m.

That does not mean they "have" to throw to 10m, having moved the circle they could then elect to throw the jack to 6m, 10m or any distance in between.

So had the opponent not have thrown his boule the decision would be to play on....

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Stephen Meadowcroft so you can only move it back to get 10m and no more? so teams that move the circle back to get 10m but if you look at where the circle is being placed they can actually get over 10m!! is this rule infringement?

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Mike Pegg you can only move the circle back, in line with the previous end, if you cannot throw the jack to a valid distance.

The distance to move the circle may be 1m, 2m or ??? but only until you can reach the maximum distance for throwing jack which is 10m

I should add, that you can move the circle "only" if you cannot throw to the max 10m in any other direction - see article 7

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Noam Seifer

June 7, 2013

hello, another question

1) suppose you have a short player (say 1.60 m height) and a tall player (1.90 height), now there are trees AROUND the court, and some of the leafs (branches or leafs) are low, are they considered obstacles ? (for

placing the circle ?) (for the cochonnet for example just above the cochonnet).

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Simon Montgomery Doble likes this.



Colin Stewart Good question.....

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Mike Pegg To be fair to all the players regardless of height I would rule that they must place the circle so that everyone can stand upright in the circle

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Noam Seifer and what about the "branches over cochonnet question ?" suppose the branches are so low they are less than a meter over the cochonnet ? is it a legal place to throw the cochonnet ?

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Mike Pegg My personal view is yes... it would mean the player would need to apply some skill to their game but I can't see any reason to say it was unfair or not allowed.

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Mike Pegg It should be "common sense" that you do not place a circle under a low hanging branch if you or any other player is unable to stand up straight!

June 13, 2013 at 5:27am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg no Stephen, you must be able to stand upright in the circle but if the jack ends up under a tree then you can modify how you throw the boule

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Mike Pegg the tree would count as an obstacle but you would measure from the trunk of the tree not the branches...

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Mike Pegg I knew I was wrong to use the phrase - "common sense" earlier!

In most cases where a tree is in the middle of a playing area you can walk under it.

So you should have enough height to play around and under the tree.

The reason the jack is to be 1 metre from an obstacle is because

1. the circle is drawn around the position of the circle for the next end and
2. if the jack was thrown near a dead ball line or obstacle or out of bounds area it could very easily be knocked out of play with the first boule.

June 13, 2013 at 9:32am · Edited · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Stephen, in a word no! I will try and explain...

scenario: the jack was thrown just over 1 metre from a tree and play continued as normal. However, when we went to draw the circle around the position of the jack we found it was not possible to stand upright due to a low hanging branch.

Q: what should we do

A: move the circle to the nearest valid place to the position of the jack so that you can stand upright.

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Noam Seifer what I think Mr Pegg's answer is, as far as concerned by the cochonnet, the branches could even be 45cm above and it is ok. maybe an obstacle must be touching the ground within the court limits in order to be classified as an obstacle. that's the way I interpret his answer on this topic.

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Mike Pegg a tree, a post, a telegraph pole, a pylon etc because for the next end you will be required to draw or place the circle to start the next end and the circle must be 1m from an obstacle.... have a feeling of déjà vu!

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Noam Seifer but Mr Pegg, you contradict yourself now ! you say on one hand if on the next move, the circle will not be able to be legally placed than it's an obstacle, but branches of 45cm over the cochonnet are not an obstacle ! 😊 as far as my understanding I have no problem understanding the circle legal placement nor the cochonnet's legal placement, my only question is if BRANCHES HANGING OVER the cochonnet say 30cm over the cochonnet are an obstacle or not, having read your posts my conclusion is that you say it is not. may I have an email address to send you something I'm working on ?

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Mike Pegg I think you are forgetting about using a little "common sense" when



considering what rule covers an issue.

In this case (of the trees) if the branches are so low to the ground that you cannot play under them why would you even consider throwing the jack under them!

So using a little common sense and the rules, you can play under a tree if you can stand upright, see the jack etc but to draw or place the circle or throw the jack the distance from the tree or obstacle must be 1m

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Raymond Ager If over-hanging branches are an obstacle, why don't they have to be at least 1m from the jack?

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Noam Seifer say i place the circle where EVERYBODY can stand upright, and the player against me HATE rolling the balls flat, i could want to throw the coche in such a way that he will not be able to lob the ball, (just for the sake of the example). and as for "common sense" rules, if everybody had common sense than we would'nt have any cheaters and wouldn't need so many rules, but this is a commonsenselessness world....

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Raymond Ager As I said a while back on this page, "the problem with common-sense is that it's not very common". 😊

June 13, 2013 at 10:28am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, I sent you a message with my email address..

Before the start of a game the umpire or perhaps if you don't have one another official (club captain maybe) will inform the teams that due to the branched being so near to the ground this area is now out of bounds or to be considered an obstacle.

Trying to answer your questions on Facebook is OK if you give a clear description of the problem, scenario or issue.

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Mike Pegg if the branches are that close to the ground the umpire or perhaps if you don't have one another official (club captain maybe) will inform the teams that due to the branched being so near to the ground this area is now out of bounds or to be considered an obstacle.

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Noam Seifer ok so it's just a matter of the decision of the chief arbiter at that particular competition. 😊 thx

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Mike Pegg as I understand your question - yes, the umpire (if you have one) will look at the area of play and consider if some particular part should be out of bounds or perhaps an obstacle....

He should inform the organising committee that a particular lane is restricted and then inform the teams.

Just the same as if a lane was partially flooded (deep puddle) he may decide play can continue in the area but with restriction.

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Noam Seifer stephen, the rules cannot cover every single possibility, the way i see it, if something of unusual nature like this example happens, you should decide BEFORE the game starts to approach the umpire or agree on the topic with the other team, EVEN the most logical umpire can interpret this rule in both manners, how ever the common sense umpire will find a solution that will let the game going on with no severe impact on the atmosphere.

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Mike Pegg that's right Naom... well done 😊

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Noam Seifer the way i understand it, anything that would disturb the player from swinging his arm (in what ever position, upright or squatting), so a tree, a big stone (40cm height), a bench, etc.

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Noam Seifer nope, i disagree, not every obstacle for a circle is an obstacle for a thrown jack, for example, dead ball lines.

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Eli Nielsen Some people has too much time.. 😊.. NO team has the benefit of throwing a jack OR a boule where an obstacle will disturb your play... common

sense is, that the teams will agree to move the circle and throw the jack without disturbance... sorry if I missed something. I didn't read alle inputs and sorry for interfering with hypothetical questions...

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Matthew Eversden I have just spent 5 mins of my time that I am never ever going to get back reading these posts.

COMMON SENSE PLEASE!!!!

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Mike Pegg LOL... 😊

June 19, 2013 at 10:02am · [Like](#)



Ian Maynard created a poll.

June 17, 2013

On the EPA website I found the Rules for the Individual Precision Shooting Competition. Are there any equivalent rules for an Individual Pointing Competition? I have found ideas on some club sites but wondered if the EPA endorses any particular version.

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Ian, in a word no..... the rules for precision shooting were produced when the FIPJP introduced the discipline as part of the World Championships.

There are a number of coaching exercises which are used to help players improve their pointing which I have seen adopted to make a sort of competition but I am not aware of any plans to make "pointing" a specific championship.

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Eli Nielsen

June 13, 2013

You are out as umpire in a tournament and you spot a player, who is "trying" to hide, that he is smoking during a game. You approach him and since he is a experienced palyer who knows the rules, you give him a warning. He quietly accepts and stops smoking. Then later in the tournament, you see him do it again, and now you will have to take further actions. He claims, that the first warning only was valid for the game he played earlier, and asks you if he should carry that warning forever?? What is the duration for that kind of violation?

Another situation... A player is throwing an illegal boule (opponents) and you issue the warning. Later on - the same day - you see him do it again. Is that kind of warning only valid for the game or the tournament? and does the palyer "carry" the warning for next tournament?

First case was a "behaviour violation" and the second was a "game violation". Are there different duration of warnings??

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Mike Pegg For smoking the warning is for the competition... so after one warning the player may have a boule disqualified etc.

For throwing another players boule a warning the 1st time, his boule is disqualified for the 2nd time of the offence during the same game - if in another game but the same competition I would issue one more warning and then if it happened again consider art 39 to disqualify from the competition any player or any team who refuses to comply with their decision.

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Eli Nielsen It makes sense to me... sometimes I could wish there was a Umpires Manual to assure you make the right and uniformed descissions, but I guess common sense and experience will help 😊

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Mike Pegg and then we would be spending more time explaining the rules and



the umpires manual... 😊

June 13, 2013 at 2:36pm · Like



Eli Nielsen an infinite job 😊

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Derek Adam No Stephen, we just need people who can play the game, read the rules and ask their umpire for a ruling as required. There is no need to cover every single possible scenario that could happen in any game. And remember Mike has said before, the umpire makes a ruling whether right or wrong at that time. They can then report the scene back to other umpires for their opinion. This dissecting and not accepting an International Umpire Committee members opinion is not respectful and is not helping.

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Eli Nielsen Rules are written regulations to assure a game is played according to the intentions of the game. Rules can never cover 100% of situations, which could occur. That is the disadvantage of rules. Interpretation of a rule is a personal understanding of the intention of the rule. That is the disadvantage of interpretations.

June 14, 2013 at 2:59am · Like · 1



Brian Forbes

June 10, 2013 · Nottingham, United Kingdom

Are the pimped coches legal?

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Derek Adam Do you mean the resin ones?

June 10, 2013 at 9:34am · Like



Colin Stewart The pimped jacks which are made by VMS are fine according to the approved list of boules and jacks. If happen to have a microscope handy you'll find the initials VMS somewhere on the surface. But I am interested to hear Mike's answer as I understand they were banned at one time and I believe some federations don't allow them.

June 10, 2013 at 10:11am · Like



Tony Thompson EPA does NOT allow resin jacks so they are not approved for use here.

June 10, 2013 at 12:22pm · Like



Raymond Ager I think the answer is both 'yes' - according to the rules, they are legal and 'no' because some federations have decided to ban them, on the grounds that they are dangerous. I've always thought that metal boules are more dangerous than jacks, but that's just a personal opinion.

June 10, 2013 at 1:32pm · Like



Mike Pegg The English Association and many other European Nations have either banned them or restricted their use.

The FIPJP only allow wooden jacks to be used at the World Champs.

Whilst on, in case you ask... the new magnetic jacks are not permitted at the Worlds (wood only) or any national competition in England....

June 11, 2013 at 2:03pm · Like · 2



Brian Forbes Thank you Mike, I thought this was the case, but didn't want to upset a friend by refusing to play with his dimpled coche. These coches even look a bit dangerous and I wouldn't want to be hit in the eye with one!

June 11, 2013 at 4:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Brian, the issue we and other nations have with the resin jack is two fold, 1 - they are far more dense (they don't even float) than a wooden jack causing more injury if you get hit by one and 2 - when they break (hit by a boule for example) they shatter into pieces which can be sharp.

There are a number of reported incidents where players have been hit on the arm causing a severe bruise but more worrying was a player hit in the face near his eye receiving a nasty cut.

Our insurers advised us as we know these jacks can cause an injury we could negate our policy cover if we allowed them to be used.

We all know a wooden jack can hurt if it hits you but they very seldom break or cut someone...

June 12, 2013 at 3:12am · Like · 1



Colin Stewart Thanks for the insight on that [Mike Pegg](#) - had only heard stories about them being unapproved but this is the first time I have heard precisely why.

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Raymond Ager If the problem is that jacks are 'too dense', would it not be better to modify the rules to specify a maximum weight? It does seem a bit inconsistent for the governing body to approve the jacks, only for them to be banned by national associations. This would also solve the problem of magnetic jacks - I don't see why it is so horrendous that a jack can't be picked up by a magnet but I can accept a weight limit.

June 12, 2013 at 3:39am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, these resin jacks were produced back in 1996 for the launch of the new "VMS" boule which was about the same time as the World Champs in Essen, Germany.

The company gave a free resin jack with each set they sold.

Soon afterwards the jacks became available to purchase and of course as is the way with these things the market was flooded with resin jacks.

Instead of banning them the FIPJP decided to approve them but sadly without any real investigation - a jack is a jack!!

It was not until they started to be used at competitions that we became aware of the issues with them.

More recently the FIPJP have stated that "only" the wooden jacks they supply will be permitted at the World Champs, perhaps this is their way of making sure the jacks at these championships meet the specifications and do not present a danger to the players!

June 12, 2013 at 4:55am · [Like](#) · 1



Raymond Ager Thanks for the background info. What do you think about specifying a weight limit for jacks? For argument's sake, supposing there was an material the same weight as wood but magnetic. It would make a great jack but illegal under current rules - specifying a weight limit would overcome this problem.

June 12, 2013 at 7:55am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam As soon as you bring in magnetic coche then you need to think of the reverse for boules. If you have polarised coche and boules then magnets attract so some would have an advantage should a boule be close to a coche. Hence why magnetic coche cannot be used.

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Raymond Ager Hmmm, interesting - I hadn't thought of that one. I was thinking more of the advantages for players who use a magnet to pick up their boules.

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Raymond Ager Interestingly a couple of the manufacturers have brought out magnetic jacks - I wonder if this is a problem in practise? Maybe this is a case of being precise about terminology - I think the jacks are 'magnetic', i.e. capable of being picked up by a magnet, rather than 'magnetised' themselves.

June 12, 2013 at 8:28am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam It's not too difficult to swap the magnetic polarities of something that size. In theory they are a good idea. It may be possible to make them with a small amount of magnetism but that would require lots of scientific testing and calculations.

June 12, 2013 at 8:39am · [Like](#)



Peter Beresford With 'magnetic' jacks, you'd need to be careful using the telescopic boule retrievers as measures, as you're in danger of the jack moving (or the boule if you use it the other way round!) during the measuring process.

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Iow Petanque Maybe just reading this wrong but you do all realize "Magnetic Jacks" is just a term to suggest that the jack can be lifted using a magnet and not that the actual Jack is magnetic? 😞 Would make for a very interesting game if it was magnetic! lol

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Mike Pegg LOL... I doubt having a magnetic jack would be of any help for some players!

June 12, 2013 at 11:22am · [Like](#) · 2



Mike Pegg hard plastic...

June 13, 2013 at 5:24am · [Like](#)



Zaidi Napi

June 12, 2013

thank you mr Mike Pegg

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Mat Jue likes this.



Noam Seifer

June 7, 2013

second question regarding 14.c in the izmir rule book : i quote (in french)
 si le but frappe est arrete ou devie par un joueur situe en terrain de jeu
 autorise son adversaire a le choix entre : a) laisser le but a sa nouvelle
 place
 b) remettre le but a sa place primitive
 c) place le but dans le prolongement d'une ligne allant de sa place primitive
 a l'endroit ou il se trouve, a la distance maximale de 20 metres du cercle
 (15 pour les jeunes) et de facon qu'il soit visible....
 b)c) les alineas b et c ne peuvent etre appliques que si le but a ete
 prealablement marque.

here is my problem/question,
 team B shoots the cochonet (by accident or intentionally, it doesn't matter)
 and hits a player from team A, the cochonet WAS marked, and the game
 takes place on a marked court. does team B have the right to call a dead
 end ?
 2 examples : 1) putting the jack on the line from the original place to the
 current place at 19m from the circle places it out of bounds.
 2) it is not possible to place the jack "out of bounds" as stated in the
 previous example.

i would think this rule should be revised in order to avoid players stopping
 the jack intentionally, JUST BY NOT MOVING AS IT FLIES, and giving the
 opposite team the advantage rule... between calling : 1) dead end 2) old
 position 3) new position 4) any where on the line between the old and dead
 position within the playing area (including the adjacent courts).

hope i explained my self well... thx for any answer/explanation
 Noam

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Mike Pegg The rule does not need revising... it is very clear and prevents a
 player/team from taking an unfair advantage by perhaps deliberately stopping
 the jack.

If you read the rule again you will see that the opponent of the player who
 stopped the jack has the options, not the player or team who stopped it.

June 11, 2013 at 2:04pm · Like · 1



Noam Seifer i understood that, my question is not that, my problem is with
 alinea C, it does not clearly state if the team who has the choice (because the
 opponent stopped deliberately or not the cochonet) can use the "prolongement"
 rule to place the cochonet in a dead area and therefor "annuler la mene" or
 not.

June 11, 2013 at 2:37pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, if I understand you correctly I think you are not reading
 art 14 fully...

2) If the jack, having been hit, is stopped or deviated by a player in the
 authorised playing area, his opponent has the choice of:
 a) leaving the jack in its new position;
 b) putting it back in its original position;
 c) placing it anywhere on the extension of a line going from its original position
 to the place that it is found, up to a maximum distance of 20 metres from the
 circle (15 metres for the younger players) and such that it is visible.

If the lanes are marked (15 x 4) the likely hood is the jack would be dead if it
 was placed at 20m from the circle.

The whole point of this rule is to prevent the player accidentally or perhaps deliberately stopping the jack from having an advantage.

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Noam Seifer so it is ok to place the jack at 20m (on a 15x4 court) and thus call the end dead ? thx for the multiple answers !

June 12, 2013 at 3:30am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam Mike, i think what Noam is trying to ask, is if the piste is 15*4, and you have coche placement, can you then opt to place the coche outside the play area. Its not something i have thought of in the past, but interesting question.

June 12, 2013 at 4:18am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg the answer is yes but only after talking with the umpire as you are about to interfere in another game.... unless of course you were taking the jack to the 2nd lane in which case it would be dead.

If you are saying along the 15m length (end of the lane) into another lane then of course the jack would be dead as this line dividing the end of two lanes is also considered to be the dead ball line

June 12, 2013 at 4:50am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Very interesting. I had always assumed that the reasoning behind the rule allowing placement a maximum of 20m from the circle was to ensure that the jack was NOT placed at a distance which would require it being declared dead. I suppose my reasoning would be true when playing in open terrain, but I never considered that it would allow placing the jack in an out-of-bounds area when playing on a marked terrain. Guess this would be another good reason to mark the position of the jack?

June 12, 2013 at 5:03am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Mike Pegg Consider that the player is shooting the jack to force a dead end, maybe to save losing the game or indeed to win it.... then the jack is accidentally stopped by his opponent!

June 12, 2013 at 5:05am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Noam Seifer THANK YOU, it is exactly what i wanted, i too assumed the 20m rule was to make sure the jack could not be called dead !!

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Dave Smith

June 7, 2013

There is an overhanging tree at one of the venues I play. If a boule is lobbed high enough and it strikes the branches (I'm sure I could do it), is the throw still valid?

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Raymond Ager There was a similar question on the French forums a while back: at indoor venues, what happens if a boule hits the ceiling? The boule was ruled dead but I can imagine both with the ceiling and with a tree, it could be very contentious whether or not a boule actually hit. Interesting to see what Mike has to say.

June 7, 2013 at 11:15am · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart In my opinion, a low hanging branch is a feature of the terrain, just as would be a twig or half a brick on the ground. A thrown boule or jack which strikes the branch/twig/brick remains live.

June 10, 2013 at 10:17am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Raymond Ager I agree with Colin, normally trees are treated as obstacles. I have seen a few instances of boules hitting branches but have never heard a player claiming the boule is dead. I would also have thought that, if you do hit a branch - unless you're *very* lucky - it will probably be to your disadvantage.

June 10, 2013 at 1:39pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I guess it's debatable/arbitrary whether or not the ceiling is out of bounds - but that's the ruling that was given. Supposing there are girders supporting the ceiling, a bit like branches - are they features or out of bounds? I think the biggest problem is trying to prove whether or not a boule hit. Again, if you did hit, it would usually be to your disadvantage.

June 10, 2013 at 11:22pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Of course in official comps, players should respect the official rules. However, at club/friendly level 99.9% of players are perfectly happy to be a bit more informal, rather than sticking rigidly to the letter of the law, e.g. is

the jack is a bit short or long, players will invariably give it a nudge, rather than insisting in a rethrow. There's one 'local' rule where I play - boules which hit the side wall are in play but if the jack hits, it's dead. I think this is crazy and inconsistent but it's what everybody does!

June 11, 2013 at 9:30am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg sorry for the delay in responding to your question dave, I've been extremely busy these past few days...

Your boule striking a branch or the tree itself will be valid and play continues normally.... we as normal as it can when you hit a tree!!

Ray, there are specific rules for indoor venues which were drawn up by the FFPJP some time ago, they were not adopted internationally but are used as a guide by some nations.

June 11, 2013 at 1:55pm · Like · 2



Dave Smith Thank you Mike and all others that commented. As Ray says, hitting a tree branch will almost certainly be to the players disadvantage.

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Raymond Ager Just as choosing the terrain, the length of the jack, etc, is all part of the tactics of pétanque, playing under/near a tree can also be a tactical decision, if say, this impedes the opponents from playing high-lobs.

June 12, 2013 at 2:59am · Like · 1



Noam Seifer

June 4, 2013

Hello, 2 questions does not have anything to do one with the other :

- 1) what is the LAST international approved rules text ? is it the one from izmir 2010 ?
- 2) what is the definition of "un obstacle", is a tree an obstacle ? a big stone (10cm) is an obstacle if it cannot be moved ? if it can be moved ? etc...

thx in advance

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Mike Pegg 1 - The last agreed modification was published in 2010, Izmir, Turkey

2 - An obstacle is a tree, wall, etc an item that cannot be removed

June 4, 2013 at 2:03am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, Sorry for the very brief response earlier, I should have given you more detail...

The rules to refer to different kinds of obstacles without clearly defining what they are.

Art 24 - obstacles that can be moved to make a measure are stones, twigs leaves etc that may interfere with the measure.

Art 10 - much the same as Art 24

Art 6/7 - obstacles are those items that would prevent the player from throwing a boule in a natural way, for example a tree being to close may mean the player is unable to swing his arm backwards.

It is also why the rules state the dead ball line must be 1 metre from any solid barrier. The solid barrier in question is not the piece of 2 x 4 of boarding around the terrain to stop a boule, the "solid barrier" is the fence or wall that prevents spectators from entering the playing area.

If the barrier was closer than 1 metre from the dead ball line the player would strike his arm against it when throwing a boule

Art 18 - obstacle... it's those tress again!

Hope this helps

Cheers Mike

June 4, 2013 at 1:06pm · Like



Noam Seifer thank you, is there any way of making sure the question being asked is "original" other than going back through the WHOLE forum ? maybe it's a good idea to make some kind of "questions and answers" page... any way

thx for the great job,, it's so good to know i have whom to ask those picky questions i have 😊. thx... cheers.

June 4, 2013 at 1:09pm · Like



Mike Pegg I've been quietly working on a new website for umpires which will include sample exam questions and perhaps part of the umpires course.

It's a lot of work and needs some serious time to be ready for publishing... maybe later this year!

I don't know if it is possible to set up a Q & A page on Facebook that would be any different than this group - a private forum is OK if the membership and topics are controlled. My experience of forums is they are a breeding ground for wingers and moaners and I have no time for either!

Open to suggestions within reason but I do all this in my spare (limited) time



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Mike Pegg this may help to explain a "marked" terrain

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Mike Pegg yes that's right, which is why a boule or jack crossing the "dead ball" line is out of play...

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Mike Pegg yes Stephen the rule should have stated lanes but it matters very little as the meaning is very obvious.... doesn't pay to be an armchair lawyer



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Sheikh Ismail Silan

May 24, 2013

Hi Mike Pegg

An end was played at the 'A' End of the pitch (facing 'B' end). Finishing the end the jack situated around the mid of the pitch (at a distant of 7m to the dead ball line of both ends).

1. The team decided to play the new end facing the 'B' end again (for it's brighter) and ask the arbiter permission to step backward. The arbiter did not allowed as it's not in line with the previous plying direction.
2. The team failed to throw the jack so the the other team take over and decided to play facing the 'A' End and was allowed by the arbiter to step backward as now its in line with the plyind direction.

What say you.

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Mike Pegg Hello my friend, I would agree with the umpires decision

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Mazlan Ahmad But there's no rule that forbids the direction of the throwing of the jack (pertaining to part1 of the question). What if the game was played in an open terrain - it wouldn't be compulsory to throw the jack in the reverse direction.

May 24, 2013 at 3:27pm · Like



Mike Pegg it is not compulsory to throw the jack in any particular direction as long as you can throw it to a valid distance

May 24, 2013 at 11:30pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad Yes... backing further away from the previous end's circle, along a straight line projection, to a throwing distance of his choice, but restricted to a maximum length of 10 meters from the dead ball line.

May 25, 2013 at 4:20am · Like



Brian Stote Ten metres for the jack plus a metre to the dead boule line.

May 25, 2013 at 5:16am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mazlan Ahmad](#) It's 11 meters from dead ball line so as to have 10 meters for throwing the jack.

May 26, 2013 at 11:37am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad yes indeed... its 10 + 1.

June 2, 2013 at 9:26am · Like



Eli Nielsen

May 31, 2013

Hi all

If you are playing a tournament on reduced lanes (3 x 12), what is the minimum distance to out-of-bound area when throwing the jack. In Denmark we have a rule, which says 0,5 meter on reduced lanes, but I believe it is a Danish "invention". Do you (all) have special rules on reduced lanes ??

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Michal Dzurik in central european countries it is usually 0,5 m from the side line, 1 m from the back line.

May 31, 2013 at 1:42am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic Yes, indeed. In Slovenia, too.

May 31, 2013 at 1:54am · Like



Martin Bartoš When you play without the time-limit the distance from the side lines is 0 and the distance from the "short" lines is 1 meter.

May 31, 2013 at 2:58am · Like



Eli Nielsen Hmm.. Since the International Rules (art. 5) mention legal terrain of 3x12m, I suggest that any rule, which may be affected by this, must also be described clearly in the International Rules...?? Just a hint for the next adaptation 😊

May 31, 2013 at 4:16am · Like · 1



Derek Adam The International rules cover the smaller piste size, but this would only allow a 1m wide play area. Most clubs/nations state a 50cm distance so as to allow greater play area for the coche throw.

May 31, 2013 at 5:11am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg The international rules state that petanque is played on any terrain and by decision of the Organising Committee or the Umpire, the teams may be asked to play on a marked terrain.

In this case, for National Championships and International Competitions, the minimum dimensions of each lane should be 15m long x 4m wide.

For other competitions the Federations may permit (it is their choice) variations subject to the lanes not being below 12m x 3m.

The rule for the thrown jack states that it must be at least 1 metre from the dead ball line. The dead ball line is the line that marks out the total area of play and not the "guidelines" which separate the lanes

May 31, 2013 at 5:42am · Like



Michal Dzurik I have seen this, though as in timed games played on a marked terrain a boule is considered dead when it completely crosses the line of the designated lane, we consider all lines as dead ball lines. that is I think the main purpose of marked terrain and time limit game - that all side lines are dead ball lines, not only those in the corners of the area where lanes are made.

May 31, 2013 at 9:04am · Like



Mike Pegg that's right but we were not talking about timed games....

May 31, 2013 at 2:01pm · Like



Andy Barron

May 22, 2013

Hi Mike, during a competition where playing circles were provided, a question was asked of "do the rules say we have to use the circles or can we choose not to?" Article 6 states "use of prefabricated circles is at the decision of the organiser who must provide them" does this mean the simple answer to the question is "yes, when circles are provided and requested to be used they should be"?

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Dragan Antonijevic It sounds logical to me. So, if organizer decide to use it, all competitors should accept this.

May 22, 2013 at 5:51am · Like



Raymond Ager Something that's always puzzled me - WHY do some players say they do not want to use the circles? IMHO there are advantages to using them, so why are some players opposed???

May 22, 2013 at 7:12am · Like



Peter Astle We've had this in our local league where 3 of the clubs use the obut prefabricated circles the league ruling is that if the home club provides them then they must be used. You get the old chestnut that 'The're a health & safety trip hazard risk' trotted out but they are only 6mm in thickness hardly a risk !! others try to say that what about if you accidentally move them is it a dead end to which the answer is quite simple mark its position before throwing the jack (and pick your feet up when exiting the circle) As you may gather my club is one of the three that use circles for home matches

May 22, 2013 at 7:38am · Like · 1



Colin Stewart ...not to mention removing the confusion about the actual position of the circle, prevents blurring of the circle boundary by footfall etc. I played in one competition where the umpire said that plastic circles must be used to avoid such issues and fewer delays. Makes sense to me.

May 22, 2013 at 9:01am · Like



Christophe Chambers I've heard the argument that being able to draw smaller circles (ie. 35mm - 50mm) is an advantage in restricting the opponents' feet more than the standard 50mm plastic circle. We normally mandate the plastic circles from the playoffs forward & have not had much complaining about it...

May 22, 2013 at 9:06am · Like



Colin Stewart christophe - the rules state the circle must be large enough for both feet to fit inside the circle, so someone whos feet dont fit in a small circle can make it larger (without being any closer to the jack)

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Mike Pegg To answer your question Andy, if the organiser decides that the event will have the benefit of resin circles then the teams MUST use them, they have no choice!

May 23, 2013 at 12:36am · Like · 4



Andy Barron Thanks Mike

May 23, 2013 at 5:38am · Like



Bernie Miles All that you have to do now [Andy](#) is persuade everyone to have both feet inside the circle!

May 23, 2013 at 7:29am · Like · 2



Peter Astle Bernie "you can lead a horse to water but....." lol

May 23, 2013 at 9:14am · Like · 1



Martin Hughes I have a FIPJP approved collapsible circle - never go anywhere without it now, but still amazed at the number of people who say "We're not using that".

May 23, 2013 at 9:40am · Like



Christophe Chambers @Colin: If my opponents feet can't fit inside my circle, then I get to redraw it, not the opponent. I can still limit its size to less than 50 cm (but large enough for those big feet) thereby restricting the movement inside the circle. I don't use such tactics, but it is possible...

May 23, 2013 at 9:49am · Like



Colin Stewart got it, thanks

May 23, 2013 at 9:52am · Like



Tony Thompson At a recent umpires course Mike said that if a drawn circle was too small for a player to get his feet into it could be extended TO THE REAR, thus maintaining the original tactical advantage of restricting sideways movement of the feet. So [Mike Pegg](#) does this mean that an oval "circle" is lawfull?

May 23, 2013 at 12:37pm · Like



Mike Pegg The point that was made Tony is when you draw the circle you are supposed to make sure it is big enough... but after drawing it you find that a player is unable to stand inside the circle without touching the line then you can make it slightly larger.

To do this you probably only need to make it slightly larger... I suggested to the back of the circle because you do not have to make the circle wider so the player can stand feet apart, you just need to make it big enough to get his feet inside - will that make the circle oval shape, I doubt it!

May 23, 2013 at 2:50pm · Like



Brian Stote One of the defined attributes of a circle is that it has the same diameter in any direction. Anything other single-sided figure is an oval, an ellipse or formless. I concede that a prefabricated circle is of benefit to spectators in making it clear where the throwing point is located but it removes one of the tactical options of choosing lesser diameters to restrict the stance of those who habitually play with feet wide apart or to reduce the angle available for pointing past obstructive boules or shooting a partially masked boule. The area of a 50cm circle is more than twice that of a 35cm circle. The rule states that "a drawn circle may not measure less than 35cm or more than 50cm in diameter." Although a prefabricated circle does not compromise those limits, it does make the lower one redundant.

May 23, 2013 at 3:52pm · Like



Mike Pegg There are times when I could easily lose the will to live!

May 24, 2013 at 9:47am · Like · +2



Brian Stote I know the feeling.

May 24, 2013 at 10:20am · Like



Steve Zimmo

May 10, 2013

Mike, a question...is it acceptable for an umpire who is playing in a competition to stop halfway through a game and show a yellow card to his opponent? Or would this come under bad sportmanship as it could be used as a tactic to put your opposition off!!!

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Bobby DarkDestiny likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, if the umpire is playing then he is not an umpire but more a glorified interpreter of the rules and measurer.

Sorry but I don't see how you could possible call yourself an umpire and be playing at the same time.

I thought in England it was against the Umpires Code!

May 10, 2013 at 11:25am · Like · +2



Mike Pegg Spot on Martin... maybe the umpires in your region should do the job properly, or not at all!

May 10, 2013 at 11:26am · Like · +2



Tony Richards When this occurred last year [Steve Zimmo](#) i couldn't believe what i was seeing and it actually backfired on the said "playing umpire" because it put me off my game because i was embarrassed at what i'd just witnessed! And where we was in control of a very tight game we lost it! I'm all for fair play , and you will always get sledging and the like during games , i can deal with that like butter on toast lol .. But what occurred last year hopefully is never repeated by a "playing umpire" 😊

May 10, 2013 at 11:40am · Like



Mike Pegg if the umpire is playing then he is not an umpire!

May 10, 2013 at 11:54am · Like · +4



Tony Richards Can i give the V sign to anyone that tries what happened last year then Mike? and be my resepectful self in all other occasions when an appointed umpire is employed for the day 😊

May 10, 2013 at 12:05pm · Like



Steve Zimmo Thanks Mike, thats exactly what I said and totally agree with

May 11, 2013 at 9:49am · Like



Michal Dzurik of course also playing umpire is an umpire. no matter how many of you disagree. from ym experience there is usually more umpires during the competition, so the warning (or measurement) is done by the umpire not playing in that particular match where the problem occurred.

i don't want to be rude, but sometimes it is quite funny how strict you people are in some cases, but when organisers of world or european championships break the written rules of the championships, you keep silent.

May 12, 2013 at 6:21am · Like



Mike Pegg there is more to being the umpire at a competition than measuring.

You must spend time walking around the games watching the players and keeping in contact with the control table.

If you are playing then you cannot do the job.... when was the last time you saw the umpire in cricket pick up the bat or bowl a ball!

So do not be ridiculous to suggest you can umpire and play - you cannot!

May 13, 2013 at 4:16am · Like · 4



Dave Smith

May 10, 2013

Mike, what is the correct course of action if you see your opponent(s) continually stand on the circle, or with their feet outside of it as they throw their boule (apart from ignoring it). Please bear in mind that in our matches, we have no umpires to call upon.

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Raymond Ager "Les pieds dans le rond!" - Feet in the circle. Ask them nicely



May 10, 2013 at 12:07pm · Like



Mike Pegg Exactly Ray... ask them nicely Dave!

May 10, 2013 at 10:17pm · Like



Raymond Ager Sometimes works 😊

May 10, 2013 at 10:30pm · Like



Dave Smith Hmm... I wish it were that simple.

May 20, 2013 at 9:35am · Like



Mike Pegg it rarely is Dave which is why we have umpires!

May 20, 2013 at 10:33am · Like



Peter Beresford "Careful you don't move the jack with your knuckles, matey" - usually works for me

May 20, 2013 at 10:38am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Mmmm maybe Darwin was right!

May 20, 2013 at 2:22pm · Like · 2



Eli Nielsen I like Peter's approach... give him/her a hint, that you noticed, but do it in a polite/funny way. If they don't listen, you can start the big talk about rules of the game.

May 22, 2013 at 9:20am · Like



Eli Nielsen

May 16, 2013

Hi Mike... I have been asked this question and I'm not sure about the answer.

Let's say the jack has been thrown - or pushed - very close to the line, which separates the lanes, and team A has played all there boules so they enclose the jack on our lane. Can team B play - deliberately - a boule, which crosses the separation line into the neighbouring lane to get closer to the jack?

It's a bit tricky to explain, but I hope I made it clear enough.

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Bobby DarkDestiny likes this.



Derek Adam As long as the piste next door is live, then yes it is a valid shot to play. If the rules of the day state crossing the line is dead, then no cannot be played.

It will depend on the competition rules, but generally you play on your live

piste, and 1 piste either side is also live. Unless your piste includes a boundary line.

May 16, 2013 at 2:35pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen Hi Derek... That was exactly my thoughts, but I needed "a second opinion" 😊 Thanks.

May 16, 2013 at 2:49pm · Like



Dave Smith I think if you were playing timed games then the dividing strings would be classed as dead ball lines for obvious reasons.

May 17, 2013 at 12:48am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Eli, the lines separating the lanes are guidelines they are not dead ball lines so to play across this line is perfectly acceptable.

As has been pointed out by Derek, the boule or jack would only be considered dead if it crossed the lane next to the one you are playing in and went into the next lane... in other words if you are playing in lane 5 the jack and boule would be OK in lanes 4 and 6 but would be dead if they went into lanes 3 and 7

Dave is correct to quote the rule about timed games, in this case all lines are considered to be dead ball lines... but you didn't ask that!

May 17, 2013 at 2:02am · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen I appreciate your answers. They really help me in getting more confidence, when asked these - sometime theoretical - questions. Sometime I feel that we umpires are tested by the players ... but that keep us on our toes... 😊

May 17, 2013 at 10:23am · Like



Mike Pegg another reason why I started this Facebook group 😊

May 17, 2013 at 1:53pm · Like · 1



Eli Nielsen

May 7, 2013

I question I put to the Danish umpires (occasional testing):

Score: Team A, 10 and team B, 12

All boules are played and team A claims 3 point, which will give then the game. The first 2 points are clear, but the 3.rd needs measuring. Team A measure and claim the 3.rd point. Team B wish to check the measurement and in doing that, he moves the jack, so team A surely loses the 3.rd point. No marking of jack or boules.

The Umpire is called, but what will he do?

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Magnus Halleen The umpire should talk to the teams. If team B admits moving the jack or boule they will lose the point and team A win the game. The problem comes if team B refuse to admit they moved jack or boule. Then as an umpire you can just judge from what u see and the standing would be 12-12

May 7, 2013 at 9:14am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Why is the umpire called... because team B moved the jack.

So it is clear that the decision of the umpire is Team A have 13 points.

May 7, 2013 at 12:26pm · Like · 2



Dave Smith I'm with Mike on this one.

May 7, 2013 at 12:57pm · Like



Magnus Halleen It really comes to who called the umpire

May 7, 2013 at 1:16pm · Like



Dave Smith If teams were honest then this situation wouldn't come about.

May 7, 2013 at 1:30pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg The scenario does not state which team called the umpire because it does not matter....

If you are suggesting that the umpire can only give a decision on what he sees then I think you are confused with Art 21 about displaced boules.

May 7, 2013 at 1:36pm · Like



Eli Nielsen Yes, it's a tricky one 😊 Could a fair decision be: Since the umpire cannot determin, that Team A was entitled to have the 13.th point, the standing is 12-12 and both teams receive a warning for not calling the umpire for such a critical measurement... ??

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Mike Pegg Not even close Stephen.....

The 3rd point had to be measured because the difference between Team A's boule and Team B's boule was very little.

In affecting the (check) measurement Team B moved the jack.

Art 27 states that the team, whose player displaced the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point.

Therefore the point goes to Team A which = 13 points and the game.

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Raymond Ager Mike, in situations where there is a very close measurement, perhaps requiring 2 or 3 attempts to verify, it happens that occasionally a boule or the jack is accidentally moved. Even when everything has been marked, I doubt if a boule could be replaced exactly where it was, assuming, say, the measurement is less than 1mm. Can you give any advice on how best to measure such close situations and how to avoid moving anything?

May 7, 2013 at 11:59pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, call the umpire... but I guess you are talking about a game without an umpire!

Your choices are limited...

you could ask someone not involved in your game to measure in which case if he/she moved the jack or boule then the 2nd paragraph of Art 27 would apply (he/she would be to all effect the umpire measuring).

Or you could measure using the same equipment an umpire would use, wedges etc, to prevent the jack or boules moving.

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Raymond Ager Many thanks - off to play in a comp this afternoon, with a French umpire 😊

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Eli Nielsen I have much more answers, that Team A win the game, due to it was Team B, who "lost" a possible advantage of having boule no. 3.

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Eli Nielsen I would like to take this one step further.... Art 27 mentions, that in case the umpire displaces boule or jack during measurement, "he will make a decision in an equitable way". What is that decision?..... I hope I never find myself in that position 😊

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Mike Pegg basically if the umpire was to move the jack or boule he would make as fair a decision as he can...

maybe in his opinion before measuring it was team A that was holding the point so he announces in fairness it is team A or maybe he had measured and was sure of the result and then accidentally moved the jack, again he would announce his decision based on what he knows or what he considers to be a fair decision..... there is no simple answer I can give you as it is the umpires decision at the time.

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Eli Nielsen Hmm.... still I would not like to be in that position. However, my first thought is to check if Team A has got any points previously in the round?...If so, it would be easier to cancel the point I displaced. Otherwise I have to notice the score... will it be "Game over"?

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Eli Nielsen but Yes, if the first measurement "looked like" Team A, I would go for that... Otherwise I would use the previous statement.

May 9, 2013 at 3:21pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Mike, In the case of a boule or jack moved during measuring, does the team doing the measuring (assuming it was not the umpire) lose the point even if the boules and jack WERE marked? That's my understanding. One more question, as an umpire, do you attempt to mark the boule or jack before measuring to assist YOU in a determination if you should accidentally move something? Or do you just accept that is nearly impossible to mark boules or jacks so precisely that a 1mm difference could be judged based on the markings? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, I was wondering when someone was going to ask...

Q1. Strictly by the rules the player/team that has moved the jack or boule will

lose the point regardless if they have marked the position.

Q2. Of course I accept that it is very difficult to replace a boule or jack precisely when the position is marked with a few lines in the ground.

If the measurement is so close to be just 1 or 2 mm apart I would wedge the boules and jack to prevent them moving, in affect marking the positions.

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike.

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Noam Seifer

May 6, 2013

A question i could not find any reference to throughout the entire rule book :

Is there any rule against spectators (friends of the adverse team players) giving them tactical advice ? e.g hand gestures as if to shoot or to point ?

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Mike Pegg no there is not rule against spectators giving advice to a player but they cannot call out to him/her

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Noam Seifer so basically only by hand gestures ? 😊

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Mike Pegg lol... for sure

May 6, 2013 at 2:47am · Like



Raymond Ager I wondered why the spectator was making hand jestures to me 😊

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Mike Pegg lol... I was wondering why the player would take any notice of a spectator making hand signals, I can think of a few signals I may consider making back! 😊

May 6, 2013 at 2:49am · Like



Raymond Ager Are players allowed to make hand gestures to the umpire? 😊

May 6, 2013 at 2:50am · Like



Mike Pegg they normally do when he has his back to them 😊

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Raymond Ager You must have eyes in the back of your head!!!

May 6, 2013 at 2:52am · Like




Mike Pegg lol... that's what is meant by being physically able to do the job!

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Raymond Ager I thought the gesture meant I had one point - until I realised which finger it was. 😊

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Noam Seifer GOOD ONE RAYMOND !!! HAHHAHAHAHA

May 6, 2013 at 3:07am · Like



Colin Stewart

April 30, 2013

Hi Mike

How would you handle this one? All boules have been played, the teams agree that Team A who threw the last boule have 5 boules counting and Team A decide to measure for 6th. The measure reveals that it is in fact 6pts to Team A. In communicating this there appears to be some confusion. Team A, thinking it's 6 points to them pick up all their boules. Team B thought it was only 5 and pick up all theirs. So we are left with a disagreement about the 6th point and no boules on the terrain and no marks. In my opinion Team A get 5 pts, all other boules are dead because they were picked up before the points were agreed. Do you agree or have I missed something?

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Mike Pegg Hi Colin, Team A get the 5 points agreed...

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Colin Stewart ta

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Magnus Halleen

April 10, 2013 · Gothenburg, Sweden

Comming to a tournament one player see he forgot his boules at home. There were some boules he could borrow and the teams start to play. At the standing 8-10 the team with 10 pouts make a very bad round and leaving team with 8 points with no.1 and 5 boules on hand. The leading team then looks at the boules the player borrowed and find out they are leisure boules. No marks no weight. They complain to the umpire. How should the umpire judge in this case?

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Gary Jones Complaints related to size, weight, and stampings can only be made before the game starts. However, if the boules in question are suspected to contain a foreign substance, a challenge on that basis can be made between ends any time during the game.

April 10, 2013 at 4:18pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, the umpire will advise the team making the complaint that they should have checked the boules of their opponents before the start of play because complaints about the material, size and weight of boules can only be accepted before the game starts.

However, as the boule do not conform to the regulations for competitions the umpire will instruct the player to change his boules.

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Gary Jones So, a team CAN complain about material, size, and weight AFTER the game starts and the umpire will then make the offending player change his boules. This would seem to negate the statement in Article 2a which says, "Complaints relating to these three paragraphs and made by players are admissible only before the start of a game." What purpose does that statement serve? It would seem that players can make a complaint at ANY time during the game, not "...only before the start of a game."

April 16, 2013 at 12:08pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, no the team cannot complain (as per the rule)

The point I was trying to make and rather clumsily is that leisure boules are not permitted.

The player should not have been allowed to start a game with them... the umpire should have spotted these leisure boules from the outset and told the player to change them.

April 17, 2013 at 12:01am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. I understand that the boules should not have been allowed and would not have been allowed had the team checked their opponents boules before the game began. But I fail to see how you can say that the team cannot complain once the game has started yet, at the same time, say that now that they have complained, you'll make their opponents change boules. Aren't you then allowing their complaint that they're not allowed to make???

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Brian Stote One presumes that a team is entitled to ask to inspect their opponents' boules before play starts, otherwise, if a player steps in to play without having warmed up (and thus revealing their boules), it would be too late to object after they had thrown the first of their illegal boules.

April 17, 2013 at 8:01am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Some of the Chinese made boules are filled with industrial waste - would the players therefore be in breach of article 2.4? 😊 As an aside, I'm amazed at how little some players know about the boules they use - how could anybody in an event where comp boules are required think they could play with leisure boules?

April 17, 2013 at 11:59am · [Like](#)



Tony Thompson Surely these Chinese boules are not approved by the F.I.P.J.P. so in breach of article 2 totally.

April 18, 2013 at 5:00am · Like



Mike Pegg I think Ray is referring to some Chinese leisure boules that have been found filled with what looks like industrial waste.... of course they are not approved by the FIPJP

I have put an up to date list of approved boules on the "information" page of the EPA website www.englishpetanque.org.uk

April 18, 2013 at 10:25am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, just curious - what about comp boules that are no longer manufactured? e.g. Marco Foyot used to sell his own comp boules, made by Obut, I think, but these are no longer made and don't appear in the list. I'm sure there are lots of other examples. Are these boules still valid, if not listed?

April 18, 2013 at 10:31am · Like



Mike Pegg only the boules that are included in the current list are approved.....

April 18, 2013 at 1:57pm · Like



Raymond Ager OK, thanks.

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Michal Dzurik well, chinese boules 😊 men's world championships in izmir, turkey, 2010: india played with chinese boules all games. what we should do - send them back home?

April 22, 2013 at 3:38pm · Like



Mike Pegg Strictly according to the rules the players should be asked to change their boules but in this case the organisers allowed this "new" federation to compete

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Dušan Gorše

April 22, 2013

Player A throws the jack and his first boule correctly. Player B throws his boule, which stops at approximately the same distance from the jack as player A's boule. Player B inspects the situation and without measuring the distance he estimates that his boule does not have a point, so he throws another boule, which stops further from the jack as the first two. Player B decides to measure the first two thrown boules (his own and player A's boule) and finds out, that his first boule had a point before and he claims his point. Player A does not agree, as he believed player B's previous judgement, that his first boule did not overtake the point, that's why he threw another boule.

Player A calls the umpire. What is his decision?

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Mike Pegg are you studying for the umpires exam Colin?

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Colin Stewart Considering it Mike

April 22, 2013 at 4:22am · Like



Colin Stewart I don't think both players agreeing one way or the other makes any difference (unless the agreement results from a measure), the measure after Player B's second ball dictates who should play next and whether anyone played out of turn. In my experience it's quite common for a player to play again without consulting their opponents if they don't think they are holding the point - they get no advantage to playing out of turn if the opposition are paying attention and have marked everything.

April 22, 2013 at 4:38am · Like



Mike Pegg Team A having thrown the 1st boule are holding the point. Team B play their first boule but instead of measuring they estimate (guess) they are not holding a play another boule.

When Team B measure they discover that the first boule they played was actually holding the point.

Team B should have measured and in deed are the team who is required having played.... so team A correctly call the umpire and as Colin has stated team B are given a warning for not measuring to see if they were holding, or not.

Team A are asked if they want to play the advantage rule, if yes the 2nd boule

from Team B remains where it is.

If they decide no then the 2nd boule of team B is disqualified and removed from the terrain.

The lesson here is be sure you are not holding the point before you play a boule!

April 22, 2013 at 4:44am · Like · 3



Dušan Gorše Thank you for the answer, Mike

April 22, 2013 at 4:57am · Like



Raymond Ager As an aside, a few years ago I emailed the French Federation for clarification on a similar situation. Their response was interesting, "How can anybody possible play if they don't know who has the point!"

April 22, 2013 at 8:33am · Like



Mike Pegg Exactly Ray.... beggars belief that a player plays a boule not knowing if he should or not!

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Em Montgomery

April 7, 2013

at a lot of competitions you are not allowed to smoke cigarettes on the piste for obvious reasons, but are you allowed to use electric cigarettes during a game?

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Raymond Ager So long as you don't exhale 😊

April 7, 2013 at 11:52am · Like



Raymond Ager For me, an electric cigarette is still a cigarette. However, I suggest it's important to think of the 'image' of pétanque, especially as a sport. What would sponsors, TV, even the Olympics think of a 'sport' where the competitors smoke?

April 7, 2013 at 12:01pm · Like



Worcester Petanque I thought it was a no smoking rule, not just a anti cigarette rule and as far as I am aware an electric cigarette is not actually smoking! So I don't see how it should not be allowed.

April 7, 2013 at 12:08pm · Like



Worcester Petanque @ Raymond Ager Whilst I see where you are coming from, seriously is Emma likely to be appearing on tv or going to the olympic committee to display the sport? I doubt it!

April 7, 2013 at 12:11pm · Like



Raymond Ager Sorry, I don't know Emma so I don't know - but as a general point, I think the 'image' that players and clubs present is important. I would also add 'schools' to the list.

April 7, 2013 at 12:13pm · Like



Worcester Petanque Ok Sorry emma no offence meant! I am inclined to agree with you Raymond Ager!

April 7, 2013 at 12:16pm · Like



Raymond Ager Let's see what Mike says - I guess it's one for the lawyers whether or not electric cigarettes count as cigarettes or not.

April 7, 2013 at 12:20pm · Like



Mike Pegg the rule is no smoking, it does not state what you are smoking only that you can't do it.... so electronic or not the answer is no.

April 7, 2013 at 1:23pm · Like · 6



Worcester Petanque Sureley that's not smoking as it's not a cigarette or a cigar or a pipe. I thought that smoking was in relation to something that produces smoke. not water vapour!

April 10, 2013 at 12:51pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike has already answered this - surely the clue is in Electric *CIGARETTE* !

April 10, 2013 at 11:26pm · Like



Brian Stote I agree with Ray. The issue is over the image of the sport, particularly when seen by the general public, whom we are trying interest in petanque as a sport. They will not know from a distance whether the 'cigarettes' are real or substitutes.

April 11, 2013 at 3:38am · Like



Colin Stewart Interesting debate. I'm a recent ex-smoker who used e-cigs as nicotine replacement therapy (which I have since weaned myself off). These e-cigs come in all sorts of guises, but one thing they don't do is give off smoke. They generally give off odourless and colourless vapour. I know some are designed to look like cigarettes - mine looks like a giant black marker pen which glows bright blue at the end. In my opinion (and I agree I may be biased here) 'vaping' is no more offensive than chewing nicotine gum. I'd have no objection to an opponent using vaping apparatus. I agree that the image of the sport needs to be upheld, but I think discrete use of vaping apparatus is fine and arguably demonstrates a willingness to improve one's health.

April 11, 2013 at 4:53am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg why should anyone be using cigarettes or "vaping" apparatus whilst playing petanque, do you see anyone doing it while playing any other sport....

April 11, 2013 at 6:09am · Like · 3



Mike Pegg should have added - well done Colin for giving up smoking!

April 11, 2013 at 6:14am · Like · 2



Colin Stewart you're right Mike - you don't see them in other sports - I guess its the old blurring of the lines between Sport Petanque and social game of boules

April 11, 2013 at 6:36am · Like



Em Montgomery Thank you!

April 13, 2013 at 6:36am · Like



Michal Dzurik guys, just to be sure - are you talking about world/european champs rules? there is no "no smoking" rule (and no "no drinking" rule) in the official rules of petanque - as far as I know. if you are trying to make your competition similar to world champs, I believe there are much important things to do than apply no smoking rule. just thinking...

April 14, 2013 at 1:27pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, the rules I refer to are those of the competition.

Our rules (England) are very similar we do not allow smoking/alcohol during a game...

For sure it is up to each Federation to decide if they wish to ban smoking and alcohol.

For example the CEP is introducing random alcohol testing this year for all CEP events... much the same as the FIPJP they will be testing players, umpires, coaches etc and anyone found over the limit will not be allowed to play until they have passed another test.

It is long due to smarten up our sport if we want to be taken seriously by sponsors, olympics etc

April 14, 2013 at 11:46pm · Like · 2



Michal Dzurik thanks for clarifying, mike.

our federation lets organisers to decide on this kind of regulation, but common sense says to ban smoking and drinking during national championships. I guess if FFPJP would start to ban alcohol, there would be another hundred thousands decrease of its members and sponsors would go away as well 😊

April 15, 2013 at 7:34am · Like



Mike Pegg As far as I know the French Fed check the teams that make the semi finals in their national events for drugs and alcohol...

April 15, 2013 at 9:06am · Like



Worcester Petanque

April 10, 2013

I was recently asked a question that I am unsure about. "if during an end you can only cover over one mark (made where the boule lands) at a time after or between shots, can you take out as many marks during the gap between the next end? I said that "I thought this rule rule applied to the game and not just the end" What's the answer?

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Magnus Halleen I should ay you are not allowed to cover any marks during ends. Also you are not allowed to make any changes to the piste before the game begins.

April 10, 2013 at 1:49pm · Like

Gary Jones Article 10 covers this situation.



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Tony Thompson Only one before you play the next boule. There is no provision for making good pitch marks between ends.

April 10, 2013 at 3:45pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Another instance of players thinking pétanque is played on a 'billiard table' rather than a proper terrain.

April 10, 2013 at 11:56pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg a proper terrain Ray, what's one of those?

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Raymond Ager A terrain with a little bit of 'character', slopes and dips, a few stony areas, etc, etc, rather than a 'billiard table' that's been smoothed over after every end - should be in the rules 😊

April 11, 2013 at 3:02am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg lol, the rules state petanque can be played on any terrain, in other words on any ground

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Dave Smith

April 10, 2013

If you declare that you will not play any more boules and just 'take the one', can it be rescinded if the score has been adjusted but no boules have been moved?

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Dave Smith Oh dear, can anyone else make sense of it?

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Peter Bolin You chose to take the point you have and tell your oponents this! If they object you can always play last boule only 30 centimeters or something like it. This happens all the time in Sweden.

April 10, 2013 at 1:02pm · [Like](#)



Tony Thompson I think you did right Steve. The end is deemed finished when the points have been agreed, whether they have been put on the board or not.

April 10, 2013 at 3:48pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg there is no specific rule to state when an end is complete but the inference is that the end is over when the points have been agreed.

With that in mind, I would say that Dave announcing that he was claiming the 1 point without throwing his last boule and that the opponent agreed meant that the end was over.

So no, it cannot be rescinded.

April 11, 2013 at 1:16am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Thanks all, if it happens again I'll know what to do.

April 11, 2013 at 1:41am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager

March 26, 2013

Mike, if you can indulge 1 more question... It's about 'sporting' behaviour vs strict interpretation of the rules. I've always remembered an incident that occurred a few years ago in a Regional Qualifier. We were playing against Lee Jamieson on a fairly short terrain. We had a boule next to the jack, Lee decided to shoot, for once missed but his boule hit the back board, rebounded onto the terrain, knocking our holding boule away and leaving them on. Lee could easy have said, "Nothing was marked, the boule stays." Instead, he immediately removed his boule and put our boule back where it was, next to the jack. I would like to know, what would you have done as an umpire and what do you think is the right thing to do as a player?

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Mike Pegg If the umpire had been called to sort this out he would state that the shooters boule was dead and as the other boule which had been moved was not marked it remains where it was.

However, as the player had picked it up and put it next to the jack this boule would also now be removed.

The player would be given a warning for moving boules.

The problem is not the rule Ray, it is that you did not mark your boules in the first place.

As for what should the player do, simple - don't call the umpire!

March 27, 2013 at 12:50am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, this is not challenging you (!) but I think it's a shame that a player would be given a warning for what is commendable sporting behaviour, rather than trying to take advantage of the letter of the rules.

March 27, 2013 at 12:53am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg What I stated was - If the umpire was called.

If there was no disagreement between the players then they would not call the umpire!

and before you ask... if I was near by and saw what happened I would wait to see how the opponent reacted, if play continued I would wait until after the end or maybe game and explain the rule to both players and ask them to mark their boules in future.

March 27, 2013 at 12:58am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Fair comment, thanks 😊

March 27, 2013 at 12:59am · [Like](#)



Alan Issler I understand what you are saying Ray but of course the rule is clear. If you have not marked your boule then you have no recourse. I think the decision often is when do you mark your boule and/or the jack. This made me smile because I remember a situation in our club doubles league a couple of years back. We were playing on open terrain with no obvious need to mark boules. Myself and my partner were winning against expectation against another team. He threw the jack, threw his boule but before it landed a dog ran on to the terrain and moved the jack so his boule landed nowhere near it. One of our opponents, who has to win everything whatever the level of competition basically said tough- you did not mark the jack. His partner looked a tad embarrassed. I thought this was very unsporting and it was only a club doubles league but was correct under the rules. It totally threw us out and we lost the game.

April 10, 2013 at 1:01am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I hope it wasn't me... 😞

April 10, 2013 at 3:43am · [Like](#)



Alan Issler Ray it absolutely wasn't you. My well known discretion prevents me from saying anything further..

April 10, 2013 at 4:59am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Phew, you had me worried!

April 10, 2013 at 8:04am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

April 7, 2013

In the old version of the rule, it was stated that those on purpose sharing the prizes, disciplinary action can be taken on them but this is not highlighted in the new version. On what ground should be taken on them who violated this rule?

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Mike Pegg We modified art 37 back in 2008 and with the renumbering and modifications you need to look at art 34, 37 and 38..

April 9, 2013 at 11:08am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

April 7, 2013

Comparing the old and the new version, the advantage rule is only given to the usage of wrong circle. Article 23 seems allowing it to be applied to all mistake/wrong doing on throwing boules contrary to the rules. Is it true?

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Mike Pegg it is not that the umpire applies the rule, it is an option that the opponent may decide to take.

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Noam Seifer shared a link.

March 25, 2013

Just a question that came in mind...

is a player allowed to "throw"/drop his ball in the circle ?

i've seen an espoir singles match between italy and netherlands (diego rizzi and tom van der voort) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXPLmTUm_V0 the "incident" happens between minute 20 and minute 24:30. quite funny but made me come up with that question...

if the answer to the previous question is yes- and the opponent has REALLY big feet what can he do (if he has no legal way of putting BOTH and ALL the length of his feet on the ground AND ENTIRELY in the circle ?)



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Noam Seifer i know van der voort does not drop the ball IN the circle.. but it's quite close to it...

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Mike Pegg if we are strict to the text of the rules... when a player is stood in the circle and he throw/drops his boule on the ground, inside or outside of the circle it is considered played and cannot be picked up or played again.

March 25, 2013 at 11:50am · Like



Noam Seifer hello mike, that is not the question... the question is if a player can (on purpose) throw/drop the ball IN the circle...to make it 1) harder for the other team to shoot or so... 2) in the idea of next claiming his opponent is not standing IN the circle correctly or so... (that is not the case on the video i added).

March 25, 2013 at 11:57am · Like



Peter Beresford Mark the boule, lift it, and get on with the game.

March 25, 2013 at 1:07pm · Like



Peter Beresford In any case, why would anyone waste a boule just to make someone stand funny?

March 25, 2013 at 1:10pm · Like



Noam Seifer watch the video 😊 from minute 20 to minute 24:30

March 25, 2013 at 1:14pm · Like



Peter Beresford I watched it. It achieved what, exactly? It's five minutes of their lives that those young people will never get back (and now neither will I).

March 25, 2013 at 1:24pm · Like · 1



Noam Seifer lol.. it was an OFFICIAL EUROPEAN ESPOIRS CHAMPIONSHIP game, the argument of 5 minutes of their lives can be said about playing petanque in overall... the "point" as you may call it, is that according to the current rules (the way i understand them) if a player with big feet cannot place his feet in the circle (once a ball has been placed there) than all of his balls will be declared illegal and there for removed from the court... i already have heard of teams using a 35cm circle (at the time when at world championships there were no plastic circles) and calling the umpire to "watch" their opponents feet while they were used to playing with feet REALLY closed together...

March 25, 2013 at 1:37pm · Like



Colin Stewart Dutch player should've got 2 warnings for slow play first off. I cannot understand what he was trying to achieve

March 26, 2013 at 1:38am · Like

Mike Pegg the inside of the circle is not an out of bounds area nor is it the



place to put a boule.

I would warn the player and if he did it again simply disqualify the boule....

March 26, 2013 at 3:00am · Like



Noam Seifer in the first paragraphe you say "the inside of the circle is NOT out of bounds..." but on the second paragraphe you say "i would warn the player..." if it's not OUT OF BOUNDS what rule would you use to "disqualify the boule" ?

March 26, 2013 at 3:04am · Like



Noam Seifer just make note, i have BIG feet (48 in european sizes)... so if a team would trace a 35 cm circle, i would have BIG PROBLEMS throwing with my feet ENTIRELY inside the circle... do you think that the rules should change to a 50cm circle TRACED OR PLASTIC ?

March 26, 2013 at 3:05am · Like



Dave Smith Noam, what a bizarre clip. Could the boule near the circle have been marked and removed?

March 26, 2013 at 3:08am · Like



Tony Thompson **Noam Seifer** I think that Mike has posted elsewhere that the circle can be extended to the rear to accommodate bigger feet but not necessarily extended at the sides. In other words you end up with an ellipse!!

March 26, 2013 at 3:14am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Tony - good point.

March 26, 2013 at 3:20am · Like



Noam Seifer thx tony thompson, didn't see that topic..!!!

March 26, 2013 at 3:29am · Like



Brian Stote Noam, there is already a contingency in the rules which covers a circle being too small - "and draws or places a circle on the ground such that the feet of each player can fit entirely inside it." If the 35cm is too small for your feet, you can ask for it to be enlarged, otherwise the player who drew the circle is contravening the rules. It would take a mighty big pair of feet not to fit into a 50cm circle - European size 70 something, I would think. Robert Wadlow, the tallest man who ever lived, wore shoes 47cm long.

March 26, 2013 at 3:34am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, if the player is putting a boule on the ground inside or near the circle then it is considered to have been played... but of course we know they normally do this because they do not want to hold another boule while playing...

So if they put the boule down on or near the circle I will warn them if they do it again the boule will be considered played and as it is in or near the circle I would mark the position and remove it.

If they did it again, taking into consideration I have warned them not to do it, I would disqualify the boule.

March 26, 2013 at 4:02am · Like



Noam Seifer but if they do it, wanting the ball to count as thrown !!! in the circle.. you can't disqualify a ball being thrown legally !

March 26, 2013 at 4:49am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, I'm going to ask a stupid question 😊 I too prefer to play without holding another boule while playing. If I put my spare boule(s) down, surely it's perfectly obvious what I've done - why on earth does it count as being 'played'?

March 26, 2013 at 10:11am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, firstly I was talking of the boules being put down/dropped/thrown while the player is in the circle....

The only boules supposed to be on the terrain are those that have been played...

If you want to put your boules down then put them "off" the terrain

March 26, 2013 at 12:31pm · Like



Dave Smith Mike, should the same apply when you are measuring and need to place your boules nearby (as you have only one pair of hands?).

March 26, 2013 at 12:42pm · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, I'm sure we'll have to agree to differ but this just seems to be an over-zealous application of the rules.

March 26, 2013 at 12:43pm · Like



Mike Pegg we are all supposed to play by the same rules Ray but there are differing levels from International to Social.


The rules are normally enforced to reflect the level of event, at a club level it should be more about education, the same can be said about Regional level although a warning is more likely to follow more quickly.

At an international level players are expected to know the rules.

My aim of this Facebook when I set it up was to help educate people about our rules.

But it seems at times that a few that don't like the explanation will challenge what they are being told, mostly because it does not fit with how they play....

You may think my explanation was an over zealous application of the rules but I was trying to educate you to NOT put your boules on the terrain either in or out of the circle, they do not belong on the terrain unless they have been played!

March 26, 2013 at 1:13pm · Like ·  2



Raymond Ager Mike, I respect 100% what you say as an umpire but I hope contributors here also have the right to express an opinion - it's not challenging you and I think it's equally helpful to hear players' views.

March 26, 2013 at 1:20pm · Like



Tony Thompson Anyone lucky enough to play even social pétanque in New Zealand will find that they will try to enforce a rule that any boule left on the terrain will be counted as played. If you don't want to hold your unused boule they expect them to be placed off the terrain

March 26, 2013 at 3:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg exactly Tony....

March 27, 2013 at 12:45am · Like



Raymond Ager Tony, as Mike has said, there's a difference between top level games and social games. If a player puts down a spare boule to play a) is there any possible confusion that this boule has been thrown and b) can the player possibly gain any unfair advantage from putting down spare boules? I think the answer is clearly NO to both - to me, it's not very 'social' to have such strict application of the letter of the rules.

March 27, 2013 at 12:58am · Like ·  1



Mike Pegg and it is also dangerous to leave your boules on the terrain - so often we see players stepping backwards out of the circle after throwing their boules only to trip or stumble over a boule left on the ground.

Stop being lazy, put them off the terrain or hold on to them!

March 27, 2013 at 1:00am · Like ·  1



Worcester Petanque @ **Dave Smith** I don't think you are allowed to carry boule with you when you measure. This is to stop confusion or cheating I would assume! I must confess as to being annoyed fully with people who do take boule with them when they measure. I just don't think you are allowed (as per the rules) to do it.

April 7, 2013 at 12:38pm · Like



Dave Smith


April 1, 2013

Is it okay to decorate the circle? Let's face it the Obut circles are a bit boring. It's a shame they only do a red and blue design.

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Mike Pegg yes, but your tinsel cannot be more than 2mm thick and it must be silver

April 1, 2013 at 1:36am · Like ·  2



Gibbe Wouters the best thing to decorate the circles is with a horn, then we know if the player touches the circle yes or no, and if so, the thrown ball is invalid, no discussions

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Mike Pegg or maybe a bell....

April 1, 2013 at 4:58am · Like



Mike Pegg and some fairy lights, make good use of the christmas decorations throughout the year

April 1, 2013 at 4:58am · Like

Dave Smith I was thinking more along the lines of shimmering pink polka dot



to match my gloves 😊

April 2, 2013 at 2:24am · Like



Gibbe Wouters mardi gras?

April 2, 2013 at 2:26am · Like



Peter Astle I'm considering re-painting ours with yellow & black stripes to appease all those who whinge that they are a 'Health & Safety' hazard LOL

April 2, 2013 at 2:30am · Like · 4



Stephane Maurage electrify it like this no one will step on it...

April 2, 2013 at 4:18am · Like · 2



Dave Smith Peter, I made two circles some time ago from cardboard and gaffer tape. One is red and black stripes the other blue and black. In the heat they curl up!

April 2, 2013 at 8:02am · Like



Gibbe Wouters keep trying

April 2, 2013 at 8:17am · Like



Peter Astle No problem with them curling up at the moment then in this weather haha

April 2, 2013 at 8:36am · Like



Mike Pegg it's 2nd April now!

April 2, 2013 at 10:35am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager

April 1, 2013 · La Ciotat, France

I know it's April 1st 😊 but this question appeared on the French forums without any authoritative answer: on a wet terrain, the jack is shot and is buried in the wet terrain. It's still visible but can't be moved - is it still valid?

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Dave Smith This sort of thing happens quite a lot at the beach... even boules get buried! I don't know the answer Ray but we just carry on playing as it is a fun event.

April 1, 2013 at 12:14am · Like



Gibbe Wouters as long as it is visible it's oké

April 1, 2013 at 2:04am · Like



Mike Pegg yes Ray, the jack remains valid

April 1, 2013 at 2:19am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, many thanks for the clarification - having checked the rules, I could see no reason why the jack wasn't valid. However, according to the original post, this happened during a comp and the umpired declared the jack to be dead. I think the player thought a wrong decision had been made. I also asked a (French) Regional Umpire and he gave an interesting reply, "If more than half the jack was visible, I'd say it was live, if more than half was buried, I'd say it was dead - like a broken jack, you take the largest part." Vive la Différence !

April 1, 2013 at 4:43am · Like



Raymond Ager

March 22, 2013

I'd appreciate any advice on a problem which has occurred a few times whilst playing: when the opponents play, I like to stand with my team next to the jack - of course, 2m to the side 😊 If the opponents also do the same, there's no problem as one player from one side will walk to the circle while the other walks to the jack. However, if a team stands behind the circle, I've knows the following problem to occur. I play a (winning) boule and walk back toward the jack. However, the opponent who is behind, immediately steps into the circle to play, whilst I'm walking back to the jack. They then accuse me of moving, while they are playing. So my question is, do I have the right to walk to the circle?

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Dave Smith That's an interesting one Ray. I don't think that has ever



happened to me (and I always walk to the jack after throwing). You must play some funny teams 😊.

March 22, 2013 at 12:31pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager That's true, I have played some funny teams...

March 22, 2013 at 12:41pm · Like



Raymond Ager Sorry if there was any confusion, but the issue is walking back (from the circle, having just played) to the jack.

March 22, 2013 at 12:47pm · Like



Raymond Ager Yes, that is true, the problem is really caused by those who a) stand behind the circle and b) then play very quickly, without bothering to check the head, the terrain, etc.

March 22, 2013 at 1:09pm · Like



Raymond Ager That's a good answer but given that my team-mates are standing by the jack, they will have already announced that we are holding.

March 22, 2013 at 1:17pm · Like



Raymond Ager I agree with what you say but would appreciate an official interpretation of the rules.

March 22, 2013 at 2:15pm · Like



Gilbert Delacruz If you're already holding a point after throwing the boule and a teammate confirmed it, I don't see why you would need to go back at the head to check. The opponent might think you are just running the clock if it's a time limit match. Now, if a teammate is unsure and it needs to be measured, by all means, you have the right to go back and check the position and terrain.

March 23, 2013 at 10:13pm · Like



Gilbert Delacruz Also, If I recall mr. Azema telling us that an opponent is not allowed to be on the line of throw as well as behind a player who is about to throw a boule. Please correct me if I am wrong.

March 23, 2013 at 10:17pm · Like



Raymond Ager It's not a question of doubting a teammate - most teams do stand by the jack and it's a question of joining the team.

March 24, 2013 at 12:21am · Like



Dave Smith I agree with Ray (again). The only time I am at the circle is if I am about to throw. All other times I am at the head.

March 24, 2013 at 12:30am · Like



Gilbert Delacruz I do see players eagerly entering the circle and already ready to throw the ball without even checking the positions of the boules. I don't see any violation on your part since you are checking the positions on the head with your teammates. But, in time limit matches you might be asked to stop doing that.

March 24, 2013 at 12:35am · Like



Gilbert Delacruz Let's see what others would say about this 😊

March 24, 2013 at 12:36am · Like



Raymond Ager Just to repeat, it's not about timewasting and/or checking boules, it's about rejoining my team at the jack.

March 24, 2013 at 12:39am · Like



Dave Smith I think Gilbert's is now referring to timed games. Perhaps Mike can give you a definitive answer.

March 24, 2013 at 1:39am · Like



Mike Pegg To bring this ridiculous post to an end... of course you can rejoin your team after playing your boule Ray.

March 24, 2013 at 1:43am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gilbert, if you read Ray's post he is actually asking if it is OK to play your boule and then join your team who are standing near the jack.... it has nothing to do with timed games, checking who is holding or the rules for that matter.... he just wants to walk from the circle to his team mates and seems to need an official OK!

March 24, 2013 at 2:16am · Like



Gilbert Delacruz Let me take a shot at this again. I don't quite understand the question. If you are asking if you are allowed to walk on the side towards your teammates at the head after you have played your boule (2m away side and back) then yes, I don't see any problem. Now, if they accuse you of moving and distracting them, they have the whole minute to play their boule. They can wait for you or Often I see players waiting for their teammates to cover the opponent so as to not be distracted. I hope I got this one 😊

March 24, 2013 at 2:17am · Like

Gilbert Delacruz Thanks Mike...yes I was indeed confused. I hope I got what



Ray is asking haha

March 24, 2013 at 2:19am · Like



Mike Pegg First lesson of being an umpire Gilbert is to ensure you understand the question before you answer. It is very easy to get the answer wrong especially when the question is written... badly!

March 24, 2013 at 2:21am · Like



Gilbert Delacruz Yes, forgot that rule of thumb to clarify 😊 This page is really helpful and I am learning a lot from you guys...I hope you guys don't mind my postings every now and then 😊

March 24, 2013 at 2:23am · Like



Mike Pegg what Ray actually asked was - do I have the right to walk to the circle?

Clearly he made a mistake as he meant to say can he walk from the circle to his team who are standing near the jack.....

March 24, 2013 at 2:24am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gilbert, everyone is welcome just so long as we stick to the first rule I set, that is this forum is for questions ABOUT THE RULES!...

March 24, 2013 at 2:25am · Like



Raymond Ager Apologies if my question was ridiculous but it is a situation that's occurred a few times in games, hence the request for clarification of the rules. Perhaps we need another rule - there's no such thing as a silly question 😊

March 24, 2013 at 2:34am · Like



Mike Pegg not true Ray, you only have to look on this page

March 24, 2013 at 2:35am · Like · 1



Dave Smith

March 4, 2013

Hello Mike,

I don't really understand the logic, of when neither team is holding shot, the play from then on (after the team who played last, play again), can in some instances end up like bowls, where teams play alternately if there is no change at the head. This seems to contradict one of the fundamental rules of pétanque?

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Dave Smith Hi Stephen - I'm clear on the ruling, it is just that I find it illogical.

March 4, 2013 at 11:33pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Dave, it is because neither team is holding the point. Petanque as you know is not about alternative play but instead for the team not holding to play... in the scenario where the boules are equal distant from the jack neither team is holding.

So the last team to play, that did not take the point must play again. After that, if nothing has changed - neither team is holding - the teams take it turns to play until one of them is holding or they are out of boule.

March 5, 2013 at 12:29am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager I'm with Dave on this one. The nature of pétanque is if you haven't beaten a boule, you continue playing until you have beaten it. I suspect the 'reason' for switching to alternating play is lost is time. It would certainly be more in keeping with the spirit of the game to continue playing.

March 5, 2013 at 12:34am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg as I explained... if both boule are equal no one is holding the point so that is why you play alternatively.

March 5, 2013 at 5:56am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Mike, it may be that no team is holding shot but as Ray says, if you haven't beaten a boule, you should continue to play until you have. I suppose it is just one of those 'quirky' rules I will have to accept.

March 5, 2013 at 6:26am · Like



Dave Smith Stephen, I'm not sure I see the relevance in your penultimate post?

If both teams hold the point at the end of a game, then each team would be

awarded 1 point each, which of course doesn't happen. So it is better to say, neither team holds.

March 5, 2013 at 9:05am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager The 'exceptions' in the rules don't alter the fact that the basic premise in pétanque - in contrast to games that alternate play - is that, if you haven't beaten the opponent's boule, you continue playing.

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Dave Smith I agree with Ray. Even in the situation of a boule that goes out of bounds on a first throw, the opponent should, in my view, keep throwing until they get a boule in play. This shouldn't be too difficult though, unless you are playing on the side of a cliff!

March 7, 2013 at 1:32am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Shall we have a vote on it then 😊

March 7, 2013 at 11:55pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I think we're all in agreement 😊

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Dave Smith We'd probably need several thousand for a majority?

March 8, 2013 at 12:38am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg LOL, you can vote or agree as much as you like but for a rule change to be accepted it would have to be presented by your Association/Federation to the FIPJP and then it would have to find its way to the World Congress... not the easiest of routes

March 8, 2013 at 4:41am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Pétanque should take a leaf out of the bocce rule book... The team outside throws until it beats (not ties) the opposing ball.

March 21, 2013 at 3:20am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Mike Pegg Why should the rules of petanque be the same as those for Bocce... the sports may be distant relatives but that does not mean we have to have the same rules.

March 21, 2013 at 6:30am · [Like](#) · [2](#)



Dave Smith That has already been explained.

March 21, 2013 at 10:07am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, even you (!) said, above, "Pétanque as you know is not about alternative play but instead for the team not holding to play..." To repeat, it would therefore be more logical, more consistent and more in keeping with the spirit of the game to continue playing, rather than playing alternately. Probably time to move on from this one...

March 21, 2013 at 10:32am · [Like](#)



Peter Astle Agreed Ray time to move on this one's been done to death

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Michal Dzurik

March 18, 2013

please, mike (and others), when you have time: from art. 32: "An end is considered as having started when the jack has been placed on the playing area in accordance with the Rules." when introducing time limit (time limit + 1 or 2 extra ends), this sentence became a real pain (i can explain it in more details, if anyone wants). such pain, that a few organisers of world champs (at least junior, maybe also other or european champs) altered this rule. games were played like "when the last boule was played, the end is over and a new end starts immediately, even without counting the points gained and without proper placing the jack". after introducing thi rule no team could play silly game like, 'well, we are going to measure these 5 boules (and hopefully during that time we will hear the whistle)' and s-l-o-w-l-y count the points gained. teams also did not play the game 'i will throw the jack three times too long, so we get a minute (and a whistle...)' . oh, my dear, these games used to happen so often, that I should be very ashamed of my countrymen and all neighbouring countries :-(((our federation expected this rule would be added into rules, so we started to use it in all our competitions, but we were very wrong - it never became a part of the rules. don't you think the current rule is not too "vulnerable"? I understand that the referee can give warning to the team etc., but hey, he has to see what happened. if he didn't, there is no punishment. even during the biggest petanque event in the country - up to 100 triples - we do not have more than a few referees, so they can't be everywhere.

thanks a lot.

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Derek Adam Marseille world championships during the time limited games there was only one throw of the coche. If it was not valid then team 2 got to place the coche wherever they wanted on the piste. this prevented the deliberate time wasting from coche throwing. but i can understand your question as to when the end is valid, certainly in the past we had played a valid coche to be a valid start to an end. but then we also introduced time + 2 ends, which meant there was less chance of timewasting by a leading team

March 18, 2013 at 2:48pm · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik derek, thanks for your comment. "one throw" rule only partly covers the second "game" i mentioned, but it is at least something (however, this is not in the rules at present!). you can still measure 5 boules, that means wait for a whistle, and then there is only 1 end to be played... if the end starts before the measuring/before the throwing the jack, there are 2 ends to play, which is a big difference.

this reminds me a strange thing: right now we all have rules of the game issued by fipjp and more or less are asked to follow them and we all have long discussions about them even here, but these rules used to be altered at the world championships runned under fipjp patronage just like that. while the official rules remind unchanged. Good Night, and Good Luck 😊

March 18, 2013 at 3:08pm · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Michal, as you say, timed games can be a nightmare. What we sometimes do, is finish the end we are on and play one more. Less liked by some but okay with the club I am with, is to play a specific number of ends (no time limits). It is a different sort of game.

March 19, 2013 at 12:19am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Dave, just curious - do you play a fixed number of ends regardless of the score? i.e. if one team reaches 13 points, do you continue playing? What are the pros and cons of playing a fixed number of ends?

March 19, 2013 at 12:40am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Normally in timed games the whistle is blown and the teams have to complete the end they are playing (agree the points) and play one more end.

Of course if they have 13 points then the end is over!

March 19, 2013 at 1:26am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I should have added, the end is not over until the points are agreed....

March 19, 2013 at 1:43am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Ray, if 13 points were reached before the end count, then the game is over. Will speak to you later about the pros and cons of this type of format.

March 19, 2013 at 1:52am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Mike, I think what Michal is saying, that teams can use delaying tactics, once the last boule has been played. Instead of saying the end has finished before measuring or agreeing, who has scored what.

March 19, 2013 at 1:55am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg how can the end be finished before the points are agreed?

March 19, 2013 at 2:17am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, I have read your post again and it is a little confusing. But going back to the start - yes and end is considered to be started when a valid jack has been thrown.

At the World Champs they modified the rule for that specific event during the "timed" games. The modification was if the team failed to throw a valid jack the opponent was permitted to move the jack to a valid position....

your post then appears to move to time wasting waiting for the whistle but when the whistle is sounded there is still one more end to play so the time wasting is of no purpose.

March 19, 2013 at 2:27am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Obut used to sell coloured pens for marking boules, they may still sell them!

March 19, 2013 at 4:27am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Thanks for the info on matches 😊

March 19, 2013 at 9:15am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Very kind, thanks and look forward to seeing the extra info.

March 19, 2013 at 9:27am · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik mike: perhaps it is confusing, because english is not my mother tongue. let's put the example here: time limit is set to 1 hour + 1 end. game is on, some end is played, 12th boule is played, as I can see on my watch, time is 59 min. 3 sec., score is 9:5 for my team. there is a few boules around the jack. now 2 situations:

- 1.) if i am fair and i and the other team knowthat our team is holding 2 points, both teams agree on 2 points, I throw the jack at 59 min. 40 sec., the jack is OK, the whistle blows = that means we play this just-started end plus one extra end. so it is 11:5 and the other team has 2 ends to at least match our score.
- 2.) i am measuring those two boules, then the third boule (it may belong to any team, it doesn't matter) and the fourth boule, the whistle blows, after measuring my team has 2 points agreed = that means it is 11:5 and the other team has 1 end to at least match our score.

these situations really happened way too often.

so, actually for me your mentioning of "no purpose." is confusing 😊

March 20, 2013 at 10:16am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, timed games are in my opinion not good for many reasons including the scenario you have explained.

I know that it is not perfect and only last year the FIPJP made some changes to the rule about throwing the jack specifically for the Championship.

Maybe they will think about making some more changes to the rules for timed games...

March 20, 2013 at 10:40am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith

March 8, 2013

Why is the colouring of boules prohibited? I do it, but then I play in lower leagues so it matters less (and others paint theirs). I saw an article once, where a player painted his boules bright red, just before a competition.

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Mike Pegg No rule against colouring your boules...

March 8, 2013 at 4:42am · [Like](#)



Dave Smith I thought boules were not to be tampered with in any way?

March 8, 2013 at 7:11am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg colouring them is not tampering.... tampering is heating them up or drilling and injecting mercury.

March 8, 2013 at 7:41am · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik I was wondering about this too, since saw one player having his boules covered with a 2mm layer of yellow, rubber-like paint. it definitely changed the behaviour (not just sound) of the boules. strange this is allowed, but using training boules with much more predictable and consistent behaviour is officially not allowed 😊

March 8, 2013 at 8:39am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg 2mm of yellow or any other coloured rubber paint would not be allowed at a competition.... we were talking about colouring such as highlighting the lines or marks of the boule

March 8, 2013 at 10:13am · [Like](#)



Michal Dzurik thanks, mike, i can't see in dave's sentences anything about "highlighting the lines or marks", but i can see in his comment "a player painted his boules bright red". that's why i continued in the topic "colouring". but perhaps you discussed this matter in private conversation. i wish i could tell just like that if the paint was rubber or synthetic or other. difficult call. in my opinion any paint change the boule's behaviour.

March 8, 2013 at 2:56pm · [Like](#)



Dave Smith Mike - injecting boules with mercury sounds a little drastic... what good would it do?

March 9, 2013 at 1:13am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote Petanque would come on in leaps and bounds as a spectator sport (and therefore develop more participation) if the manufacturers could come up with some way of permanently colouring boules. I know that in major finals the players may use either black (a la Boule Noire) or bright boules, especially for television coverage, but the black is a temporary surface and soon wears away. I have often been asked by casual observers "How do you

know whose boules are which?" as they cannot distinguish the markings, even if there are any, and differentiate between the teams.

March 9, 2013 at 2:00am · Like · 2



Derek Adam yes Brian, as soon as someone comes up with that solution we start to have a better spectator sport. The only issue for players would be having to have 2 sets of boule. Just in case your opponents have the same colours. whether the team would have to play with the same colour is probably a sure thing. Ideally it would be like bowls where you change a colour disc, but thats not practical for our sport. having a red and blue colour would be obvious for most spectators, and the colours would work on the TV too.

March 9, 2013 at 2:39am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Brian, you are bang on the nail there. Also, I think Derek's suggestion of having a spare set of boules with you is a good tip.

March 9, 2013 at 2:48am · Like



Brian Stote It would only be the top group of players who would need more than one set and in anything as big as a televised final they would probably be given sets by sponsors anyway. If it was agreed (say) that the two colours were red and blue (red and green are more commonly a problem for the 1 in 50 males with some colour blindness**) then we would only need them manufactured with those two colours in them (if 'twere possible). In ordinary club play, it would simply make perhaps the boules of one player more distinguishable than presently in much the same way as people decorate their boule with felt pen markings or nail varnish in the stries. (** Only 1 in 2000 females suffer with the problem).

March 9, 2013 at 3:02am · Like



Raymond Ager MS have a new top of the range (i.e. expensive!) boule, L'IT, where the black marking is supposedly longer lasting. Time will tell just how long this does last.

March 9, 2013 at 3:04am · Like



Derek Adam Brian, it would all depend on how you want to promote the game. having different coloured boule would work well for clubs hosting 'come and try' or corporate events. we know visitors struggle identifying boule. maybe for a smaller club event you would not need 2 sets, but i would suggest national qualifiers and championships you would. winner of the toss decides which colour they play with.

March 9, 2013 at 3:29am · Like



Brian Stote At promotional events in the past we have painted boules red, either to use as targets in shooting challenges for the general public (or demonstrations by good players) or to make it more obvious which team's boules are where. The paint obviously gets knocked off after a while but for novice 'come and try' it is a very useful device.

March 9, 2013 at 3:34am · Like



Brian Stote So we only need one alternative colour to the plain steel which we already use. That would be sufficient to identify the boules for a team. The market awaits 'blue boules'. Allez, vous fabricants!

March 9, 2013 at 3:58am · Like



Derek Adam We have plenty blue balls in the winter!

March 9, 2013 at 4:12am · Like



Brian Stote Invest in some more long-johns then!

March 9, 2013 at 4:13am · Like



Dave Smith For those that have the most common form of colour blindness, some reds will appear as blues or dark greens, so red and blue should generally be avoided if in opposition. It would be better to have say, red and yellow, blue and yellow or just plain black and white (or silver).

March 9, 2013 at 5:14am · Like



Brian Stote My information was that the commonest form of colour blindness is that red and green are often perceived as shades of brown and that blue is less of a problem. We must have read different text books! 😊

March 9, 2013 at 5:18am · Like



Raymond Ager I think it will be a while, if ever, before manufacturers are able to make coloured boules. The problem, of course, is that the boules have to be metal and manufacturers would need to find a durable, permanent way of colouring the metal. I'm not aware of any industry where this has been done - always relying on surface treatment to provide colouring. The alternative would be to do away with the metal restriction, leaving manufacturers free to innovate with other materials - such as coloured resin boccia boules. Time for another vote? 😊

March 9, 2013 at 8:02am · Like



Dave Smith Brian, I experimented with various colour blindness simulators for a project of mine a while ago. They are meant to be pretty accurate... Colour

Oracle was one of them.

March 9, 2013 at 11:11am · Like



Raymond Ager Here's a link to some coloured boules <http://www.boulenciel.com/en/> - they are boules lyonnaise, not pétanque, but interesting to see.

March 9, 2013 at 11:23am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Oh wow, they look amazing Ray. Thanks for the link.

March 9, 2013 at 11:30am · Like



Raymond Ager It's interesting to see what manufacturers could come up with, if free to innovate.

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Dave Smith I just wish manufacturers could provide a more varied selection of patterns for entry level boules.

March 9, 2013 at 11:42am · Like



Raymond Ager Obut have created lots of new patterns for leisure boules. One problem with comp boules is simply the vast range of permutations of size, weight, type and stripe pattern - economics dictate a small range.

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Dave Smith Good link, thanks. The best permanent markers I have used are 'Write-4-all' by Stabilo. The colours are a bit limiting though.

March 11, 2013 at 4:04am · Like



👍 **Brian Forbes** It is possible to 'chemically black' steel, which does give a much longer wearing surface. Has this been tried?

March 11, 2013 at 9:27am · Like



Raymond Ager Have you seen the new MS L'IT boules ? I've no idea what they've done but apparently the black surface is longer lasting.

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Dave Smith How much longer I wonder?

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Raymond Ager Time will tell...

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Michal Dzurik other pic: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=3693445896706...>

March 18, 2013 at 2:51pm · Like



Dave Smith Stephen, great video. I bet they're not cheap 😊

March 19, 2013 at 12:29am · Like



Mike Pegg and they are not approved either

March 19, 2013 at 1:22am · Like



Dave Smith Mike, with respect, you always seem to put a dampener on things 😊

March 19, 2013 at 1:57am · Like



Derek Adam they are not approved, yet

March 19, 2013 at 1:59am · Like



Mike Pegg "dampener" by stating that they are not approved which means that you cannot use them at any competition.... I guess your glass is always half empty instead of being half full - I thought I may be saving you some serious money!

March 19, 2013 at 2:16am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Derek, I'm not sure they will be approved. I had an email conversation with Claude Azema and his comment was - they are not hollow! I did not get the impression the FIPJP were about to approve them any time soon.... but you never know!

March 19, 2013 at 2:21am · Like



Vivien Middleton-Sams When we were in Holland with the PUK club, at an international competition. In the final the teams handed their boules in and the umpire used felt pens to colour the teams boules. One team had blue and the other red boules. It did make the teams hand a funny colour, but it did help the spectators to see whose boules were whose and also the game was televised and this helped the TV audience to see what was going on. This has happened the last two years we have been there and we are told this is a regular thing, the temporary colouring of boules.

March 19, 2013 at 4:17am · Like



Dave Smith Mike, why is playing with 'filled' boules not allowed?

March 19, 2013 at 6:00am · Like



Mike Pegg because the rules state the boules must be hollow.... filling a boules(s) with other materials can make them bias.

Normal practice is for "cheats" to inject mercury into the boule.

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Raymond Ager Mike, do you think the restriction on boules being metal and hollow will ever be lifted? I think it would be really interesting to see what manufacturers could come up without these restrictions.

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Mike Pegg I don't see it happening any time soon....

March 19, 2013 at 10:27am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Shame but thanks for the info.

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Raymond Ager

March 19, 2013

This follows on a bit from 'time wasting' tactics: if Team A plays their last boule and Team B have boules to play, can Team A measure? To me, it's irrelevant for Team A to measure, they have no more boules to play and the situation could easily change, as Team B have boules to play. I know in practise, Team A often will measure but to me this seems wrong, timewasting and interfering with Team B's game.

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Mike Pegg I've seen lots of time wasting tactics but would not consider a team checking to see if they are holding 1st, 2nd etc to be time wasting.

Art 25 states the measuring of a point is the duty of the player/team who last played...

I understand the point you are trying to make Ray but it is not time wasting or interfering with Team Bs game

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Raymond Ager OK, thanks for the clarification. Personally, I think it's a mistake for Team A to measure, when they have no boules to play - just my opinion...

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Mike Pegg I don't see that it makes any difference, it takes very little time to measure and if they want to check to see if they are holding what's the harm!

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Raymond Ager True but for me, the issue is Team A have no boules to play, the position will probably change after Team B play their boules. I think it's tactically wrong for Team A to be measuring - much better to simply stand aside and let Team B play, measuring at the end, if needed. What I do find more annoying is if Team A want to see what the position is after Team B start playing their remaining boules - surely this is interfering with Team B's game?

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I can't see how it is "tactfully" wrong... but I would agree once team A are out of boule and team B are playing that team A should keep out of the head and not be involved with measuring unless they are all out of boules and checking for points

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Raymond Ager What I mean is, if Team A measure and say, e.g. "They're holding but we're 2nd" you risk giving info to Team B about how to play. Of course, if Team B are at all competent, they will check this anyway.

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Mike Pegg I think Ray that you are making it all far more complicated than it needs to be....

March 19, 2013 at 12:19pm · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, just my opinion. Personally, when I/my team are out of boules, I simply stand aside and let the opponents play.

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Dave Smith Ray, my team do the same, as you say, what is the point of measuring if you are out of boules and there are more to be thrown by your opponents.

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Raymond Ager I think of it's often a case of measuring automatically/not thinking through what they are doing.

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Derek Adam If they are doing automatically then they are not very tactically aware. If you are out of boule, you can no longer affect the end, so step out. Do you really want/need to measure and say you are lying shot? If the opponents are that naive to not check shot boule then they deserve to loose the end.

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Matej Kršinar

March 15, 2013

Hello, can you please help me with this one: if an opponent draws a circle of diameter 35cm and it is too small for me to standing in it, can I make it bigger (till 50cm) or not?

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Dave Smith Very good question... I don't see why not. Alternatively, you could continue throwing from the smaller circle, as it is unlikely that anyone would complain.

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Matej Kršinar You can not, because in that case your foot will be over the line of the circle...

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Dave Smith But that's ridiculous. Sometimes you just have to use a bit of common sense.

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Gilbert Delacruz You may ask them to make the circle a bit bigger then for a fair play. Any umpire would decide to make it bigger.

March 15, 2013 at 5:22am · Like · 2



Dave Smith I can't see it makes any difference if the players foot is a couple of centimetres over the front of the circle. I've even seen one or two that straddle it... it just doesn't bother me.

March 15, 2013 at 5:36am · Like



Michal Dzurik well, Gilbert Delacruz, "Any umpire would decide to make it bigger." is a wrong sentence. because: any umpire should decide to leave the circle 35 cm big, as it is perfectly within the rules. I can only agree with the first sentence about fair play.

March 15, 2013 at 6:54am · Like



Mike Pegg The rule is - the team must draw or place a circle on the ground such that the feet of "each player" can fit entirely inside it.

If the team draw a circle 35cm and one or more players feet are so big they cannot stand inside the circle (without touching the line of the circle) then the umpire will require them to make the circle bigger.

Of course it does not mean that the player must be able to stand with feet apart... so if the player with large feet can stand in the 35cm circle with his feet together there is no requirement to increase the circle size.

To answer Dave - if it did not matter if you stand on or over the line of the circle why would we have a circle in the first place!

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Matej Kršinar Thank you for your comments

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Dave Smith Mike, I'm not too happy if players step out sideways but an inch or so over the front or back of the circle is in my opinion acceptable. So would everyone here tell their opponent that they have stepped over, or would you let it go?

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Raymond Ager My personal take is, if a foot is just crossing the circle, it doesn't really bother me but if a player is blatantly outside the circle, I will ask them to stand inside.

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Dave Smith Thanks for the feedback Ray. We are only talking about a couple of centimetres.

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Mike Pegg the rule states you must have both feet inside the circle not touching the line... it does not say - but you can step in the line as long as it is

to the front. a couple of centimetres can make the difference between hitting or missing a boule

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Dave Smith The thing is Mike, if you were to say to someone, "excuse me but did you know your feet are slightly outside the circle", you might then be accused of gamesmanship... and so it goes on.

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Mike Pegg and you could get a warning from the umpire..... or the boule you threw disqualified!

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Dave Smith There are no umpires in the matches I play.

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Derek Adam its about education. if someone is new, let them play then educate them as to the rules. A newer player may be allowed a slip-up, but experienced players, club or national, should know and abide by the rules. If you dont want to interrupt someone, tell their teammates, get them to fix the issue. Moving to the side of a circle can give an advantage, back or forwards probably less so.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad better make the rule of MUST USE CIRCLE IN ANY EVENT for avoid this problem n standing touching line....simple

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Gilbert Delacruz I agree with Atif. But on this one, I am thinking they don't have ready made circles on leisure games on parks or club matches like the one they've provided us back in Vietnam, Asian Championship.

March 18, 2013 at 8:02am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg thought I posted this earlier..... art 6 - The players' feet must be entirely on the inside of the circle and not encroach on its perimeter and they must not leave it or be lifted completely off the ground until the thrown boule has touched the ground.

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Michal Dzurik thanks, mike, when reading rules i somehow missed that sentence about fitting feet 😊

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Em Montgomery If team one drew the circle, and threw the cosh and first boule then team two's pointer realised his feet didn't fit, would the first boule need to be thrown again?

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Peter Beresford Sensible thing would seem to be, if one of the players finds their feet are too big for the circle, is to make it slightly larger to the back and get on with the game.

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Mike Pegg Normal practice is to make the circle larger at the back, not the side or front for obvious (I hope) reasons

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Dave Smith Yes, that makes sense.

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Dave Smith

March 15, 2013

Mike, when you are playing matches with young people (under 11s) as well as adults, should the thrown jack still be between 6 and 10 metres?

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Robert Parker all thrown jacks must be between 6&10m there is no rule now for under 11s

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Dave Smith I think you will find that it is between 5 and 9 for cadets (under 14s) and 4 and 9 for minors (under 11s).

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Robert Parker That rule is in the old rule book not the new one

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Gilbert Delacruz Yes, this rule was recently updated. 😊

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Dave Smith Okay, thanks. So how do I track down these new rule changes?
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Derek Adam English petanque site used to have a link to them in english
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Dragan Antonijevic http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/.../Official_Rules_of...
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Dave Smith Yes, I know of that link. What I meant was, just the changes of old to new, otherwise you are unaware of what rules have actually changed.
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Robert Parker if you look at article 7 it says that the distance separating the jack from the internal edge of the circle must be between 6m & 10m for juniors & seniors. For competitions intended for younger players shorter distances may be applied.
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Dragan Antonijevic There are only few changes, but I cannot tell you which. I think the best way to stick with the newest rules is to download this (updated) version.
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Dave Smith Thanks for your input Robert.
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Robert Parker Ok Dave no probs
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Dave Smith Dragan, thanks for your advice. There is a rule refresher course coming up round my way soon, so should then be up to date.
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Gary Jones Does not "competitions intended for younger players" imply that the event must be EXCLUSIVELY for younger players? Aren't competitions which are open to both older and younger persons still governed by the 6 to 10 meter rule?
March 15, 2013 at 5:58am · [Like](#) · 1



Mike Pegg The rules changed in 2010 (not recently) and at the time I listed the changes on the web....

Hi Gary - you are correct, if a cadet or minor was playing in an open event against adults the distance for the thrown jack would be 6-10.

It is only for events that are specifically for younger players (13 and under) that you would reduce the jack-circle distance

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Dave Smith You have answered my question, thanks to all.
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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad is it the junior boule(diameter n weight) can use in senior tournament?...
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Mike Pegg art 2(3) for competitions reserved for players who are 11 years of age or less, may use boules that weigh 600 grams and are 65mm in diameter
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Raymond Ager
March 15, 2013

One thing that's puzzled me in the rules is the sentence in Art 10, "However, the player about to throw the jack is authorised to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times." I don't think I've *ever* seen the player throwing the jack testing the terrain. However, I've often seen pointers doing this, even though it's contrary to the rules. Interestingly, in le Jeu Provençal, Art 10 has the same sentence but also allows the pointer to test the terrain. To me, this seems much more logical. Basically, it makes for a more skilful game in that you have a better idea of how the boule will land, rather than a game of chance where you don't know how the boule will bounce. I'm intrigued to know why this sentence has been dropped from the pétanque rules?

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray... why would anyone else other than the pointer test the ground and throw the jack.... he is the one who has to land his boule to stop near the jack, the rest of the team only need to carreau the opponents boule - simple enough!

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Raymond Ager Mike, I agree, the pointer is the player who needs to test the ground - but in the pétanque rules, only the player throwing the jack is allowed to do so. In le Jeu Provençal rules, the pointer is allowed to test the terrain.

March 15, 2013 at 9:31am · Like



Mike Pegg you missed my point Ray..... no pun intended.

The person to throw the jack is "The Pointer" everyone else is a shooter!

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Raymond Ager OK, point taken 😊 But I still think the rule is illogical. Often the shooter will throw the jack - then the pointer can't test the terrain. Even if the pointer throws the jack, the rule only allows them to test the terrain *before* throwing the jack, to me, illogical and, as stated, I don't think I've ever seen a player do so. Back to my question - le Jeu Provençal allows the pointer to test the terrain, why has this been omitted in the pétanque rules?

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Dave Smith I don't know the answer to that one Ray, as you say, illogical.

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Mike Pegg Hi Ray, I guess it's because this is petanque and not Jeu Provençal.... not unlike lots a related sports, we have rules that are the same but some differ, this is one

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Raymond Ager OK, thanks. I'm just intrigued - do you know of any reason why the pétanque rule is different? It's just that it seems much more logical for the pointer to be able to test the terrain.

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Mike Pegg I think the i minute rule may have something to do with it Ray... just checked my notes for when this was first introduced in the rules and the proposal was accepted without modification

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Raymond Ager Interesting. Thanks for checking - and sorry for being a pain!

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Mike Pegg Pain, you!

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Raymond Ager Luckily there's no rule against it 😊

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Mike Pegg lol or for it...

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Alan Routledge sorry throw the ball and get on with the game , your making it far more complicated than it is

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Dave Smith Haven't you heard, the powers that be are also thinking of introducing an offside rule 😊.

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Bobby DarkDestiny

May 16, 2012

hi
where can i get all rules and regulation in
petanque...2012

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Derek Adam The latest approved rules are on the fipjp.com website. They will always have the latest versions.

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Bobby DarkDestiny thanx man ...

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Tony Thompson If you want the printed booklet check out Pétanque Promotions on the EPA web site. This is the official trading arm of the EPA.

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Bobby DarkDestiny Thanx man

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Derek Adam Or just download and print yourself.

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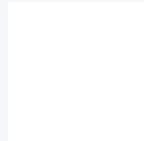


Bobby DarkDestiny Ok man.thanx

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Mike Pegg you can get the full english version from www.englishpetanque.org.uk - the English version on the FIPJP website has a few errors in the translation



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Bobby DarkDestiny thanx u Mike Pegg....

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Gary Jones

December 8, 2012

Though I don't disagree with Stephen Ferg's assertion that the rules could be made clearer concerning when internal lane lines should be considered dead-ball lines, I think there are many more serious rules clarifications needed. Here are some of the ones I consider to be inadequately covered by existing rules:

- 1) There is no rule against picking up a fabricated circle before the round is over. If one assumes the rule is implied via common sense understanding of the sport, there is no particular penalty or resolution of the situation defined.
- 2) There is a rule against purposely stopping a moving boule, but there is no rule against purposely stopping a moving jack.
- 3) There is a rule against picking up played boules before the round is over, but there is no rule against picking up the jack before a round is over. If one assumes the rule is implied via common sense understanding of the sport, there is no particular penalty or resolution of the situation defined.
- 4) Article 26 does not differentiate between picking up a boule belonging to your own team before a round is over and picking up a boule belonging to your opponent before the round is over. Therefore, if your opponent has an unmarked boule holding the point, you can void the boule simply by picking it up!
- 5) Article 34 lists the various penalties that an umpire may apply to rules violations, but it gives no guidance as to which penalties apply to which violations. This leaves the matter up to the umpire's discretion and could, if taken to the extreme, mean that one umpire could choose to disqualify a team for a particular offense, while another umpire might only give a warning for the same offense.

Do any of you have your own suggestions for improvements to the rules that you might be willing to share?

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Gary Jones The point is that EVEN IF IT ACTUALLY HAD THE POINT, it becomes void when picked up before the round is over.

February 26, 2013 at 5:50am · Like



Mike Pegg LOL... we will all be picking up our boules just to get the points!!

February 26, 2013 at 7:32am · Like · 1



Gary Jones Unfortunately, it happens all too often in social play.

February 26, 2013 at 11:36am · Like



Michal Dzurik if your opponent deliberately picks up your boule which is holding the point, and the referee sees that, there is an article 37 about lack of

sportsmanship. such person would be excluded from the competition in my country in a blink of an eye.

February 26, 2013 at 2:04pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones In both issues #3 and #4 of my original post I use the term "before the round is over." It is my position that the round is NOT over until all boules have been played AND all points have been agreed upon. Both events must have transpired (there are, of course, exceptions such as when the jack has been shot out-of-bounds) for the round to be over. I don't know why Stephen wants to restate the issue-- "after a round is over but before points have been agreed." The point is that the round is NOT over until points have been agreed!

February 27, 2013 at 4:19am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, I shall try and answer each of your points

1. I agree and perhaps there should be a rule not only about picking up the circle but also when to clean or scrub out the circle

The reasoning for there not being a rule is that you don't clean away or pick up the circle until the end is over - that is when all the points have been agreed!

2. There is a rule about stopping a jack (art 14) which is written to prevent anyone from taking an unfair advantage.

If I saw a player deliberately stopping the jack this is the rule I would apply and of course art 34

3. The same reasoning for the circle, why are you picking up the jack before the points are agreed.

In this case if a player picked up the jack before the points are agreed I would consider disqualifying him or her - but again my decision would be made in relation to the event, the incident etc.

4. MARK THE BOULES... how many times must we say this.

The player has no right to pick up his opponents boule - it's not his!
Deliberately picking the boule up to prevent the opponent from a point would quickly lead to disqualification

5. Most umpires apply penalties in the order they are written and give a warning first.

It is rare for an umpire to disqualify a boule or player, when they do it is for good reason

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Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. I would only add that issue #2 was in reference to there not being a specific rule against PURPOSELY stopping a moving jack which would call for disqualification. One other comment regarding issue #5-- you've previously told me that an umpire need NOT apply the penalties in order which might lead to the consequences I put forth.

February 27, 2013 at 5:28am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg that right Gary, it may be that the incident is serious enough to justify an immediate disqualification.

The point I am always trying to get over to umpires is that you have to use your best judgement when making a decision or imposing a penalty.

Your judgement should improve as you gain more experience/knowledge - I hope

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Gary Jones Sorry, Stephen, but I still don't agree. If you kick a boule it can ONLY BE REPLACED IF IT WAS PREVIOUSLY MARKED. If you pick it up, it can ONLY BE REPLACED IF IT WAS PREVIOUSLY MARKED. Exactly the same as far as replacement goes! The difference comes if the boule was NOT marked. Kicked-- stays where it comes to rest. Picked up-- boule is void (dead).

February 27, 2013 at 4:55pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager The one rule I would like to see rewritten is Art 8 - the section on challenging the jack after the 1st boule has been thrown. A) this has caused much confusion about the position of the thrown jack vs a moved jack but B) far more importantly, IMHO, encourages unsporting behaviour by some players, who will deliberately wait to see if a good boule is played before challenging the jack. I think the emphasis should be clearly on both teams must agree the jack, before playing a boule.

March 3, 2013 at 11:29am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager It would be very interesting to know if there was a sensible reason - I'm sure it's a case of a poorly thought-out/worded rule that would benefit from a rewrite - basically, the team that throws the jack should agree

the distance before playing a boule.

March 3, 2013 at 12:58pm · Like



Raymond Ager I agree that if Team A quickly throw their first boule, i.e. before agreeing the position of the jack (and remember that we're talking about clearly borderline jacks, i.e. at 6m and 10m), then Team B retains the right to challenge. But the big problem is that the current rule allows unsporting behaviour, i.e. if Team A play a good first boule, then Team B will challenge. To me this is the problem. To me the case is clear: both teams should agree the jack before playing a boule. One team should not wait and see if the first boule is good, before agreeing the jack.

March 3, 2013 at 1:13pm · Like



Derek Adam No, if the first team throws a coche within the limits, as the rules state they have to, then they cannot challenge the length after throwing a first boule. Otherwise an umpire could reprimand the first team for playing an illegal coche. Stephen I find your nit picking of the rules to be extreme, to the point that people are not going to answer you. You constantly challenge every response and do not seem to have a grasp of when to accept a response. Mike set the page up to answer questions, as a volunteer, your asking for each rule to be re written and explained in basic terms with a full glossary included describing each and every possible scenario as well. The rules are there to be followed, a qualified Umpire will make a ruling based on the available situation and can refer to the rule book. Your Club, and National body should have a qualified Umpire whom you should be asking these questions.

March 3, 2013 at 3:54pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Sorry guys, been away working all weekend on an umpires course and exam.

Very quickly reading through the posts I see you have mostly answered the question yourselves.

The reason art 8 allows for the opponent to challenge the validity of the jack is to allow for the team who throw the jack and then a boule with little time between.

Ray refers to "unsporting behaviour" but the real problem is not that the opponent are challenging the jack it is that the team throwing the jack make no effort to check the distance except to enter into a "silly walk" competition to pace the distance from the circle to the jack - which has absolutely no benefit other than to perhaps stretch a few muscles.

Pacing up and down by either or both teams does not mean the jack is acceptable, it has to be measured.

The other comment I picked up was about a thrown jack that had been moved by the first boule.... if the jack was marked before the boule was thrown the umpire could measure to that mark to determine if the "thrown" jack was valid.

No mark - no measure and the game continues

March 3, 2013 at 11:38pm · Like · 1



Dave Smith I follow the reasoning (little time between throwing the jack and then a boule) but why can't it be, that once the jack has been thrown (but before a boule), the validity of the jack is decided there and then. The only time you would need to measure, is if both teams are in disagreement (which is quite rare in the leagues I play in).

March 13, 2013 at 2:39am · Like · 1



Derek Adam put it this way. as the coche thrower and first pointer for my team, i dont want someone interrupting MY time in circle but telling me the coche may not be long enough or too long. i have thrown the jack, and i will pace it, you can watch. If i decide it is close i will tell my team, sometimes we will check, others play on. But the crux is, the other team should not be on the piste or near the head when i am playing. Or i will call that gamesmanship for deliberately trying to put me off my lead point shot?

March 13, 2013 at 2:44am · Like



Dave Smith Article 16 says you can. The other team have to stand somewhere on the piste, otherwise they would end up spectators (who are not allowed on the playing area).

March 13, 2013 at 6:43am · Like



Tony Thompson **Derek Adam** Your opponents can be on the piste, just as long as they are no closer than 2 mtrs. to either the circle or the jack and behind them, not in the line of play. They MUST however remain silent and still so as not to be a distraction.

March 13, 2013 at 7:03am · Like · 1



Dragan Antonijevic Exactly!

March 13, 2013 at 7:12am · Like



Raymond Ager Just to repeat one more time (!) - I just think it would be much clearer, much fairer and avoid much confusion if the requirement was on both teams to agree the jack before a boule is played.

March 13, 2013 at 7:47am · Like · 2



Dave Smith Ray, I agree with you. We play it this way.

March 13, 2013 at 8:23am · Like · 1



Steve Zimmo The thrown jack is not valid until it has been agreed by both teams [Raymond Ager](#)...

March 13, 2013 at 8:54am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, all that the first team to throw the jack needs to do if there is some doubt about the distance from it to the circle is to measure and if it is good mark its position.

This negates any challenge their opponent may make as they have established it is valid and marked the jacks position...

March 13, 2013 at 9:38am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, you are wrong, for the thrown jack to be valid it has to be between 6 - 10 metres from the circle etc....

March 13, 2013 at 9:39am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, I agree 100% that's how teams *should* play. But because of the wording of Art 8, Team B will often wait to see if a good 1st boule is played before challenging the jack. I think I've said enough!

March 13, 2013 at 9:43am · Like



Steve Zimmo [Mike Pegg](#), I am not wrong I just did not state the obvious rules of a thrown jack that we should all know. I am right that a for a thrown jack to be valid it has to be agreed by both teams...[Raymond Ager](#), that is just unsporting!!!

March 13, 2013 at 9:52am · Like



Johnny Petanque That is the problem Steve, sporting and unsporting are moral definitions, rules however should simply remove any ambiguity and perceived unfairness. Unfairness, if you will note, is always questioned by the losing team, never the winning team!

March 13, 2013 at 10:19am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, I think you are getting confused with both teams have to agree that the jack is not at a valid distance.....

March 13, 2013 at 12:32pm · Like



Steve Zimmo [Mike Pegg](#)...that's exactly what I am saying!! If the jack is not within 6-10 m it is not valid. I was responding to [Raymond Ager](#) who said that the rules should say both teams should agree validity of jack and they do. The semantics of the rule were not particularly important and if a team that throws the jack chooses not to seek agreement from their opposition who then dispute the validity then they have learnt a lesson

March 13, 2013 at 11:59pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, I think the point Ray is making involves "seeking agreement".

Two teams marching up and down between the jack and circle and then the opponent nodding the distance is OK is not good practice, it's a bad habit.

Even if they do say OK after the first boule have been thrown the opponent has the right to challenge the distance and measure.

The point I'm trying to make is if they are not sure the jack is valid after throwing it, then measure and if good mark it.

March 14, 2013 at 12:14am · Like · 1



Derek Adam That is what I have been trying to say, team 2 has nothing to do with the throwing, or validity, unless team 1 asks them to confirm, after measurement that the coche length is invalid. Team 2 should be nowhere near the circle or head whilst team 1 are playing their shots.

March 14, 2013 at 12:22am · Like



Raymond Ager Derek, on the contrary, I think it's much better practice - and avoids the unsporting behaviour some players indulge in - if both teams agree the jack, before a boule is played.

March 14, 2013 at 12:26am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg I think we have exhausted this topic..... time to move on

March 14, 2013 at 12:27am · Like · 5



Dave Smith

March 10, 2013

Is a team allowed to fill in a hole at the beginning of a game (even before a shot has been played)? That question also applies to each new end.

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Mike Pegg Article 10 – Displacement of obstacles

It is strictly forbidden for players to press down, displace or crush any obstacle whatever on the playing area. However, the player about to throw the jack is authorised to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times. Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously.

For non-observation of the rules above, the players incur the penalties outlined in Article 34 "Discipline".

March 10, 2013 at 1:57am · Like



Dave Smith ...so that's a yes then! I asked the question, not because I hadn't read Article 10, but for clarification and the fact that it doesn't always feel right to fill a hole after the jack has just been thrown... just me I suppose 😊.

March 10, 2013 at 3:50am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Mike Pegg does this mean no one is allowed to do anything to the ground even before throwing the jack for the first time? All this time I allowed them to do it since the game haven't start yet until the jack is thrown.

March 12, 2013 at 8:06am · Like



Dave Smith I read it the other way. There's bound to be some holes left from practice.

March 12, 2013 at 12:45pm · Like



Mike Pegg ...the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously...

March 12, 2013 at 1:44pm · Like



Uzero Metreize I think that what we are failing to do is define the word "Previously" which means : " at an earlier time". and earlier has not set parameters other than before the present.

March 12, 2013 at 4:53pm · Like



Dave Smith

March 10, 2013

Can someone clear this one up for me please as I have seen conflicting rules/views.

Team A throw a valid length jack. The first boule thrown displaces it more than the maximum distance allowed. Is the end void or should it continue?

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Mike Pegg the end continues... the rule is for the "thrown" jack to be 6-10 metres from the circle, not the thrown jack that has been hit by a boule and moved to far for me to get near!

March 10, 2013 at 1:52am · Like



Dave Smith That's what I thought but I cam across something last night that said the opposite. If I find it again I'll show it to you. Thanks.

March 10, 2013 at 3:42am · Like



Dave Smith No. It was a case of a 9.5 metres jack and 10.5 metres after a boule displaced it.

March 10, 2013 at 4:20am · Like



Raymond Ager This is the problem with Art 8 - see my previous posting. The intent is that the THROWN jack should be valid. Providing the thrown jack is valid, then the first boule can, in theory, move the jack to any valid distance, i.e. up to 20m and it's still valid. The problem, IMHO, is that, rather than focus on agreeing the thrown jack before throwing a boule, the focus is on challenging the jack after a boule has been played. Yes, this can be valid but the focus is wrong, hence all the confusion.

March 10, 2013 at 9:36am · Like · 2

Dave Smith Yes I see what you mean Ray. As you say, why can't players



agree or disagree before any boule is thrown... looks like another rule change 😊.

March 10, 2013 at 12:27pm · Like · +1



Derek Adam Why change a rule for something that the first team gas to ensure is legal in the first place. If you aren't sure you measure it. Know some of my throws have been close to the 6 or 10m and I then play. If the other team does not call the distance on their opportunity that's their option. You have to play to your tactics, whether that can include a bit of gamesmanship then so be it.

March 10, 2013 at 12:41pm · Like



Raymond Ager I would just repeat what I said before - in my experience this rule has caused the most confusion and also encourages unsporting play. A change in the wording would avoid both of these things.

March 10, 2013 at 12:45pm · Like · +1



Dave Smith Derek, I think you are missing the point. Sure, measuring is fine is teams disagree but not after a boule has been played.

March 10, 2013 at 12:45pm · Like



Derek Adam The first team has to ensure the coche is correct distance, if first team accepts it and the coche is marked, as I should be, then team 2 can challenge. Mike could clarify that one for you.
Coche is short, marked, moved by the 1st boule to then be valid.
Or coche is valid at 10m, marked, moved over 10m.

March 10, 2013 at 12:58pm · Like



Dave Smith Team A throw the jack, pace it out and are happy with it. Team B nod in approval. Team A point in well (without moving the jack). Team B then say they want it measured (this is where bad feeling can creep in). Team B are successful with their challenge so the jack has to be thrown again... the tone is set.

March 10, 2013 at 1:17pm · Like



Tony Mann "pace it out" that is a problem, we all do it, but get 10 different people to pace out 10 meters and you will get 10 different distances. If the first team measured the jack before playing their first boule then they would know if it was valid or not.

March 10, 2013 at 1:25pm · Like



Dave Smith You shouldn't need to measure the length of jack unless there is a disagreement. Or, a team might say to the other, 'are you happy with that'. If they agree, you carry on. If they disagree, the first team can either measure it or throw again.

March 10, 2013 at 1:50pm · Like



Mike Pegg Good grief... it is so simple - team A throws the jack, thinks it is 9.5 metres but decide to get their tape out and measure the distance and as it is 9.5 they mark the jack.

Throwing their first boule the jack is moved to 10.5 metres.

Team B could challenge the validity of the jack but as it's position was marked and it was 9.5 metres they would be unsuccessful with their claim.

Measure, mark and get on with your game.
You guys make things so complicated...

March 11, 2013 at 12:53am · Like · +6



Raymond Ager Mike, sorry to be a pain but just to be 100% clear, as this is where Art 8 causes confusion: if the jack is not marked and the first boule takes it over 10m, can Team B challenge?

March 11, 2013 at 1:23am · Like · +1



Mike Pegg nope

March 11, 2013 at 3:05am · Like



Mike Pegg as I stated in an earlier post, the rule is for the "THROWN" jack to be at a valid distance, not the "MOVED" jack!

March 11, 2013 at 3:06am · Like



Raymond Ager Many thanks.

March 11, 2013 at 4:15am · Like



🔔 **Brian Forbes** It appears that I own an apology to some Mansfield players after telling them (wrongly I now see), that both teams had to have a "legal jack" to throw to for their first throw. I knew about the 3 & 20 limits after that, but it just goes to show how you can come to accept a myth - if you don't check with the authority!

Thanks Mike

March 11, 2013 at 9:25am · Like



Raymond Ager Again, this is the result of the problem with the wording of Art 8.

March 11, 2013 at 9:33am · Like · 1



Dave Smith It would be better (in my opinion) to agree (or disagree) the thrown jack before actually throwing a boule... more or less Ray's words.

March 11, 2013 at 10:45am · Like



Mike Pegg It's not the result of the problem with art 8 Ray, it's the problem of the players not reading the rules!

March 11, 2013 at 11:01am · Like



Derek Adam But why should you agree? It is the responsibility of team 1 to provide a valid coche, they throw coche, play boule. If team 2 suspects it is invalid then they can choose to challenge validity. There is no need to ask team 2 whether they think it is valid or not. Those are the rules, you can call it gamesmanship if you want, but it's following the rules.

March 11, 2013 at 11:01am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, with all due respect, I think the amount of confusion that Art 8 has caused demonstrates that there is a problem with the wording. Derek, I guess it's a matter of opinion whether or not unsporting behaviour is acceptable or not. Personally, I don't like it and, also, it's contrary to Art 37.

March 11, 2013 at 11:14am · Like · 1



Dave Smith Derek, a lot of teams won't know this rule especially those that are starting out. Those that do can exploit it (teams who want to win at all costs or just because they can).

March 11, 2013 at 12:45pm · Like



Dave Smith

March 8, 2013

I was once told I couldn't play in gloves but there seems to be nothing in the rule book to back this statement up. Also, most players will probably tell you that wearing gloves (even those with grip) are likely to give you a disadvantage.

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Mike Pegg That was a very old misinterpretation of the text in a rule which is now found in Art 15 - some misguided individuals thought gloves would give a player an unfair advantage in throwing a boule.

Even if the gloves have a surface which helps to grip on object it is very unlikely to give any benefit to a player other than they will have warm hands.

March 8, 2013 at 4:47am · Like · 1



Dave Smith I thought as much, thanks Mike. So the next time a player comes over to me and says, 'you can't wear gloves', I can then reply, with absolute certainty, 'yes I can'.

March 8, 2013 at 7:16am · Like



Stephane Maurage someone had gloves at men's euro 2011, nothing was said

March 8, 2013 at 10:10am · Like



Dave Smith Good idea - I have heard some good ones.

March 10, 2013 at 4:25am · Like



Dave Smith

March 6, 2013

Mike, can a captain of a team give instructions from the touchline as it were. This would really be for the aid of inexperienced players - so something like 'remember you have only one boule in the head' or 'take the one'?

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Gibbe Wouters yes he can

March 6, 2013 at 8:42am · Like



Mike Pegg Yes but he cannot call out to the team or go on the playing area. He must sit/stand and keep quite and wait for the team to come to him

March 6, 2013 at 9:38am · Like



Derek Adam does it make any difference if its a team manager, or a 4th player in a team?

March 6, 2013 at 9:50am · Like



Mike Pegg no, the same rule applies...

March 6, 2013 at 10:36am · Like · 1



Dave Smith created a poll.

March 5, 2013

Okay, here's another one... what should happen if a team continues to play on, after their boule goes out of bounds and returns back off the boards into play (after attempting to shoot out their opponents boule). I'm pretty sure the rules state, that a boule re-entering the fray, should be taken out immediately.

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Tony Thompson The dead boule MUST be removed from the area of play, either by the player in the circle or a member of his / her team. If that player plays another boule before the dead one is removed that boule is illegal and therefore also dead.

March 5, 2013 at 11:16am · Like



Dave Smith I have always been led to believe, that as soon as another boule is played, the dead boule (that wasn't immediately removed) becomes live again.

March 6, 2013 at 12:26am · Like



Mike Pegg The boule that has crossed the dead ball line and come back on to the terrain MUST be removed immediately.

The boule would only be considered "live" if the opponent was to play a boule

If the player continues to play without removing the boule he/she would in the first place receive a warning.

If he/she was to repeat this later in the tournament they would have a boule disqualified and run the risk of being excluded from the game.

March 6, 2013 at 1:13am · Like



Dave Smith Mike, so once the player receives the warning, would the 'dead' boule then become 'live' as in the case of 'if the opponent was to play the next boule'?

March 6, 2013 at 8:56am · Like



Mike Pegg Nope, the boule is still considered dead....

March 6, 2013 at 9:37am · Like · 1



Em Montgomery was added by **Mike Pegg**.

March 4, 2013

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Em Montgomery likes this.



Dave Smith Good luck with your new club... looks like a nice location.

March 6, 2013 at 9:34am · Like



Raymond Ager

February 19, 2013

An interesting situation which has received conflicting advice on the French forums: Team A throws the jack (invalid) 3 times, so Team B throws and the end continues. During the end, the jack is shot, both teams having boules, i.e. the end is dead. Who throws the jack, Team A or B?

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Mike Pegg Very easy Ray - Team A, it was their jack to begin with.

February 19, 2013 at 11:13am · Like



Raymond Ager I had a hunch you might know 😊 Interestingly, I think the English translation of the rules avoids any ambiguity/interpretation of Art 28 1), whereas the original French version is open to interpretation.

February 19, 2013 at 11:20am · Like



Mike Pegg What makes you think the document you are referring to is the original?

The rules were issued by the FIPJP, the last version was put together by the Int Umpires Commission consisting of 5 umpires from France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland and England... previous version have also come from this group!

February 20, 2013 at 12:42am · Like



Raymond Ager I stand corrected 😊

February 20, 2013 at 12:46am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, I knew Ray was referring to a French rule book.... they may have invented the game and they are the current champions but just like England and Cricket, Petanque is now an international sport with other nations involved in setting the rules etc - it was a tongue in cheek response to an old friend!

March 3, 2013 at 11:56pm · Like · 2



Matej Kršinar

February 26, 2013

On web page obut.com I saw the jack which can be picked up by a magnet and that it is approved by FIPJP. Article 3 in International rules says: Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must the jack be capable of being picked up with a magnet. Is it OK to play with that jack or not?

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Mike Pegg The website does not claim they are approved by the FIPJP only that they are allowed in competitions.... it is news to me and I am asking the FIPJP

February 26, 2013 at 4:50am · Like · 1



Matej Kršinar I saw a FIPJP logo beside the jacks in OBUT's online PDF catalog, so I assumed that they are already approved by FIPJP. Anyway, thank you for your answer.

February 26, 2013 at 4:57am · Like



Mike Pegg It is crazy to authorise magnetic jacks, it would then mean all the measures with a magnet used to pick up boules will perhaps be banned.... but we live in a crazy world!

February 26, 2013 at 4:59am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg the latest list of approved boules and jacks does not include these magnetic jacks from Obut... this list was issued very recently <http://www.fipjp.com/userfiles/file/labelboules.pdf>

February 26, 2013 at 5:05am · Like



Mike Pegg Think about it Stephen.....

February 27, 2013 at 1:18am · Like



Mike Pegg spot on Stephen...

February 27, 2013 at 4:48am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Steve, I have seen this site and I have also contacted the FIPJP

The new list of approved boules and jack, issued in Feb 2013, does not include these jacks.

My personal view is these are for social events and not serious competition.... it is a gimmick and a foolish one.

March 3, 2013 at 11:54pm · Like



Matej Kršinar

February 26, 2013

Article 22 – A player throwing a boule other than his own. The player who plays a boule other than his own receives a warning. Is this only the case for opponent or is the same if your team mate plays with your boule?

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Derek Adam It will be the same, the player still played with the wrong boule, whether it is his own team or not.

February 26, 2013 at 4:28am · Like



Mike Pegg It is for all players

February 26, 2013 at 4:51am · Like · 1



Matej Kršinar Thank you

February 26, 2013 at 4:52am · Like



Jo Ella Manalan

January 30, 2013

For FPUSA tournaments, we score a forfeit as 13-12 for the winning team. I was recently asked if this was only for the USA or for all countries, so I am putting the question to you. We had some Canadians who were arguing the point with me recently, which made me question whether or not this was international or only valid in the USA.

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Brian Stote The commonest score that I have seen awarded is 13 - 7 but many competitions where a bye is used take the averages of the points scored in the actual games played and add those in to the points total. For example, if the scores in the other five games in a six-game series were 45 - 20, the bye game would be calculated as 9 - 4 and the totals would be 54 - 24 or +30. Fractions of numbers are rounded up or down so 59 / 5 would be 12 to add, 58 / 5 would also be 12 to add but 57 / 5 would equate to 11 to add. This gives a fair reflection of the team's performance over the whole day, rather than automatically giving them a number of points which may be well above or below their form. The only disadvantage with this method is that you have to wait until they have completed the day's games before you can insert the bye score and do the addition. If you have two teams (or any other even number) who are not already scheduled to play each other, you can get them to play an extra round between themselves at some stage of the competition and put those results into their totals.

January 30, 2013 at 1:06pm · Like · 1



Brian Stote I have just realised that you couldn't have a total of 45 - 20 over five games, but the principle remains good.

January 30, 2013 at 1:15pm · Like



Jean-Pierre Subrenat The international rule is 13-7. Only the FPUSA uses 13-12 which is wrong and unfair for the winning team. If the other team forfeits, you cannot be penalized by getting 12 points against you.

January 30, 2013 at 2:14pm · Like · 1



Brian Stote Are you saying that a team which began the tournament pulls out part way through? Seen from the other end, if a team is awarded 13 - 0 because their opponents have walked, that becomes unfair on the other teams in the competition who have had to play to get their points margins. 13-7 or the averages method are both fairer than either 13-12 or 13-0.

January 30, 2013 at 2:50pm · Like



Michal Dzurik brian, 13:12 is ridiculous. but in the time game, if you play with time limit e.g. 45 minutes + 1 extra end, 13:7 isn't really fair either 😊 not mentioning playing by the swiss system with buchholz points, if the competition is tight, getting a win for free may mean the end of your chances to qualify for KO stages. and the point difference is irrelevant.

January 30, 2013 at 3:13pm · Like



Brian Stote Michal - you are now putting extra conditions on the situation over and above the original premise. Timed games are in a very different category and ordinary Swiss, based on wins and points difference, and buchholz Swiss, based on wins and the results of teams which you have played, are very different from each other and require a debate of their own.

January 30, 2013 at 5:08pm · Like



Teri Sirico I'm with you, JP. 13-7 seems most fair.

January 30, 2013 at 5:19pm · Like



Jean-Pierre Subrenat I have never seen a team pull out of a tournament or a game after they have started. The question was in case of a forfeit, which means...not showing for a game, and the answer is 13-7, period. Now, if a team pulls out during a game, for whatever reason, I think that a different rule should apply, rule that I am not familiar with, but, perhaps, the score should be stopped at what ever it was when the team pulled out. Should it be 0 or 5 to something. But we are going into hypothesis that do not apply in a petanque game. In a game, either the team shows up or not!

January 30, 2013 at 7:01pm · Like



Raymond Ager Maybe we need to be clear about English/American terminology? 'Bye' for the English means one team is given an automatic win because the numbers in a comp are uneven, 'Forfeit' for the English implies a team either failed to play or gave up during a game. Should different rules/scores apply? Supposing you're leading 12-0 and the other team forfeits, what happens? If you're losing 12-0? Unlikely, but...

January 31, 2013 at 12:07am · Like



Mike Pegg Hello [Jo Ella Manalan](#), the usual formula used when there is an odd number of teams is a win with the result of 13-7 to that team.

As [Brian Stote](#) has explained there is another formula of a win but the result is computed as the average of all their points after the last game.

The problem with this formula is that it is possible a very weak team can be given a win for the bye but with a - points (1 win -3 points)

January 31, 2013 at 1:32am · Like



Brian Stote In our regional summer league we arrived at a solution which does not benefit the defaulting team but is also fairer to the other teams in the league. Rather than awarding 13-0 for each (effectively) conceded game, the non-defaulting team is awarded four wins (we play four games in a match) and +24 points. This is the equivalent of awarding 4 wins at 13-7 (also +24) but without the defaulting teams actually receiving points for which they haven't played and didn't earn.

January 31, 2013 at 1:39am · Like



Michal Dzurik brian, just to explain: i put those extra conditions (time game, swiss, buchholz), because that is the model where petanque game has been leading for a few years here in europe. i can't even remember when i last time played with no time limit. but anyway, you and others were talking about a bye win generally, so for me that includes also swiss system tournaments 😊 it looks like you understand it differently. never mind. take care!

January 31, 2013 at 4:45am · Like



Mike Pegg The Swiss system software we use in England is the same as the German Fed and the FIPJP and a few other nations.

It has the facility to let the organiser set the "bye" result to anything they want.

As far I as am aware just about everyone sets the result for the "bye as 13-7

It is not the fault of the team that they have a bye, with no opponent they are given a win.

Our winning point is 13, the nearest to half of that in favour of the team is 7 so they are given a result of 13-7

The best system is to find another team to make it an even number of teams...

January 31, 2013 at 6:14am · Like · 🍌 2



Juan C. Garcia In the particular case that JoElla mentions I was in one if the two teams the other Team was there but did not wanted to play so was better for them to loose 13/12 and at the time I thought that it was not fair You are there you don't want to play you should be penalized with a bigger margin score

January 31, 2013 at 8:18am · Like · 🍌 4



Brian Stote If they were there and refused to play, they should have been thrown out of the competition, particularly as it was to gain an advantage.

January 31, 2013 at 8:45am · Like · 🍌 3



Juan C. Garcia Or at least 13/0

January 31, 2013 at 11:38am · Like



Mike Pegg No question, if they refuse to play they should be removed from the competition...

January 31, 2013 at 11:49am · Like · 🍌 2



Mike Pegg I should add, the results of the games they did play remain

January 31, 2013 at 11:49am · Like · 🍌 1



Jo Ella Manalan In the instance Juan mentions, the team opposing him lost one of their players (it was a triplet), and the two remaining members were given the option to continue playing with 2 balls each. They chose to not play and thus forfeited the game. My original question was only about the score that had to be awarded according to FPUSA rules. As an umpire, it is my obligation to enforce whatever rules are in effect, whether I agree with them or not. I don't know why the FPUSA changed to 13-12, it used to be 13-7 or 13-8 (I'm not sure), but now that I have confirmation that we Americans are the only ones to use that score, I will try to find out the reasoning behind the change. To all of you who responded, thanks for the info.



February 2, 2013 at 10:24am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan Article 31, If a team absent for an hour the team is eliminated from the competition and not forfeited the game. In most of other sports the team that absent/forfeited/walk over a game, the team is eliminated from the competition and results on their account is cancelled. The team will be given disciplinary action by the authorize organization.

February 4, 2013 at 7:00pm · Like



Colin Stewart Just thought I'd add my 2 pennys- if you use Bucholtz ranking system then the margin of 'victory' matters not a jot, byes can be 13-0, 13-7 or 13-12 or for that matter 1-0 without skewing any results under BHN.

February 14, 2013 at 8:52am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Colin, that's not quite correct - we use the fine bucholtz as it takes into account the your opponents win/loss and the result as an indication of how strong or weak the opponent was.

The ranking system can be set to include points difference which does make a difference

February 14, 2013 at 10:11am · Like · 2



Raymond Ager "Pétanque: a simple game for simple people" 😊

February 14, 2013 at 10:13am · Like



Mike Pegg LOL, if you were to see some of the questions that come across my desk you wouldn't use the word "simple"..

February 15, 2013 at 12:16am · Like



Colin Stewart I stand corrected 😊

February 15, 2013 at 12:48am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, I hope they're not questions from me 😊

February 15, 2013 at 4:06am · Like



Raymond Ager

February 8, 2013

Hi, I have a questifon which perhaps borders on the right 'etiquette/sporting' thing to do, as well as the application of the rules. Supposing you're team has played all their boules and the opponents still have boules left to play. If the opponents want to measure to confirm who is holding the point, can they require your team to measure - because you played last - or is the onus on them to measure, having the remaining boules to play?

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Raymond Ager Sorry for the typos, I'm forgetting my English!

February 8, 2013 at 9:22am · Like



Derek Adam If your team is out of boule then you wont be measuring to see who plays next. When we are in that position we are looking to see what other boules can be 'removed' to give us more points, so in that case we would be doing that measuring.

February 8, 2013 at 9:27am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, your opponents would only measure if they need to prove they are holding forcing your team to play but seeing as they are out of boule you should measure to be sure who is holding 1st or 2nd. 3rd etc unless of course you already know

February 8, 2013 at 10:03am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Hi Mike, thanks for your answer. I understand what you say but the question is, can the opponents - who have boules to play - require you to measure, because you played last (even though you're now out of boules)?

February 8, 2013 at 10:07am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, why ask them to measure when you can simply measure yourself. if you are concerned a boule or jack may be moved call the umpire.....

February 10, 2013 at 6:00am · Like



Raymond Ager Hi Mike, I asked the question because it was a situation that occurred in a game. I agree 100% with your answer but the opponents asked us to measure, hence the reason for requesting clarification of the rules - if the opponents have boules to play, can they require you to measure, because you played last (but have no boules left to play)?

February 10, 2013 at 6:56am · Like



Mike Pegg If you take art 25 strictly by what it says then the answer is yes they can ask you to measure, but given the scenario you explained it is not an

occasion that I would enforce that rule

February 10, 2013 at 7:13am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Mike, thanks, that answers my question 😊

February 10, 2013 at 7:15am · [Like](#)



Gilbert DelaCruz

January 31, 2013

I've just taken the Umpire training course in Jakarta headed by Mr. Claude Azema himself 😊 Hope to get a recommendation letter from him for me to take the int'l umpire exam :::crosses fingers::::

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Raymond Ager and Teri Sirico like this.



Teri Sirico Good luck.

January 31, 2013 at 5:38pm · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan

January 20, 2013

We had a problem arise in a tournament today and I am not sure of the correct decision. Team A and Team B had played 4 balls each. Team A had the point. Team B then played the last 2 balls mistakenly using Team A's balls. I know that if one ball is mistakenly played, the player receives a warning but is able to exchange the mistaken ball for the correct one. But if he does it again, he loses the point. So what should happen in this case if 2 balls were played before he realized he had played the wrong balls?

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad there not yet get warning right?..

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Jo Ella Manalan No warning was given because both balls were played before he realized they were not his.

January 20, 2013 at 8:00pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Both boules are replaced with the correct boules and the player is given a warning.

January 21, 2013 at 1:10am · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Thanks, Mike. That would have been my choice but since I was involved in the play, another umpire made a different choice so I accepted it.

January 21, 2013 at 2:42pm · [Like](#)



Jean-Pierre Subrenat Jo....if someone plays another player's boules twice, he/she should stop drinking immediately, as it is impossible!! Don't you keep your boules with you during the play? I never put my boules down, therefore, nobody can use them by mistake! In all the (many) years I have played petanque, I have never encountered such a case, neither did I ever played with someone else boules!

January 30, 2013 at 7:07pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg If only the players would keep their boules with them, maybe that way we would not have so many as lost property after the games!!

January 31, 2013 at 1:34am · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Hey, Jean-Pierre, let's not be so judgmental. Our club tries to be inclusive and this means we have many players of varying levels and ages who make mistakes. My goal is to try to make the correct decisions and encourage them to avoid these mistakes in the future.

January 31, 2013 at 8:08am · [Like](#) · [+2](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

December 20, 2012

mr mike, where is suppose umpire stand when umpiring shoopig cmpetition?..there is no mansion in any umpire course..

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Mike Pegg do you mean "shooting competition"?

December 20, 2012 at 2:55am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad yes.sory spelling mistake

December 20, 2012 at 2:58am · Like



Mike Pegg assuming you do mean shooting competition for disciplines 1, 2 4 and 5 the best place to stand is to the side but it inline with the target.

For discipline 3 it is again to one side but just a little in front of the target.

Give me a little time and I will post a sketch for you.

December 20, 2012 at 2:59am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok..what happen in asian cup last week the umpire stand in the middle from the player n target,so that he make a mistake approve 1 player boule that landed clearly outside of the ring..

December 20, 2012 at 3:03am · Like



Mike Pegg for sure he was in the wrong place.....

December 20, 2012 at 3:17am · Like



Matthew Edmundson

December 10, 2012 · Gibraltar, Gibraltar

Where can you get the mats that they use in the world championships for shooting. And if you can't get them how do you make them

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Colin Stewart I know someone who made it out of a recycled PVC advertising banner, these are handy as they come with pre-punched grommets for securing to the ground with pegs. Strong and resistant to fraying.

December 10, 2012 at 9:25am · Like



Matthew Edmundson What kind of measurements do you need

December 10, 2012 at 9:27am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan You can it buy from me. It's La Fran Brand made in Thailand. The items are the ground set (RM750), the target boules (RM350), the point marker(RM45), excluding transport fares. Check my website:www.wix.com/arab82_muar/duniapetanque

December 10, 2012 at 9:41am · Like



Colin Stewart For the standing circles section you'll need 3ft wide I'd suggest, to get the 500mm dia circles in and reasonable margin at the edges to prevent tearing. Equally you should aim to have a good margin at both ends, so suggest length is at least 12ft. 12x3 is a common banner size. For the target circle, you need a square 4x4 to fit the 1000mm circle. You can join PVC with gaffer tape, so if you can't get a 4x4 piece join two narrower sections. For the measurements of the distance between the targets etc I have seen a few solutions. You can use a 1000mm circle with holes cut in it which you can use as a template to mark to terrain. I have also seen L-shaped pieces of wood which are used, planks with notches cut at the correct intervals etc.

December 10, 2012 at 9:41am · Like



Matthew Edmundson **Sheikh Ismail Silan** I can't see the website because I'm on an iPod

December 10, 2012 at 9:44am · Like



Colin Stewart If you can't find an old banner, you could always buy unprinted but hemmed and punched blanks... This site seems quite reasonable<http://www.bannerblank.co.uk/index.php?webpage=blankbanners>

December 10, 2012 at 9:54am · Like



Brian Stote I have heard of people buying a long strip of spare underlay from a carpet warehouse and cutting the 50cm circles out of it, leaving the 'holes' to stand in. It has the advantage of being capable of being rolled it up for transportation. The 1m diameter circle is more difficult unless you simply scratch it on the ground but if you could get hold of a wider piece of underlay you could cut a hole in that too. The umpires in Turkey for the Junior Worlds had leather 'T' strips appropriately nailed down with holes cut in them to accurately place the boules and jacks for the various disciplines.

December 10, 2012 at 11:15am · Like



Michal Dzurik also a truck tarps may be very handy. just visit the nearest car cemetery. here is the picture with "T" for measuring:<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=400248243375674&set=a.400247626709069.93630.145890475478120&type=3&theater>

December 10, 2012 at 1:58pm · Like



Mike Pegg I'm trying to source an alternative manufacturer nearer to home as the guy who made the original mats used by the FIPJP is no longer making them - or so I am told....

December 10, 2012 at 11:00pm · Like



Matthew Edmundson I thought there would be a possibility that the fipjp supplied the pétanque material such as the shooting mats to federations as they aren't widely available on the pétanque Internet sites

December 10, 2012 at 11:26pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Matt, yes we were all given the opportunity to buy some when they were first introduced....

I think because they are not so easy to buy some Federations have been making their own.

The Belgium Fed and Swedish Fed have made their own, as I recall from a very similar material as carpet tiles.

The dimensions are written within the rules for the shooting champs... if you don't have these let me have an email address (not via this forum) and I will email the rules to you.

Which reminds me, the rules for shooting have changed, the 1 point for touching the jack has been dropped, so in affect the rules are how they were before.

December 10, 2012 at 11:58pm · Like



Brian Forbes Mike, I would be obliged for a set of those dimensions & up-to-date rules please. Also, if you get to me details of how these mats were made, then I'll try and have replicas made for us (EPA I mean)

December 11, 2012 at 12:54am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Brian, thanks and Ok later today...

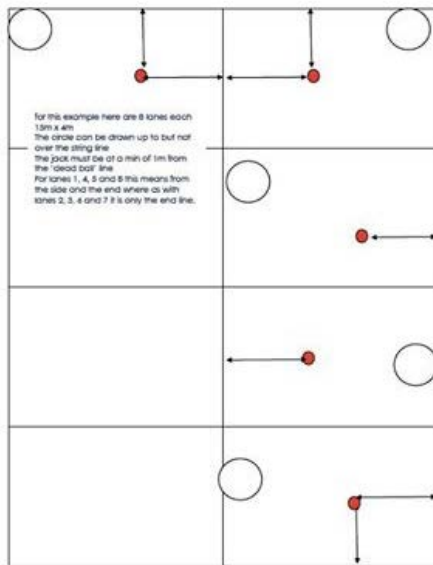
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Mike Pegg

December 6, 2012

Corrected image showing a marked terrain and the dead ball line - the same would apply if the area of the terrain was square!



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Mike Pegg and before anyone asks.... how do you know which line depicts the ends on a square lane, its the very easy, it is the end (line) where the scoreboard/the coach is located and the one at the opposite end!

December 6, 2012 at 10:11am · Like



Ernesto Santos Stephen, you are forgetting that tournaments are organized by people who make such decisions ahead of time. In other words the problem never comes up. And if you are playing a casual game with friends, you get to decide yourself.



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

November 23, 2012

Is it allowed to use laser light to

1. By the coach from his bench to mark the landing point?.
2. By a partner in the pitch itself?
3. By the coach while discussion with his players?

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Mike Pegg Interesting, I wonder why you would want to use a laser light in the first place.... if the arena was properly lit you would have problems seeing it anyway?

In my opinion the answer to all 3 is no!

November 23, 2012 at 8:55am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg my concern is the use of a laser light....

November 23, 2012 at 9:06am · Like



Mike Pegg I understand what the laser light is, I have one I use when teaching umpires in a class room - but please, not on the terrain!

November 23, 2012 at 9:09am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad so the answer is cannot?..example : is it can a coach show the landing point by the laser pointer..?

November 23, 2012 at 9:18am · Like



Mike Pegg No, the coach is there to give advice, talk tactics etc

November 23, 2012 at 9:26am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad how about team partner that put his leg for landing point?can he replace his leg with use the laser pointer?

November 23, 2012 at 9:29am · Like



Mike Pegg Why? Isn't his leg good enough?

November 23, 2012 at 9:34am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad mr mike pegg..the leg is just for guide,there is no marking made on terrain,just put the leg for guiding his partner to pointing the boule..

November 23, 2012 at 2:15pm · Like



Mike Pegg art 15 of the rules The player must not use any object or draw a line on the ground to guide him/her in playing a boule or mark its landing point.

OK, so the true meaning of this rule is to prevent the "player" from using a piece of wood, stone, cloth or draw a line which may cause the boule or jack to deviate from its route.

As for the coach or team manager, whilst he or she is a part of the team this person is not permitted to call out or move around during play.

If the team/player wishes to consult with their coach they must come to the end of the terrain.... so why would a coach be permitted to use a laser to mark a landing point?

Using a laser to mark a landing point borders on the ridiculous, almost as foolish as the guy who suggested using one to measure between boules and jack... it may seem like a good idea at the time but!!

November 24, 2012 at 12:19am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad but i think measuring using laser is best idea...i've try it...

November 25, 2012 at 5:28pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok thanks mr mike...so its clear...no guide by team mate while pointing the boule...even with a leg...

November 25, 2012 at 5:31pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok thanks stephen...now im clear...u can see my question, i have 3 question there...and now im clear with your answer...thank you very much...

November 25, 2012 at 7:02pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Stephen, I never said using a laser to measure was illegal

November 26, 2012 at 12:53am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Stephen and **Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad**, Correct - what you do in practice is up to you... if the coach come on to the

terrain to help you then OK>

But at a competition, the coach is not permitted on the terrain so he cannot indicate the landing point...

Indicating where to land with your foot, leg, hand etc is all OK but you must not stop the boule or cause it to deviate from its route.

November 26, 2012 at 12:58am · Like ·  1



Peter Beresford The last thing I'd want is everyone knowing where my intended landing spot was. If the point goes AWOL, everyone then knows it's a crap shot, and, if you don't hit the spot but your boule holds, everyone thinks you're a genius!

November 26, 2012 at 2:27am · Like ·  2




Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ofcos coach cannot come into the terrain during the game..i know that.the question is,is it can coach using laser for show the landing point for his player from outside the terrain?..after the coach point the laser,his player know the landing point.then after the player know the landing point,the coach off the laser and let his player throw his boule. ..is this can?

November 26, 2012 at 3:29am · Like




Raymond Ager Rather than focusing - no pun intended 😊 - on laser lights, as a more general principle, can the coach help indicate the landing spot during a game? For example, if a player indicated the landing spot with their foot, could the coach, either by words or gestures, indicate "back a bit, forward", etc?

November 26, 2012 at 3:41am · Like ·  1



Alan Routledge if a pointer needs someone to show him where to land his ball he should give up

November 26, 2012 at 4:01am · Like ·  2



Raymond Ager That's really a coaching issue, rather than the rules.

November 26, 2012 at 4:11am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, as previously stated, during a game the coach is not permitted to call out, make gestures etc, he/she is supposed to be sitting or standing still and quite....

November 26, 2012 at 4:28am · Like



Raymond Ager Ok, thanks, I think that clarifies it.

November 26, 2012 at 4:41am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok tq mr mike....

November 26, 2012 at 3:59pm · Like



Derek Adam Laser measurement devices tend to have a measurement error of up to 1cm, even the more expensive ones. Therefore there is more chance of an error in measurement to occur.

November 27, 2012 at 10:30am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i've one..but its very hard to use..

November 27, 2012 at 3:49pm · Like



Derek Adam Stephen you got to a local builder or diy shop.

November 27, 2012 at 11:14pm · Like



Mike Pegg I use lasers in my job and they work great for measuring, but it only takes a stone or slight rise in the ground and the laser is useless, it can't go around corners without mirrors.... don't waste your money!

November 28, 2012 at 10:12am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, I've seen the light 😊

November 28, 2012 at 11:49am · Like



Brian Stote

September 7, 2011

I have a question which may highlight a possible inconsistency in the rules. Most people know what happens if two boules are measured as being exactly equidistant from the jack. Player A leads, Player B plays a boule which is at an identical distance (i.e. has not beaten the first boule) and Article 28 Section 3 says - 'If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them.' However, if Player A points the first boule which goes dead and Player B plays a boule which also goes dead then Article 15 Para 7 says - 'If the first boule played goes out-of-bounds, it is for the opponent to play first then alternately so long as there are no boules on the designated terrain.' - so in

that circumstance, although Player B has not beaten Player A, why does Player A have to point next?

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Mike Pegg Hi Brian, because they are not equal (both holding the point).

In your first scenario there is a boule (team A) holding the point. When the opponent (team B) plays he does not beat that point, instead he equals it.

So, as you correctly state, he (team B) plays again. If nothing changes as the "holding" boules (team A and B) are equal then they now take turns to play (team A, Team B, Team A etc) until one of them is holding the point.

In your other scenario the jack has been thrown, Team A play their first boule and it goes off the playing area (out of bounds, dead) Team B play and their boule goes off the playing area - neither team is holding the point, they are not equal (perhaps just bad boule players). In this case Team A will now play and then Team B until one of them has a boule on the terrain which would be holding the point.

September 7, 2011 at 10:45pm · [Like](#)



Brian Stote But surely, in the first scenario, neither is holding the point. If the remaining ten boules are thrown and none of them changes the situation, neither team scores a point and the end is declared void. Logically, if they were truly both 'holding the point', they would each be awarded a point.

September 8, 2011 at 12:30am · [Like](#)



Tony Thompson Brian, Surely if both boules have gone dead, therefore with no valid boule on the piste the end starts again with the original player (A) going first but with the remaining boule only available for play. The essential difference in your first scenario is that there are legally thrown boules in play hence article 28 should apply. Just an amateurs interpretation 😊

September 8, 2011 at 2:33am · [Like](#)



John Thatcher That may seem a logical way of looking at it but in 15 years of umpiring I very rarely see 2 equidistant boules. It does happen but according to the rules we play under equidistant boules at the completion of an end state that the end is dead.

September 8, 2011 at 4:46am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote I understand that the two situations are different on the ground (or not on the ground, as the case may be) but my contention is that in neither situation is a boule 'on' since, by definition, a boule that is on scores a point. With level boules, no point is gained and therefore neither is 'on'. anymore than when the two teams are equal because neither of them has a boule on the piste. The rule proves it by saying that the end is dead and if the slope was such that all 12 boules went dead it would also be a dead end. No difference in the effect but a difference in the procedure makes for inconsistency.

September 8, 2011 at 5:35am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Brian, this is not going to be easy to explain....

The two boules equal distant from the jack are both "on" as you put it.

Basically they are both holding, so neither team gets a point as to do this your boule must be closer than your opponent.

When the jack is first thrown and the 1st boule goes off the terrain it is not holding ("on") so the opponent plays.

If his boule also goes off the terrain, it is not holding and so the other team now plays and so on.....

I think you are confusing yourself with this thought that two boules equidistant from the jack are the same as two boules that are off the terrain

September 8, 2011 at 8:32am · [Like](#)



Mat Jue

November 6, 2012

In the singla game,A boule has ended but second boule B accidentally pushed the jack and knock or stuck at it.B thought the jack was out so B took his jack but B still have a boule left.what sould we do

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Mike Pegg I'm unsure of your question.....

are you saying team A played their last boule
team B played a boule that knocked the jack over the dead ball line and that
team B had one boule left to play?

If yes, it is a dead end and team B get 1 point for the boule they have not
played.

They should draw or place the circle at the position the jack was before it went
dead or if not marked at the nearest valid position to where the jack went out of
play.

November 7, 2012 at 12:30am · [Like](#)



Mat Jue Thanks yes

November 7, 2012 at 10:00pm · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i think this is what his mean..... A has throw
all boule , team B has two more boule in hand, and then B throw the 2nd boule
n accidentally hit the jack beside the dead boule line...B thought that the jack is
dead so he took the jack but actually the jack still on play...so the question is
what happen to the boule left in hand?...what happen to the jack n the boule in
hand?..

November 7, 2012 at 10:09pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg if the jack was not dead then what happens is - the player is given a
warning by the umpire for picking up the jack.

The end is void, no points to either team

November 7, 2012 at 10:28pm · [Like](#) · 2



Gary Jones What rule was violated?

November 10, 2012 at 7:15pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg picked the jack up before points were agreed

November 10, 2012 at 11:54pm · [Like](#) · 1



Mat Jue tq tq tq.

November 12, 2012 at 8:17pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Isn't Article 26 only in respect to picking up a boule (not a jack)
before points are agreed?

November 12, 2012 at 9:30pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, a question for you - if you have one boule left to play, your
opponent 4 boule and is holding the winning (13th) point, most probably about
to win the game.

You walk over and picked up the jack, draw the circle and throw the jack for a
new end.... what happens next!

November 13, 2012 at 12:52am · [Like](#) · 1



Steve Zimmo Aint thought of cheating that way [Mike Pegg](#) lol

November 13, 2012 at 2:26am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones I get a warning?!

November 13, 2012 at 4:07am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones But I'm still not sure which Article my team has violated!

November 13, 2012 at 4:10am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg good point Gary, the very simple answer is article 37 which leads to
the penalties in art 38.

I ought to add that as an umpire I would take this sort of behaviour from a
player very seriously as it borders on cheating.

Depending on the event and circumstances I would consider disqualifying the
player.....

November 13, 2012 at 4:38am · [Like](#) · 1



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike.

November 13, 2012 at 5:16am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden Disqualify him then stone him 😊

November 14, 2012 at 2:01am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden I guess thats a good reason to mark all boules/choche

November 14, 2012 at 2:01am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager

November 10, 2012

If a player wants to play from a squatting position but problems with their knees or legs mean they have to 'straddle' the circle, i.e. have to have one foot outside, can they play like this or must they stand?

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Mike Pegg hi Ray, if the player can stand with both feet in the circle then that is what he should do.....

November 10, 2012 at 11:54pm · Like



Raymond Ager OK, many thanks.

November 11, 2012 at 12:16am · Like



Herve Bavazzano

November 6, 2012



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Mat Jue likes this.



Derek Adam yes and if i remember correctly, if there is no change it alternates until there is a change or a team runs out of boules

November 6, 2012 at 12:11pm · Like



David Sedgeley The last team who played last (on this occasion the team with the player playing with the black boule) throws again, and then alternately until either the boules are displaced and a team is 'on', or both teams run out of boules.... In which case it's a dead end.....

November 6, 2012 at 12:15pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Herve, the two above responses are basically correct.

The team who threw last throw again,
If nothing changes then starting with the opponents the teams throw alternatively until one is holding the point.

If all boules are played and there is still no change the end is void, not dead..... a subtle difference!

November 6, 2012 at 12:42pm · Like



Herve Bavazzano Thanks guys

November 6, 2012 at 12:43pm · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan If it happen the throw made by the team with black boules, knock their own boules and replaced the earlier one, who should throw the next boules? The argument here it's a new case.

November 6, 2012 at 3:20pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg If the 2nd black boule replaces the 1st black boule exactly then it is the team that threw that boule.

It may be the same team but it is a different boule.....



Magnus Halleen

October 29, 2012 · Gothenburg, Sweden

During a game the cochonnet was shoot. Both teams thought it was the last boule.

The team that last thrown the cochonnet throws it again and starts the new round.

A couple of boules in the new end they found out there was a boule they forgot in the earlier end, witch should have given one of the team a point, and actually the other team should have thrown the cochonnet. How to rule in this situation?

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Dragan Antonijevic Continue the game.

October 30, 2012 at 12:37am · Like



Mike Pegg Play continues with the new end

October 30, 2012 at 1:01am · Like



Matthew Eversden you all have to go back to school and learn to count to 6 lol

October 30, 2012 at 1:12am · Like · 3



Dragan Antonijevic :-))

October 30, 2012 at 1:14am · Like



Magnus Halleen What about the point that the team should have had? given or not given?

October 30, 2012 at 3:48am · Like



Matthew Eversden not given.....i think

October 30, 2012 at 4:01am · Like



Brian Stote Not given. Points must be agreed before boules are picked up.

October 30, 2012 at 4:12am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, You cannot have points for boules that have not been thrown.

October 30, 2012 at 6:03am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, Ok it is easy to say you should know how many boules have been thrown etc but that does not explain what went wrong and why play continues.... I will try to explain.

If after shooting then jack off the terrain you had told the opponent you have a boule left then you would get 1 point, assuming the opponent had no boules.

But that is not what you have explained, it seems that you all thought there were no boules to play so you drew a circle and threw the jack.

To add to the issue both teams have now thrown boules so for sure there can be no "count back" to give you a point for a boule not thrown in the last end.

both teams made the same mistake of not knowing how many boules were thrown - a crazy situation!

October 30, 2012 at 6:19am · Like



Magnus Halleen yes its a crazy situation, but it actually hapend, luckily it was only a training game.

November 3, 2012 at 4:51am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan

October 18, 2012

Hai,

In a pitch where normal way of marking is difficult/impossible can we use chalk to mark?

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Sheikh Ismail Silan "marking the position of boules and jack"

October 18, 2012 at 9:08pm · Like

Mike Pegg yes...



October 18, 2012 at 10:45pm · [Like](#)



Colin Stewart Good idea!

October 18, 2012 at 11:28pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg but don't forget to remove your marks.....

October 19, 2012 at 11:09am · [Like](#)



Teri Sirico

October 12, 2012

Tell me what "should have happened"...please.
The round was over, we won the point and I, as captain, was trying to determine if we were on two points. The opponent, not captain, asks my partner a question, misunderstands him to say he was in agreement with one, and then picks up the cochonnet before any measurements. I don't even believe he should have picked up the cochonnet since his team had not won the point in the first place. Then, the first reaction of the umpire was that we should have replayed the round. The opposing team captain, told the ump that we were on one for sure. We were awarded one point. Was this a fair ruling?

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Mike Pegg the opponent is given a warning - both teams are reminded that they must agree the points before picking up the jack or the boules - the team gets 1 point only

October 13, 2012 at 9:07am · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer

September 29, 2012

Hello,
I have two questions :
1) in the upcoming world champs (marseille) during the timed games e.g the 5 games of the swiss system, a jack crossing the line to an adjacent court is dead, but what about a ball ?
2) quote :
It should be observed that the main censures, by the people who don't know it, were against the limitation of the time. Now it'll become an obligation for all international competitions multisports if we want stay in.
the quote is from the fipjp site explaining the swiss systeme,
and i must say i strongly disagree,
does tennis have a limited time of play ? volleyball ? ping pong ?
in fact in tennis a game can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours (in 3 sets games)
or up to 5-6 hours in a 5 sets game... so why does the fipjp consider it " an obligation for all international competitions multisports if we want to stay in ?
"
thx in advance.
Noam

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Bobby DarkDestiny likes this.



Mike Pegg 1. The boule and the jack are dead if they cross the line marking the lane during timed games...

2. You best ask the FIPJP

September 30, 2012 at 12:05am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Re timed games: if you are against timed games, how do you suggest dealing with the problem when games take a very long time and disrupt the rest of the competition? Tennis has dealt with this: after some incredibly long games at Wimbledon, tie-breaks were introduced to overcome this problem. Many other sports, e.g. football, play for a fixed period of time, other games, e.g. chess, use clocks to limit the time of matches.

September 30, 2012 at 6:34am · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer i have no problem with the swiss system as for it self, i think that a ratio of 5 games for the first day in swiss system even if some games take an extremely long period of time is more than attainable...

September 30, 2012 at 6:37am · Like · 1



Noam Seifer so for me the format should be, one day swiss system, the next day up to semi finals, and the last day semi and finals.

September 30, 2012 at 6:37am · Like



Noam Seifer i must add that the timed games in world champs is still somehow logic, but... i have played in the world games 2009 in Taiwan, and cheating with measurement (for things over 5cm difference and more than 4 times per end, plus extremely slow playing without any warning from the referee... in addition to that the Israeli federation has decided to have 45 min game with no additional menes, i think you'll agree that a game ending 5-4 is far from the spirit of petanque. i stand my opinion that the sport should not change for the sake of televisional requirements, it should change for it's own evolution (as for example the plastic circles etc.) without changing the real spirit of the game, i strongly fear a day where all games will be timed games, if and when that happens we will no longer have monumental games such as the 1994 semi final in clermont ferrand, or being 11-0 down and ending winner.

September 30, 2012 at 6:42am · Like



Karel Dohnal Hello

I'll try to answer your question.

FIPJP (and pétanque generally) is forced to find a solution to the limit for one match for more reasons. First is to stop extreme cases - matches lasting 3-4 hours. There have been cases (when played in groups) that some teams had to play in a group on 3 a.m. morning, just because the group met two or three extreme matches. And generalz it was the matches for "nothing".

FIPJP also had to find a way to incorporate to 4 days Championship in shooting and so as to preserve times attractive for spectators and for television.

A TV is also a separate reason of shortening. There for also others sports, such as tennis (tiebreak), volleyball (error = point), table tennis (short sets) is decided for some kind of time limit. For pétanque is really enough just eliminate extremes. My experience of WChamp.in Izmir is that 23 of the 24 matches is finished up to 13 points in the limit. Which is quite sufficient. Additionally poules (24 teams) and 1/8 finals are played without limit. The limit is currently used only in the 1st phase of the Championships.

I do not know what is your personal experience, but you will see in Marseilles, the time limit of 75 minutes + 2 pétanque Menes does not change character of pétanque. by: Karel Dohnal

September 30, 2012 at 1:49pm · Like



Noam Seifer Hello mr Dohnal, as for 75 min + 2 menes, i strongly agree that it is sufficient, my only concern is that sometime in the future not only the first tours will be time limited but every single game from the first till the final. How ever i would like to STRONGLY thank you for the long and detailed answer you provided. with great respect, best of luck Noam.

September 30, 2012 at 1:54pm · Like



Karel Dohnal But if you limit number of menes, you create completly new sport, with other tactic and strategy. With time limit you stop only extrem matches. And rules "1 minutes for 1 boule" is available allways! If your adverser play for exemple in 2 minutes, call referee. Its simple.

October 1, 2012 at 5:52am · Like



Noam Seifer I disagree with you that tactics and strategy do not change if you played a previously imposed number of menes, personally i prefer the 75 min + 2 menes over your idea. thx for sharing though ! Noam

October 1, 2012 at 7:00am · Like



Noam Seifer let me see if i understood correctly, according to your idea, we start a game with a maximum of (for the sake of the example) 6 menes do be played. if any of us reaches 13 before the 6 mene there is no need to play it. did i understand correctly ? If so here is why i think timed games are still better off (considering that the limitations are 75+ 2 menes if 13 has not yet been reached. (and yes i have experience what you're telling about extremely slow play, extra measurement tactical "meetings" etc.) 1) when playing according to your system i can easily imagine the game becoming a cochonet competition (excessive shooting for the coche, maybe even throwing the cochonet short and killing it 5 times after leading 1-0. it may be only be true for the elite teams only, but it's still an option that will ruin petanque. 2) you are right regarding the time and wasting time, i think the referee should be extremely carefull about the time wasting issue, and maybe there should be an additional rule against excessive measurement, or maybe the referee should have some quick and easy to use measurement device. (maybe something electronic in the future perhaps ?). 3) the current system of 75+2 still represents about 90-100 minutes of play which covers i believe 90% or more of the games played in the

early stages of world championships. so the extra 10 percent of the games suffer from the game not being the same, but with your system the game changes DRAMATICALLY for the all the participants.

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Zanesfield Petanque Club Noam, he's talking about a "fun tourney" play not the WC. Beginners, Novice, social players, not world champs. Sometime "quicker" games keep more people involved. But if only play with hardcore players then your system works great. Our club hosted a tourney with 45 mins ends using the Swiss system. 17 games were played. Only 2 did not make it to 13 before the 45 mins.

October 4, 2012 at 6:37am · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer 45 is not enough

October 4, 2012 at 6:38am · [Like](#)



Zanesfield Petanque Club Norm, These are not world champs, these are new players to the game. Guess you have never played with anyone new or tried to grow the sport. I kept the time, so unless they had a watch and timed it themselves they had no idea how much time they had left. When we have world champs playing and they need 6 hours to complete a game we will look at it, but till then we will try to keep everyone interested at the same time. We had people playing for FUN. No offense but might want to try that again sometime.

October 4, 2012 at 6:44am · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer enjoy 😊

October 4, 2012 at 6:46am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg

October 1, 2012

CEP European Cup for Clubs - Rules

We inform you that each team can only have a maximum of 8 players.

But there seems to be some misunderstanding with some Nations in the first round who have been changing players during a game. This is not permitted.

The EuroCup is not the same as the World or European Championship when you can have 4 players in Triples and change on player during a game.

In our Competition for Clubs a triple is no more than 3 players so you do not have the facility to change players during a game.

You do not have to register the same 8 players for each encounter (nation versus nation).

A toutes les équipes (deuxième tour CEP Coup d'Europe)

Nous vous informons que chaque équipe peut avoir seulement 8 joueurs au maximum.

Mais il semble il y avait du malentendu pendant le premier tour entre les Nations qui ont changé des joueurs pendant un jeu. Ca n'est pas permis.

Le Coup d'Europe n'est pas la même chose que le Championnat du Monde ou un Championnat Européen avec la possibilité d'avoir 4 joueurs en Triplette et une possibilité de changer un le joueur pendant le jeu.

Dans notre Compétition pour Clubs une triplette n'a pas plus que est 3 joueurs et vous n'avez pas la facilité de changer des joueurs pendant un jeu.

Vous n'êtes pas obliger d'enregistrer les même 8 joueurs pour chaque rencontre (nation versus nation).

Regard/Cordialement,

Mike Pegg, CEP Vice President (Chair, Technical Commission)

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Daniel Franco Soriano likes this.



Merike Aava

September 26, 2012

Dear Mike,
I can not find playing systmes in EC. Will it be traditional groups? Or how we will play in Ghent?

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Mike Pegg Hi Merike, We are working on this right now but it should be traditional groups

September 26, 2012 at 11:53am · Like



Merike Aava Thanks Mike!

September 27, 2012 at 7:19am · Like



Magnus Halleen

September 26, 2012

Hi Mike,

Got a question today regarding the 1 minute rule.

When answering this i came to think about the part of meassuring witch boule is no 2 or 3 witch should be done within the minute.

In the Swedish version of the ruels it is said,

- if a umpire do the meassurement, this will not have to be within the minute.

I cant see this in the original ruels.

But, the actual question that arrised was, if the team try to meassure for 50 seconds, then call the umpire, how long time do the team have to throw after the umpire's decision?

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Bobby DarkDestiny likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, they have one minute after the decision of any measurement by anyone, player or umpire.

September 26, 2012 at 3:04pm · Like · 3



Magnus Halleen Thanks Mike,

September 26, 2012 at 3:23pm · Like



Dragan Antonijevic And here we have a big problem regarding time limited games, when many teams are using the measurement to take advantage... I think that either we have to ban all time limited games in all countries, or the official rules have to be supplemented with the rules about how to manage similar situations (maybe to ask the umpire to stop the time when measuring, or to compensate the spending time and add it to the current game...). My personal opinion is that petanque have to be played without time limit, until one of the teams reach 13 points.

September 27, 2012 at 1:53am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Dragan, Timed games are not very popular and for sure I understand why.... during timed games the umpires have to watch for time wasting tactics and it is often quicker and better that the players get the umpire to measure.

We have the option of timed games in the rules but it is for each Federation to decide if they want to use this format

September 27, 2012 at 3:05am · Like



Michal Dzurik

September 26, 2012

Dear Mike, I have a question about rules regarding Euro Cup (clubs): is the change of player during the game allowed? Last year when one Slovak club organised the first leg, Belgians were strictly against the possibility to make the change. This year Slovak club played in Metz, France, and French team did use the change during the game. Could you please let us know? It seems unclear to many participants. Thank you!

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Mike Pegg Hi Michal, it is not correct/permitted to change players during a game in the EuroCup.



Martin Hughes

September 26, 2012

Precision shooting rules - I have found some information recently which suggests that in the third stage setup i.e. target boule plus one boule either side, one point may be awarded if the target boule is hit first regardless of whether the non-target boules are then moved afterwards. I had always thought that the non-target boules are moved at all in this setup then no points are awarded. What is the correct position?

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Brian Stote Yes, Martin. The FIPJP rules state that if either of the outer boules is moved after the target boule has been hit one point is scored.

September 26, 2012 at 12:51am · Like · 1



👍 **Martin Hughes** Thanks Brian

September 26, 2012 at 1:08am · Like



Steve Zimmo I will explain the rules to you 2nite 🙌 **Martin Hughes** 😊 it is always 1 point in all stages where there are obstacles so long as the target is hit first

September 26, 2012 at 9:15am · Like



Derek Adam

September 17, 2012

Hi Mike, we have a query for you. On a strung piste the coche is thrown. As it travels it crosses the string to a neighbouring piste, but comes to a final rest back on the correct piste. The question being, is the coche valid or not? We know that during play a boule is live having crossed, but is this the same for the initial coche throw?

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Tony Thompson Hi, Derek. This is an interesting one. My guess is that the coche was dead the moment it crossed the boundary with the next door piste so it should be thrown again and that the first throw would count as one of the three allowed attempts at getting a legal coche before it is given to the other team.

September 17, 2012 at 1:54pm · Like · 1



Richard King I would agree with tony, as if the area is only guidelines, then the initial coche throw still has to be inside the guidelines to be valid.

September 17, 2012 at 2:01pm · Like



Dragan Antonijevic According to the rules, it is dead.

September 17, 2012 at 11:17pm · Like



Mike Pegg The jack has to be thrown inside the marked area. If it clearly went over the line then it counts as one of the three throws.....

September 18, 2012 at 12:50am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan BoulesdeLeon PétanqueClub Jack thrown has to be at least 1 meter from the dead boule line or any obstacle (Art 7) but not the boundary line. It can be as close as it can to the boundary line.

September 18, 2012 at 3:16am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Sheikh Ismail Silan - that was not the question my friend

September 18, 2012 at 4:54am · Like



Michal Dzurik this question reminds me my favourite line from the rules: "If the thrown jack is stopped by the Umpire, a player, a spectator, an animal or any moving object, it is not valid and must be thrown again without being included in the three throws to which the team or the player is entitled.". so, in theory, if the player throws the jack towards his teammate and he stops it by his foot, can it be done a million times? or the rule about 1 minute for throwing the valid jack is applying in this case?;-)

September 18, 2012 at 3:36pm · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#) I was responding to the BoulesdeLeon PétanqueClub comment.

September 18, 2012 at 11:28pm · Like

Derek Adam My question was referring to the boundary lines not the dead ball



lines. We know that during play a boule can cross boundary lines and be live. But when thrown can the coche cross a boundary lines, then re-enter the correct piste and be live.

September 18, 2012 at 11:53pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg same thing Derek as the jack has to be thrown within the lane you are assigned....

September 19, 2012 at 12:09am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam That's fine Mike, we played that way but the doubt was put in as a boule can cross the line.

September 19, 2012 at 1:57am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg and so can the jack during play....

September 19, 2012 at 2:04am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Dragan Antonijevic

September 11, 2012

Hi Mike,

We have had the following situation:

Shooter from team A shoot the jack, but his ball overtake the jack, hit the wooden board which marks the end of the playground, and rebound back to the ground. In the same time jack hits the ball and remains in the ground. Without hiting the ball, the jack will leave the ground for sure. What's the rule?

Thanks in advance for your answer.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Dragan Antonijevic Somebody, anybody? :-))

September 11, 2012 at 4:31am · [Like](#)



Zanesfield Petanque Club Bad Luck. The way I read it it the jack is still alive Since it never hit. The boule would have to be removed.

September 11, 2012 at 6:16am · [Like](#)



Dragan Antonijevic In our real situation, we have left the jack on the ground, and removed the boule - just as you said. But I am not sure if this is according to the rules. Anyway, thanks for your answer!

September 11, 2012 at 6:19am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Michal Dzurik dragan, first, kill the playground maker for using pro-bouncing wood 😊 seriously now: i think you did it correctly. unlucky for the team A though.

September 11, 2012 at 7:46am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Mike Pegg Hi Dragan, You did the correct thing to leave the jack in the place it stopped and removed the boule....

September 11, 2012 at 9:19am · [Like](#)



Dragan Antonijevic Michal, Mike, thanks a lot for your answers.

September 11, 2012 at 11:52am · [Like](#)



Sharon Zimmerman

September 9, 2012

Hi Mike...can you tell me what the rules are regarding wearing open toe shoes to play. We have looked through the rule book and can't find it anywhere.

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Amanda Morgenstern likes this.



Robert Parker No open toed shoes is allowed unless a doctors note is provided

September 10, 2012 at 5:30am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Sharon, that's very odd, I posted a reply yesterday but it's disappeared...

We (FIPJP Umpires Commission) removed from the rules what can and cannot

be worn to leave this to the Federations/Associations to decide and enforce themselves.

Often as not footwear rules are in place for health and safety reasons

Here in England we insist that all footwear must be fully enclosed, no sandals of any description.

September 10, 2012 at 12:38pm · Like



Sharon Zimmerman Thank you Rob and Mike... and also to Gareth 😊

September 11, 2012 at 2:34am · Like



Tony Richards

September 1, 2012

Hi Mike, I think this subject may have been approached before , but i'd just like to hear the ruling again please. When a player has a injury or illness where they may need a crutch (or in my case) occasionally a walking stick when stood still. What is the ruling about throwing form the circle if a walking stick is needed as support for a injured players leg or legs?

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Linda Motschieder and Peter Astle like this.



Peter Astle Hi Flapper ur right it has been on here before I think it was Martin Wallace who raised it. Article 6 of the Official rules applies "As an exception, those disabled in the lower limbs are permitted to place only one foot inside the circle . For players throwing from a wheelchair, at least one wheel (that on the side of the throwing arm) must rest inside the circle" full rules on EPA website :http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/.../Official_Rules_of... hope you are soon recovered and back playing

September 1, 2012 at 4:39am · Like · 1



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates I knew the wheelchair rule, but I always thought a person must have both feet inside circle but crutch or stick can be outside.. you live and learn

September 1, 2012 at 5:34am · Like



Victoria Lloyd if your using a crutch or walking aod why cant you have both feet in circle???!?

September 1, 2012 at 8:46am · Like



Mike Pegg The rule allowing one foot out of the circle is for some disabled in a lower limb who physically cannot stand with both feet in the circle.

The need for a crutch or walking stick does not necessarily mean you cannot stand with both feet in the circle, does it!

Assuming the stick is to help with your balance then it would be both feet in the circle and the stick (if possible).

September 1, 2012 at 11:02pm · Like



Tony Richards Thanks for the response Mike. I may or may not need to use this ruling , but its best to know it. Presently , standing still causes me much discomfort and pain so the stick helps to ease that. but its possible that in 2 weeks time i may have improved a little. Its strange , as moving currently isn't causing so much pain, its only painfull when i stop walking and stand still.

September 2, 2012 at 5:19pm · Like



Mike Pegg will have to make sure there isn't a queue at the bar then in two weeks time!

September 2, 2012 at 11:45pm · Like · 1



Tony Richards or wheelchair access 😊

September 3, 2012 at 12:29am · Like



Raymond Ager

August 29, 2012

Mike, Following on from the post about the jack hitting a player, I wonder if this raises the possibility for a change in the rules? I fear there is a problem in that the rules make no distinction between a player deliberately stopping a boule or jack, i.e. to gain an advantage, and a player who is accidentally hit by the jack.

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Mike Pegg It does in as much as when it happen the decision of what happens next goes to the players opponent.... art 14

August 29, 2012 at 10:29am · Like



Raymond Ager Interestingly, the distinction IS made between deliberately and accidentally stopping a boule but NOT the jack - time for a rule change?

August 29, 2012 at 10:55am · Like



Mike Pegg No Ray, just needs a little common sense when reading and interpreting the rules

August 29, 2012 at 11:49am · Like



Raymond Ager The only problem with common sense - it's not very common

August 29, 2012 at 12:08pm · Like · 3



Mike Pegg LOL, how right you are!

August 29, 2012 at 12:33pm · Like



Alan Issler Dunno who this bloke Jack is but surely he should be banned if he keeps hitting people

August 29, 2012 at 1:14pm · Like · 1



Noam Seifer

August 24, 2012

Hello, i have several questions regarding time limited games for which some clarification needs to be made, the national federation is about to organize touranaments with each game limited to 45 minutes with no additional menes

- 1) when is a mene considered as begun (suppose you have 30 more secondes after the last ball of a mene has been played, can i use the one minute rule wait and say i won ?)
- 2) what happens if a player needs the toilet ? how should the referee deal with that ?
- 3) how to avoid teams " over measuring " eg measuring multiple times even for obvious points in order to waste the time ?

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Mike Pegg Hi Noam,

1. The end or hand or mene is considered as begun as soon as a valid jack has been thrown.

2. Just because a player needs the toilet does not stop play, the rest of the team can throw their own boules but not the absent player

3. The umpire must watch out for this sort of thing and warn the players or disqualify the boule if they continue

August 24, 2012 at 1:28pm · Like



Michal Dzurik regarding 1) we in slovakia, czech republic, poland, austria, hungary, slovenia consider the end as begun as soon as the last boule from previous end was played. this avoids possible situation when the currently winning team throws the invalid jacks deliberately to gain few seconds remaining before the time signal.

August 24, 2012 at 2:23pm · Like



Noam Seifer thank you very much !

August 25, 2012 at 2:53am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan 1. In time game, players are not allowed to live the terrain before they play all their boules.

2. As I understand, time limit if given must be followed with 2 or 3 ends. This will stop any players to deliberately wasting the time.

August 26, 2012 at 11:44am · Like



Noam Seifer hello thank for your answer.... i agree but unfourtunately the local federation has decided not to have additional ends.... what would you do ?\

August 26, 2012 at 1:41pm · Like



Mike Pegg it is normal practice that after the whistle is sounded the players complete the end they are playing and then one more.

If the score is a tie they must then inform the umpire who will decide if they play another end or not - it will depend on the type of event!.

But if your Federation has its own rules then I guess the most you can do is ask them to re-consider...

August 27, 2012 at 1:38am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan It's better to play with 30 mins time limit plus 2/3 ends. This way the organiser can control the duration of play and the menace is stopped. Or play a game of 4/5 ends only and plus another end in case of tie.

August 27, 2012 at 10:35am · Like



Michal Dzurik dear sheikh, i only play this wonderful game for about 8 years, of which time limited tournaments 4 years, but 30 minutes may be enough for a tete-a-tete competitions, for doubles and triples it is too short. if time limit, perhaps 50 min. + 1 end is optimum. but organiser can also use other means to control the time, for example play not to 13 points, but to 11 points, as mentioned in FIPJP rules.

August 28, 2012 at 6:23am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager

August 1, 2012

An interesting pétanque puzzle from the French forums: the first 2 boules are played, equidistant from the jack. After a shot, no boules remain on the terrain. Who plays next, the team who shot or the opponents?

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Bobby DarkDestiny likes this.



Simon Montgomery Doble hmmm good one! i think the team who shot would go next. Would be nice to get the official decision though...

August 1, 2012 at 1:28am · Like



Brian Stote I would agree. If there had been a single boule which was shot with both boules going dead, that would be the rule. It was just bad luck that they took their own boule out as well.

August 1, 2012 at 1:34am · Like



Colin Stewart I think I disagree, the team who shot failed to get a boule closer to the jack and so the alternating rule comes into play in my opinion

August 1, 2012 at 2:07am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager For every expert, there is an equal and opposite expert 😊

August 1, 2012 at 2:18am · Like · 1



Colin Stewart was it Isaac Newton who said that? 😊

August 1, 2012 at 2:26am · Like · 1



Brian Stote Ah! But was he an umpire?!

August 1, 2012 at 2:28am · Like · 2



Dragan Antonijevic lol

August 1, 2012 at 3:35am · Like



Gary Jones I would think that after the first two boules were played, " ...the team that played the last boule plays again, then the other team, and so on alternately UNTIL A BOULE IS HOLDING THE POINT." I have capitalized the important part of the rule as it relates to the question at hand. After the shot, there is still no boule holding the point, so play alternates UNTIL A BOULE IS HOLDING THE POINT.

August 1, 2012 at 3:55am · Like · 1



Tom Jarvis Wouldn't the team that had the jack have to set a target?

August 1, 2012 at 5:47am · Like



Alan Cregeen The team that shot as they haven't beaten the existing boule as they all went over dead ball line.

August 1, 2012 at 6:58am · Like · 1



Teri Sirico Owner of the cochonnet gets my vote...possession being 9/10s of the law.lol

August 1, 2012 at 8:06am · Like



Victoria Lloyd the team that shot should play next !!!

August 1, 2012 at 10:09am · Like



Magnus Halleen Article 28 – Boules equidistant from the jack
If both teams have boules at their disposition, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again, then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point BELONGS to one of them.

In this case noone belonged the point so it is not the shooting team who should

play.

August 1, 2012 at 11:29am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg What Ray does not state in his scenario which has some bearing on a response is "which team played the 2nd boule" was it the same team that shot a boule (3rd played) - it should have been!

But assuming it was Magnus and Gary (quoting the same rule) have answered correctly which means it is now the team that played the 1st boule who must play....

August 1, 2012 at 11:06pm · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Thanks for the replies and apologies if there was any confusion. The 'obvious' reply is that the team that shot should play again but, as has been pointed out, you need to remember that the game started with 2 boules played, equidistant from the jack, so after the shot, teams should continue to play alternately until the point has been won. The sequence of play would have been: Team A pointed, Team B pointed, equidistant from the jack, therefore Team B plays again (and teams play alternately until the point is decided). Team B shot, taking all 3 boules off the terrain, therefore Team A should play.

August 2, 2012 at 12:30am · Like · 3



Adam Ball

July 20, 2012

what happens if after both teams have played three boules, the pointer from team A points a boule and it lands half way down the pitch, he then precedes to walk down the pitch and volleys it into a bush in disgust, team B then complain that it was a line blocker and want it replaced but it wasn't marked, how is this resolved?

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Matthew Eversden Normally you stand toe to toe and have a slug fest. The winner of argument is the last man standing.

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Adam Ball no matt this happened in leicestershire not chiltern lol

July 20, 2012 at 2:59pm · Like · 3



Mike Pegg The ball is out of play and so is the player as he should be immediately disqualified for that game!

July 23, 2012 at 12:47am · Like · 1



Adam Ball thanks mike

July 23, 2012 at 8:30am · Like



Matthew Eversden Did you break your toe when you volleyed the boule

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Robert Parker no Matt he broke the rules lol

July 24, 2012 at 8:31am · Like



Adam Ball who said it was me? always gracious on and off the pitch!

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Magnus Halleen

July 22, 2012

As a referee in shooting competition, should you regard jacks moved by gravel, or only give points for direct hit on the jack?

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Gareth Sullivan On the last discipline (jack only) 1 point is given if the jack is moved by gravel that is disturbed by the boule.

July 22, 2012 at 4:26am · Like



Magnus Halleen Ok I see now we have different rules in Sweden, there is no 1 point in Sweden on station 5 (Jack only).

July 22, 2012 at 4:43am · Like



Magnus Halleen According to FIPJP's rules the jack should have been touched by the shooting boule, doesn't say anything if moved by gravel.

"For figure 5 if the target jack is touched by the shooting boule but remains in its original place."

July 22, 2012 at 4:52am · [Like](#)



Gareth Sullivan I thought the same as you but was corrected at the ladies worlds last yesr

July 22, 2012 at 8:46am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan The rules were updated in Pattaya, Thailand in the yr 2007:

For figure 5 if the target jack is touched by the shooting boule but remains in its original place it score 1 pt.

July 22, 2012 at 10:55am · [Like](#)



Derek Adam yes but the question wasnt about the shooting boule hitting the target jack, but the stones / gravel from the target boule hitting the jack and moving it. the shooting boule did not touch the jack, but the jack was moved by the ground after the shooting boule landed.

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Mike Pegg The jack has to be moved or touched by the boule...

July 23, 2012 at 12:47am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

July 1, 2012

in shooting competition...

1st Q : the boule that landed on the ring, is it declare good or not?...from my oppinion, landed point must be inside the ring....

2nd Q : hit boule that going out must be fully totally out from the ring or just out?(looking from above half of the boule still inside the ring)

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Mike Pegg 1st Q - answer: If the boule lands/touches the circle it is void (not good)

2nd Q - answer: the boule must go fully out of the circle, no part can be in or on the circle (looking from above)

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad ok tq clear..

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad is it for the shoot boule also?..even the boule out of the ring but some part of the boule inside of the ring(looking from above)..

July 3, 2012 at 11:44pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg it is for all boules and the jack. They must be completely over the line of the circle to be counted as out.

Just the same as in a game the jack and boules must be completely over the line to be dead.

July 4, 2012 at 12:54am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad k clear

July 4, 2012 at 5:16am · [Like](#)



Bobby DarkDestiny

June 25, 2012

can we a play match 15 points....coz i see a match Finale du Championnat du Monde de pétanque 2006...score 15-3...french win.....

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Gibbe Wouters that"s the past, now is it 13

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Robert Parker All games should be to 13 points

June 25, 2012 at 4:37am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Bobby DarkDestiny ok man thanxxxxx

June 25, 2012 at 11:03pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg There was a time when only one game was played to 15 points - the final of the World Championship.

But no longer.... the rules state a game is played to 13 points!

June 26, 2012 at 1:06am · Like · 2



Bobby DarkDestiny thanxx [Mike Pegg](#)

June 26, 2012 at 1:11am · Like



Michal Dzurik

October 30, 2011

1.) At women's and juniors' world championship 2011 that took part in Turkey just recently, all teams came across one very special rule regarding the throw of the jack. The rule (unfortunately not announced before the competition) was: the team could only throw the jack ONCE. If they fail to throw it in accordance with rules, the opposite team picked it up and PUT the jack wherever in the lane they wanted (within valid distances). So, my question is: Can official/approved rules of petanque be altered during the competition (e.g. world championships)?

2.) About rules on tir de precision (shooting). The mark for the obstacle for Figure 2 and Figure 4 was the same (I have seen it also during the previous champs.). That means, that while for Figure 4 the distance between the target boule and the obstacle boule is 10 cm, the distance between the target boule and the jack for Figure 2 is not 10 cm, but 12.2 cm. I understand all participants have it arranged in the same way, no problem with that, my only question is: If any player shoots the world record, would it be valid? (junior Diego Rizzi at those juniors' world champs scored 60 points, so he was close...)

Thanks for your answer, Mike. You keep doing good job having this group on Facebook.

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Mat Jue likes this.



Peter Beresford My understanding of the 'one throw' rule for the jack was to stop teams using-up time by intentionally throwing illegal jacks. Personally, I thought it was a good thing where timed games are concerned.

October 30, 2011 at 2:44pm · Like



Cynthia Stroud I thought it was a good thing for the timed games, too.

November 4, 2011 at 3:20pm · Like



Michal Dzurik I think in rules there is one minute within which you must throw a valid jack (3 attempts) 😊 by using above mentioned "thing" at champs you only save 1-2 minutes during the whole game. if someone wants to play slowly, one can still do some measuring... but I think organizers should announce their special rules before the competition starts.

November 5, 2011 at 11:29am · Like



Brian Stote If it's the last minute before the whistle, it becomes very important.

November 5, 2011 at 12:21pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michael, this is not the first time that a rule has been adopted just for the World Championship. Often these 'adopted' rules are then discussed at the International Umpires Commission and some see their way into the rule book.

An example is art 6 "The interior of the circle can be completely cleared of grit/pebbles etc. during the end but must be put back in good order when the end is over"

This rule was adopted at the World Championships Essen, 1996 because the top surface of the playing area was so deep, soon afterwards the rule was included in the rule book.

At this years world Champs all games were played outside, the appalling weather delayed play for a day so the organisers had to make some changes to ensure the programme did not overrun.

As for your 2nd question, the distance between obstacle and target (with the exception of Discipline 3) should be at a "minimum" of 10cm

I would assume that the International Umpire had checked that this was the

case.

November 6, 2011 at 2:08am · Like



Michal Dzurik hello, mike, thank for your answers. I somehow did not follow this group so carefully, but I will again I promise 😊.
You wrote: "the distance between obstacle and target (with the exception of Discipline 3) should be at a "minimum" of 10cm" - could you please be more specific what the word "minimum" does really mean? should I understand the sentence as "the distance should be 10 cm or more", or as "the distance should be up to 10 cm"? if the first sentence is correct, can the target boule and obstacle boule be set e.g. 20 cm behind each other? (well, it would be easier to beat the record...) We in Slovakia set it 10 cm between the jack and the target boule for Figure 2 and 10 cm between the obstacle boule and the target boule for Figure 4. As I experienced very different approach at Junior World Champs 2011 (I was a caddy for our shooter there), I would like to know if we can use the same approach for Slovak Champs in Shooting.

June 1, 2012 at 5:05am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal Dzurik "a minimum" means not less than, so no closer.

You could have the distance greater for example 20 cm but if you do then your challenge for the record would not be accepted.

June 3, 2012 at 1:03pm · Like



Michal Dzurik thanks, mike. sorry for bothering you again, but... it is still somehow unclear to me 😞.
juniors at world champs in turkey 2011 had 12.2 cm between the jack and the target boule (Figure 2.) - so their challenges for the record would also not been accepted? or only mine challenge with 20 cm distance?

June 3, 2012 at 1:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal, I don't know what happened at the Junior Worlds.

I'm quoting the rules and how we (here in England) and the CEP run our shooting championships.

June 5, 2012 at 9:09am · Like



Michal Dzurik mike, if you don't know what happened at the junior worlds, allow me to copy my very first comment:
"2.) About rules on tir de precision (shooting). The mark for the obstacle for Figure 2 and Figure 4 was the same (I have seen it also during the previous champs.). That means, that while for Figure 4 the distance between the target boule and the obstacle boule is 10 cm, the distance between the target boule and the jack for Figure 2 is not 10 cm, but 12.2 cm. I understand all participants have it arranged in the same way, no problem with that, my only question is: If any player shoots the world record, would it be valid? (junior Diego Rizzi at those juniors' world champs scored 60 points, so he was close...)"

so, I am just trying to figure out if we at our national champs can have the distance 12.2 cm or 20 cm or whatever else distance, because that is the principle FIPJP used during junior champs (and probably during women champs that took part in Kemer just before junior champs).

June 5, 2012 at 3:37pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Michal Dzurik, OK so now I understand what it is you are asking.... what I think is happening is, when the shooting is setup they mark the ground to give the positions of the target and obstacle.

Makes it much quicker to set up after each shot but it means the jack is now too far from the boule in each case.

I have a tool which you put between the target/obstacle/circle that makes it very quick to set up and I have seen it used at many shooting championships.

It would seem to me that as the marks for the boules (target and obstacle) is acceptable for the jack then this should be the maximum distance for the jack and 10cm the minimum....

At least it would make a standard!

June 6, 2012 at 9:57am · Like



Brian Stote In the Junior World's in Turkey, the organisers set strips of some sort of rubber with holes drilled in them for the boules to sit in to provide exactly the right spacing between the boules and two small pieces with indentations set in front in which to sit the jacks for the two disciplines which involve them. For the discipline where the target boule has another boule in front of it, the spacing was correct but when it was used for the jack the distance would be greater between it and the boule. This may account for the discrepancy.

June 6, 2012 at 4:23pm · Like · 1



Syri Noble created a poll.

May 27, 2012

If you have a player who, through injury, requires crutches do you need to throw the boule unaided? I know you need to have one foot in the circle but can you legally throw a boule while balancing on one crutch?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Syri, Although the rules allow for a disabled (lower limb) person to stand with just one foot in the circle they must still make every effort to stand "completely" in the circle. For example they cannot stand to the extreme left with just their right foot in the circle.

If they must use crutches to stand then yes they can use them while they are throwing.... they may keep them standing but the crutches won't help them to throw a good boule!

May 28, 2012 at 12:47am · Like



Syri Noble Thanks Mike

May 28, 2012 at 1:17am · Like



Gareth Sullivan See Syri, you had no excuse not to play yesterday!

May 28, 2012 at 2:43am · Like



Syri Noble I had a little go when I got back last night, so will play if needed in a fortnight although the game might take a while!!!

May 28, 2012 at 6:35am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble Mike, it's a shame that rule wasn't applied when that exact situation arose last year.

May 28, 2012 at 3:43pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg I don't recall you using crutches Simon..... maybe a prop!

May 31, 2012 at 1:01am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble lol no but im sure you remember the incident in question.... when an incorrect ruling was made (Obviously it was incorrect as your ruling mentioned above wasn't applied). But then again i do believe in was Mr Thatcher who made the ruling..... hmmm... training required!

May 31, 2012 at 1:17am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan

May 7, 2012

Art 11-if during an end,a leaf or a piece of paper accidentally masks the jack these objects are removed.

Q1 Only a piece of paper of leaf can be removed?

Q2 If it's covered with more than 1 and after removing one of them, is the jack dead as the other leaf/paper covered the jack fully?

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad likes this.



Mike Pegg no, anything covering the jack is removed - the leaf or piece of paper are just examples

May 7, 2012 at 8:11am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad im in umpire course in bangkok right now..why mr dominique said like that?mr patrick also said like that..only can take 1 paper n 1 leaf only

May 7, 2012 at 9:49am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan The problem is during the arbitre course for the Asian Arbitre, handle by umpire from France (FIPJP) last year and again this yr (by different person), stated that only a piece of paper or leaf is allowed to be remove.

May 7, 2012 at 11:17am · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad how?

May 17, 2012 at 8:55pm · Like



Mike Pegg So think about it, 3 leaves blow across the lane and stop covering the jack.

If you can only take on leaf away the jack is still covered - stupid comes to my mind!

I think what you are being told is you can only move the leaf or piece of paper that is covering the jack and not anything else that is on the terrain...

So, to be very clear - if the jack is covered by a leaf, leaves, a piece of paper, the whole newspaper then remove it careful so you can see the jack again

May 18, 2012 at 12:29am · [Like](#) · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i got that..but i just come back from umpire course in thailand,mr patrick n mr dominuque told that can only take 1 paper n 1 leaf,..how is that?..

May 18, 2012 at 1:54am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan [Mike Pegg](#), I already consulted u on this matter last yr. You gave me the some answer as above. The problem is that twice last yr and again this yr, the conductor of the arbiter course gave the same answer and explanation. Those candidates who answered as answer by u is considered wrong. I think a kind of understanding has to be made as a sort of confirmation.

May 19, 2012 at 2:42am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan **both conductors said only a piece of paper/leaf can be remove and not more.

May 19, 2012 at 2:44am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hello my friend, I can tell you for sure that if two pieces of paper cover the jack then you can remove both of them.

The purpose of this rule is so that you can see the jack...

Just maybe the confusion is they did not understand the question.... for sure the answer they have given you is wrong

May 19, 2012 at 6:37am · [Like](#) · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad disagree that..we are in the course 100 time ask about this and they still with the answer..

May 19, 2012 at 11:07am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg so they are still wrong.....

Just think about it for one minute, if one piece of paper comes on to the terrain and covers the jack you remove the piece of paper so you can see the jack.

if 3 pieces of paper come onto the terrain and cover the jack do you think moving one piece will make any difference - you still cannot see the jack!

So if 1, 2, 3 or more pieces of paper come onto the terrain and cover the jack you remove them all.

What I think you guys are being told is, if some paper (1, 2, 3 pieces) come onto the terrain you can remove the piece that is covering the jack but you cannot remove the other pinches which are on the terrain but not covering the jack.

May 20, 2012 at 2:08am · [Like](#) · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad they are not told like that..we all think like u think..but the answer still same(can remove 1 paper n 1 leaf only,if covered other then that cannot remove)..

May 20, 2012 at 3:13am · [Like](#)



Gareth Sullivan If your being told you can only remove 1 leaf may I suggest a couple of things. 1st you are bring told the wrong thing and 2nd just remove the bottom leaf therefor they all move.

May 20, 2012 at 5:40am · [Like](#) · 1



Mike Pegg Hi [Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad](#), all I can say is that they are most certainly, without any doubt, wrong!

May 20, 2012 at 8:47am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad agree with u..

May 20, 2012 at 8:48am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad gareth..we have told that to them..

May 20, 2012 at 8:49am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I think we have exhausted this topic, time to move on guys

May 20, 2012 at 8:51am · [Like](#) · 3



John Booyah For simplicity move the 1 leaf or 1 paper touching the jack. That way, all of the leaves or papers will be moved out of the way 😊

May 26, 2012 at 10:40am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

May 25, 2012

in a game of triple, team A still has 2 boules. Team B no more boules. team A, thinking they hold the point, decide not to play the 2 boules and call for a point. Team B did the measurement and confirm B's nearer. Team A, wanted to play their 2 boules. This cause argument. The arbitre allowed A continue to play. What say u?

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Mat Jue likes this.



Johnny Petanque Tea, A did not discard their boules therefore they are technically playable... Team B should have called the 1 minute time limit rule on Team A and disallowed one of the boules of team A at least!

May 25, 2012 at 10:57pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg The umpire was correct, but he should also inform both teams to check by measuring to see who has what points.

May 26, 2012 at 12:44am · Like · 4



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad tq

May 26, 2012 at 4:16am · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny

May 18, 2012

hi mr Mike Pegg
if a player got ORANGE CARD,anulement one boules for full match or one boules only?

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Bobby DarkDestiny [Magnus Halleen](#) what abt this question man....

May 18, 2012 at 1:38am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan The punishment is only once. Then next end play as usual unless commit another false. If 2 boules suppose to be confiscated and for that end the player has only one boules then the other boules will be taken away during the next end.

May 19, 2012 at 2:32am · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny thanxxx

May 19, 2012 at 7:25am · Like



Bobby DarkDestiny

May 17, 2012

After the throwing of the jack and the first boules, an opponent still has the right to contest the validity of the jack's position. If the objection is valid, both the jack and the boules are replayed. {this rules is coreck}

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Alari Keedus What was the question?

May 17, 2012 at 10:53pm · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny team A thrown of jack and the first ball,can team B chek the distance of the jack..after team A thrown the first ball?

May 17, 2012 at 10:58pm · Like



Richard King yes

May 17, 2012 at 11:06pm · Like · 1



Bobby DarkDestiny thanxx man

May 17, 2012 at 11:08pm · Like



Tony Thompson The rule relates to the thrown position of the jack so even if it has been moved, if it was marked before the first boules was played it's thrown position can still be challenged and measured.

May 18, 2012 at 6:46am · Like · 1



Gary Jones

May 17, 2012

Mike, A while back Daniel Chalmers asked a question concerning the proper procedure to follow when the circle has not been marked and is accidentally moved or picked up before the round is completed. There were varying opinions put forth, but I noticed that you never responded. While this may have been deliberate on your part as the situation is not covered in the rules, to the best of my knowledge, do you have an opinion as to what one should do in that situation? Thanks.

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Colin Stewart In my opinion, and I'm really only speculating here, if the circle was accidentally moved a few inches or so without being marked and the teams cannot agree on where it should be replaced to, it stays where it is (similar to a boule which was not marked being accidentally moved).

In the case where it has been picked up or removed completely from the terrain and the teams cannot agree the umpire might decide to place the circle taking into account evidence he can find, footprints/scuff marks etc.

In competitions which I have played in where there are plastic circles the umpires have warned players to mark them at all times to avoid this. Good q though

May 17, 2012 at 9:42am · Like



Daniel Chalmers Certainly best to mark the circle and avoid an argument. I learnt my lesson 😊

May 17, 2012 at 9:59am · Like



Justin Bo Johns I like to leave it at the previous end so no worries about it moving on the next end 😊

May 17, 2012 at 10:03am · Like



Colin Stewart Just re read my post and it infers that a moved boule which was not marked could be put back if the teams agree, which as we all know isn't right. Only suggesting a moved circle could be put back if both teams agree.

May 17, 2012 at 10:07am · Like



Johnny Petanque If it has been accidentally been moved (but not picked up) and it was not previously marked, then it can not obviously be moved back, regardless of whether the teams agree. The player who moved the circle accidentally should receive a warning by the umpire. If however the circle has been picked up (and not marked) then if both teams have boules the end should be annulled with no scores, if however the opposite team has boules left then they opponents would have as many points as boules left (rather like the cochonnet being shot out of bounds). Again the person picking up the circle should receive a warning by the Umpire. The idea of receiving a warning is to ensure that such occurrence is NOT deemed to be a "tactic" by a team. In either case, it would be wise to mark ALL circles during competitions, as I do, to avoid contention!

May 17, 2012 at 10:32am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, sorry I've been away from home and with a poor internet connection have not read all the posts....

You are right there is no rule about moving or replacing the circle.

In my opinion - If marked put the circle back, no problem.
If not marked, well the umpire may look at the ground, see clearly where people have been standing, not so difficult on sandy surfaces, and he could judge the position of the circle and place it where he considers it to have been.

At least that way the game can continue.

But if it is impossible to decide the position of the circle then there is no doubt, the end is void, no points to either team and they start again.

Both teams would receive a warning to mark the circle "always" as they are equally responsible in marking the circle, boules and jack!

May 18, 2012 at 12:41am · Like · 4



Sven Erick Alm Hi Mike, I would like to argue your opinion on when the end is void. Consider the following situation: Team A has two points, but no boules left, team B has two boules left (different players). The first player plays his boule without success, and mistakenly picks up the ring. Then team B would

benefit from a void round, and the reasonable ruling would be to give team A two points.

May 18, 2012 at 2:15am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike and all. It reads as though this is another instance where different umpires might come to different conclusions. Since fabricated circles seem to be coming more and more into use, do you think this might be an area where the rules could be made more specific?

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Bobby DarkDestiny

May 18, 2012

in a triples match,team A one of his player is absent,he can start the game with two players?????

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Magnus Halleen they can start, but with 2 boules each player, the third can join when time to throw the jack again

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Bobby DarkDestiny wat abt in a doubles match...thank for your answerMagnus Halleen

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Magnus Halleen same there, you are playing with the number of boules you should have had if all players present, you can start with 3 boules

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Bobby DarkDestiny Magnus halleen ok man thanxxx again...

May 18, 2012 at 1:33am · [Like](#)



Bobby DarkDestiny

May 16, 2012

thanx you man...for accept my request....

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Sheikh Ismail Silan

April 18, 2012

Situation: Team B is holding the point and had played all the boules. Team A still had 2 more boules but one of it's player thought they had finished played all the boules. So he pick up the leading B's boule and put aside, assuming 1 point for B. The other player stopped him because they still had boules to play. The umpire was call and he put back the B's boule to it's placed as it was marked and allowed team A to play the boules and they scored. What say you.

2. What if the boules was not marked

3. What if the boules taken out belongs to team A itself and a) it was marked b) it was not marked.

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Tony Thompson First of all the umpire was right to replace the removed boule sinc it's position had been marked and I think that the player who removed it without points having been decided should have got a warning. Situatin 2 I think that as the boules are not marked nothing can be done about the removed one since it's position cannot be determined.

April 19, 2012 at 5:09am · [Like](#)



Tony Thompson Pressed enter too soon:) Situaton 3 marked boule can be replaced unmarked boule cannot.

April 19, 2012 at 5:10am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hello [Sheikh Ismail Silan](#), Without doubt the Umpire was correct to replace the boule.

He should also give a warning to the player for picking up the boule when there are still others to play - not knowing there were boules to play is not an excuse. It is a part of the game to know how many your team or the opponent

has to play!

2. If the boule was not marked then it cannot be replaced - again the player receives a warning but play continues.

3. same scenario, if marked replace it, not marked not replaced - but in both cases the player receives a warning and maybe a kick up the backside from his partners!!

April 20, 2012 at 12:51am · Like ·  2



Gary Jones In Sheikh Ismail Silan's question, would scenario 3, where the player picked up his OPPONENT's unmarked boule, require that his opponent be awarded a point for the boule picked up? Thanks.

April 22, 2012 at 12:45pm · Like



Mazlan Ahmad hmmm... GJ, wonder what would be 'fair remedy' to the opponent for the inadvertent removal of his unmarked boule/s by the other party. Would the application of article 34 - warning & disqualification of 1 (or 2) boule(s) to be played suffice?

April 26, 2012 at 8:41am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, why award the player a point, is that some sort of reward or compensation...

April 26, 2012 at 10:00am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Mazlan, fair remedy you say! We are discussing an incident when a player picked up a boule. Was it deliberate, no it was stupidity. So as I said the player is warned. That is serious enough although maybe some players do not appreciate the importance of a warning...

April 26, 2012 at 10:06am · Like



Gary Jones Let me make sure I understand. Assume I am team A and holding the point while team B has 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. Team B picks up my point boule and hands it to me saying, "You have one." Then a player on team B says, "Wait! I have a boule to play." Now team B is to be allowed to point in for 4 points-- a five point swing in the game-- with only a warning as penalty?

April 26, 2012 at 12:14pm · Like ·  1



Mazlan Ahmad Exactly... be it deliberate or stupidity, team B's action might have cost team A the game! What redress does team A have - due to team B's stupidity?

April 27, 2012 at 6:10am · Like ·  1



Sheikh Ismail Silan In such incident I look it as 1. Why A did not mark his boules? he lost the point because of his carelessness/laziness. 2. What if marking the boules is impossible like plying in the grass or rocky pitch? Should A be punished with a term 'unfortunate'?

April 28, 2012 at 8:25am · Like



Gary Jones For the sake of discussion, let's just assume that "A" did not mark his boule because he had just pointed in for the point and was walking from the circle to the jack when B picked it up and conceded it as a point. "A" was neither careless nor lazy!

April 28, 2012 at 5:10pm · Like ·  1




Mike Pegg Hi Gary, the boule is dead and the player will receive a warning

April 29, 2012 at 6:03am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Sorry Mike, I still think that if the boules that was taken away was not mark, belongs to the opponent it should be put back. The arbitre should place it at an estimation place that is agreed by both team. I believe both team will appreciate and satisfy. Just imagined if what pictured by [Gary Jones](#) do happen, Team B simply lost the game. If I'm in that team, i would be very angry and might stop plying petanque. Team B was punished twice, 1st losing the point dan 2nd freely giving the opponent points. I think we should think this seriously.

April 29, 2012 at 11:55am · Like ·  1



Mike Pegg So read art 26 and then what Gary wrote, there is but one answer, the boule is dead.

April 29, 2012 at 12:34pm · Like



Gary Jones Mike has stated in previous responses that Article 34 penalties need not always be applied in the order in which they are numbered. I would apply number 5 and disqualify the offending team before I would allow such an injustice to take place.

April 30, 2012 at 4:50am · Like



Mike Pegg the penalties in Art 34 may not always be applied on the order they are written however, reading all through this string I have not seen any reason to do anything more than warn the player.

April 30, 2012 at 12:21pm · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan I agreed the existing rule does state as it is, but here i would like to suggest a look over on the rule. For now that what I should decide, the boule is dead, but would be very happy if an amendment be done to the rules.

April 30, 2012 at 8:24pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Based upon responses that Mike has made to previous threads where he called for "common sense" and rulings "in the spirit of petanque," I still cannot understand how taking the game away from the team that did everything exactly right, according to the rules, and giving it to the team that clearly violated the rule put forth in Article 26 is either "common sense" or "in the spirit of petanque." A warning to the offending team that you have just awarded with an undeserved win is, in my opinion, no penalty at all. It is one thing to use the rules to your advantage such as by taking your full minute to play, repairing a hole caused by a boule previously played, waiting until your opponent has played their first boule before deciding whether to challenge the distance of the jack, et cetera-- it is quite another to win a game by BREAKING an established rule.

May 1, 2012 at 6:48am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Mike Pegg This has been a rather long string of posts which started with what should the umpire do if the are boules to play and one is picked up thinking the end was over - 1. if the boule was marked or 2. if it was not marked.

So to recap and hopefully make it very clear - in both cases "strictly" by the rules the boule is dead and the player is given a warning.

However, the umpire could exercise a little common sense accepting it was accidental

1. as the boule was marked he could have it put back and the player is given a warning.

However, in 2. there is no possibility of replacing the boule so it MUST remain dead.

May 7, 2012 at 8:18am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Just to be clear, while I agree that Article 26, strictly interpreted, states that a boule picked up before the agreement of points is dead, it DOES NOT say "... and the player is given a warning." The penalty to be imposed is left up to the umpire, who, as you have suggested previously, may use his knowledge, experience, and judgment-- not forgetting "common sense"-- in deciding upon an appropriate penalty.

May 7, 2012 at 11:33am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan There is no problem on understanding the rules. All stated is correct according to the rules. The point is if a team is desperate on winning the game, they might use this rule for their benefit and pretend it to be unaware that the game is not over yet.

Yes, it's true we have to accept the unfortunate so to say, because there is no way we can prove the sincerity of the player but by allowing to place the boule to an 'agreement' placed so be a sooth to the unfortunate team.

May 7, 2012 at 12:13pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Exactly my friend, unless the umpire knows for sure that this act was deliberate a warning is the appropriate penalty.

May 9, 2012 at 12:15am · [Like](#)



Ross Woodward Can the umpire give a penalty of points deducted for carelessness? i.e. if removing the on boule has taken it from 1 point to one team to 3 points to the other the umpire makes a 4 point deduction from the team that has benefitted?

May 9, 2012 at 2:34am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg nope

May 9, 2012 at 11:46am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

May 7, 2012

In the shooting competition, in case of tie for the first and second eliminating phase, the no of 5 and 3 points score is taken as the breaker of the tie. What about the confrontation phase, do we have to consider the same or asking them to compete at the 7m mark?

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad



May 5, 2012

in marked terrain, can the circle from terrain A n B close each other?..i know that in open terrain there will be 2m between each circle..

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John Booyah Is there a added line in the rule book that explains the distances between circles for marked terrains? no....theres you answer 😊

May 5, 2012 at 2:27pm · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad thanks

May 5, 2012 at 6:08pm · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble

April 3, 2012

This is a serious question, not 'tongue-in-cheek' response from the HN qualifiers....

Can you please explain the rule that allows an umpire to walk into a game and measure a Jack's length, without being asked to do so and without either team questioning the length?

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Ross Woodward Can i rephrase that question? Are teams permitted to knowingly play a jack that is thrown clearly outside of the required 6-10 metres.

April 3, 2012 at 12:55am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble Ross, that is a separate question, so the original phrasing still stands! (But the answer is No, they are not)

April 3, 2012 at 12:58am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble Ross, were you at the HN qualifiers on Sunday? i looked for you so i could say hi. We've chatted (including a lot of friendly banter) on FB but never met

April 3, 2012 at 1:01am · Like



Gareth Sullivan An umpire is there to make sure that the rules of the game are adhered to. If an umpire sees a jack being thrown then two teams pacing it out but he believes that the jack throw is not within the rules he should intervene and measure the distance of the Jack. It clearly states in the rules the length a jack should be thrown to be legal and it also says in the rules book that measuring should be done with the correct equipment and not with feet (pacing it out to check the distance). Hope this helps answer your question Simon.

April 3, 2012 at 1:21am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward Yeah I was there playing dreadfully. I reckon you probably didnt recognize me because I have put on weight. I don't think the two questions are essentially any different because if teams are not allowed to knowingly play a short jack then if they are both doing it knowingly the only way it can be prevented is by umpire intervention surely. If you don't allow intervention then two teams could knowingly play a jack thrown to 15 metres.

April 3, 2012 at 1:28am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble Yeah i kinda thought as much Gareth. But lets be honest here.... during every game the jack is measured by pacing it out. Why would the umpire intervene when there is no dispute?? Surely he would need to intervene 1000 times during an event like we had on sunday?

April 3, 2012 at 1:30am · Like · 1



Gareth Sullivan Yes you see people pacing out a jack a lot at competitions but a umpire would only intervene if they believed the distance the jack was thrown was incorrect. I have only done this once and it was at Luton (can't remember what competition it was) and both parties paced the jack out agreed it was over six, in my opinion there was never any chance it was over six so I measured it before any boule were thrown and it was nearer five meters than six!

April 3, 2012 at 1:39am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Simon, to answer your 'serious' question. The umpire can intervene at any time in a game.

If he/she considers the jack to have been thrown short or long then it is well

within the umpires rights to check before play commences.

Most certainly if the players are walking up and down "pacing" the distance the umpire should intervene and measure if only to get the game started.

Pacing between the jack and circle is NOT considered to be measuring the distance and does not prevent the opponents from challenging the distance the jack has been thrown - even if, when pacing it out they said it was OK.

Hope this helps clear up any misunderstanding

April 3, 2012 at 4:18am · [Like](#)



Simon Montgomery Doble yeah i guessed it was that maikie.... i wonder how many times that was done on sunday... i would hasten to guess that was the only time. (An excuse for a sarcastic comment from Mr Thatcher. It really IS pathetic, Mike)

April 3, 2012 at 4:22am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Can I ask a serious, follow-up question: if both teams agree and are happy to play what appears to be a borderline jack, does 'common sense' apply and the game continue or should somebody (the umpire?) measure and decide?

April 3, 2012 at 9:20am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan If they agree and the umpire is not around of course they will play even though the distance is in doubt and this is what happen all this time. If the umpire is call then the umpire must measure to confirm the the distance and cannot in any way agree with the player and aloud them to play. If the umpire happen to be there and suspicious of the situation then he/she must intervene and do the measuring before any boule being thrown.

April 3, 2012 at 9:49am · [Like](#) · [+2](#)



Joe Sheffield i was once told by a umpire after he seen me measuring with my feet (mike pegg) that both teams SHOUD have measures and from then on a carry a 6 meter & a ten meter tape in my boule bag , (just incase there are no umpires about 😊)

April 3, 2012 at 2:13pm · [Like](#) · [+1](#)



Tony Mann Hi Joe if you carry a 10 meter tape you won't need to carry the 6 meter one 😊

April 3, 2012 at 2:38pm · [Like](#) · [+2](#)



Joe Sheffield the 6m tape is more for close measuring tony 😊

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Mark Geezer you pointing now Joe lol

April 3, 2012 at 11:51pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Joe, you are priceless mate!

April 4, 2012 at 12:50am · [Like](#)



Joe Sheffield yes mark i've been known to point ,i can give you a few tips if you want ,i can also give you some tips on how to shoot too

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Raymond Ager I normally use a 10m tape for close measures - must learn to point 😊

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Bernie Miles What about the poor forgotten 20m tape for using when the jack has been moved in play?

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Derek Adam Bernie, as both teams have a 10m tape just use end to end yo make the 20m 😊

April 4, 2012 at 8:25am · [Like](#)



Bernie Miles Derek, I have a 5m tape (usually good enough for my pointing on a very good day) and a 30m tape so that I do not have to rely on anyone else having a 15m tape. 😊

April 4, 2012 at 8:37am · [Like](#)



George Edwards Enough already !!

April 4, 2012 at 10:01am · [Like](#)



Glenn Floyd in my days it was 30m for a dead coche and then every one in a triple had a piece of string 10m long as measures wernt invented that big

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Johnny Petanque shared a [link](#).

March 28, 2012

Someone came to play wearing these shoes. They are not "Open toed" so technically are "legal" but are they really?

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Justin Bo Johns Wait I know this guy 😊

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Justin Bo Johns The guy that has a pair at our club has the "full" shoe pair. He says they are the most comfortable shoe he's ever wore. In one of the videos i posted you can see where they leave "toe" prints in our terrain.

March 28, 2012 at 11:25am · Like · 🍷 1



Johnny Petanque Well, the owner of those dropped a boule and I can say that by the sound of their cry of anguish followed by the funny bunny hop dance that they may decide to alter their footwear in the future or seriously think about holding their boules more carefully.. But it still prompts me to ask as to their suitability or rather their validity in competitive play!

March 28, 2012 at 11:27am · Like



Justin Bo Johns Think someone in your club needs to wear steel toes shoes. I wouldn't stand next to him. I wear shoes that are "legal" but if i drop a boule on my foot it's still going to hurt. Maybe this is a safety issue & the government can step in and make us wear cages around our shoes 😊

March 28, 2012 at 11:41am · Like · 🍷 1



Johnny Petanque Ah yes!! More rules for the FPUSA to beat their drums about :))

March 28, 2012 at 11:42am · Like



Mike Pegg Do you guys read the rules?

We removed any reference to footwear some time ago.

What clothing (shoes/shirts/trousers etc) you can wear is now for the organisers of an event to decide - FIPJP (World) CEP (European) and the Federations/Associations (home).

In England we do not allow open open or backless sandals/shoes because on a terrain with string lines (to make the lane) it is very easy to catch the string between your foot and the shoe and can do a lot of harm.

It has never been about dropping a boule on your foot, open shoes/sandals or ordinary shoes will not protect your feet against harm from dropping a steel boule on them!

March 29, 2012 at 3:18am · Like · 🍷 1



Christophe Chambers FPUSA has the footwear requirement as a condition of our insurance policy which covers all our clubs in case of an accident. Small price to pay IMO. Try and get a city permit w/o insurance. Then go price out how much private coverage would cost your club. Did I beat my drum loud enough?... 😊

April 3, 2012 at 8:17am · Like · 🍷 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 26, 2012

In a game during deciding the point, 'A' took her boule which was leaning to the opponent's boule after they had agreed the position as her's was nearer. On doing that, the opponent's boule moved, and there was another boule belong's to 'A' which was obvious can gave another point but was not decided earlier. B claimed art 27. But A argued art 27 was only during measuring and in this case there is no attempt to measure yet. What should be the decision?

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Derek Adam An umpire called would see the nearest boule, measure and call that. It is common sense to make sure a resting boule isn't going to move when another is removed

March 26, 2012 at 11:17am · Like



Mike Pegg I don't understand your question.... were they deciding points? was there boule still to play? who was moving the boule? was the umpire involved or just the players?

Please be clear as you can then I can give you my best advice.

March 27, 2012 at 3:06am · Like



Derek Adam It sounds like the end of an end, points decision time. First point decided to A, who, in removing boule to check second point, allowed B's boule to move.

March 27, 2012 at 3:36am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan All the boules were played, the players decided the 'A' boule that was leaning the 'B' was nearer. That 'A' boules was pick up by A, unfortunately it caused the 'B' to move whilst the scoring process had not yet finalised. The boule was removed so as to decide the 2nd point for "A".

March 27, 2012 at 9:57am · Like



Mazlan Ahmad 3 boules in contention here - with boules A1 and B1 touching each other (boule A1 being in front and closer to the jack) on one side, and boule A2 (almost equidistant with boule B1) on the other side of the jack. All boules were played.

Thus for certain boule A1 is a sure point. The 2nd point is to be decided between boules A2 and B1 by measuring. But to effect measuring, player A had to remove boule A1 (already a point but being in-the-way). It was while removing boule A1 that boule B1 moved.

So Player B cited article 27. But player A argued that the boule B1 moved BEFORE measurement was done, not DURING the measurement as per article 27.

Your advice sirs.

March 27, 2012 at 11:19am · Like



Mike Pegg Thank you - so now it is very simple, art 27 was correctly applied because you are to all effect measuring even if you don't have the measure in your hand...

March 28, 2012 at 5:46am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 20, 2012

In an open terrain, when the jack or a boule is moves toward an obstacle, such as a tree or a building, when it will be consider dead? Is it when it's position is less than a meter from the obstacle?

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Mike Pegg The rule for the jack to be 1 metre from an obstacle is only for the "thrown" jack.

If the jack is moved by a boule during play it can go inside 1 metre of the obstacle, in fact it could touch it and play will continue

March 20, 2012 at 2:44pm · Like · 2



Mazlan Ahmad does that mean we can bounce our boules off the wall/tree to our advantage - as a means to be closer to the jack?

March 20, 2012 at 11:21pm · Like



Mike Pegg if the tree is in the terrain (an obstacle) then the answer is yes

March 21, 2012 at 12:16am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan I ask this question for us to think of the consequences without the limit distance of the jack or the boule, as it's rather odd to play within the roots. My suggestion is that there should be a one meter rule or other distant for that matter to call the jack or the boule as dead. If this is done than for the throwing jack - the one meter rule should be up to 2 meters (1 meter + the distant agree).

March 21, 2012 at 11:25am · Like

Mike Pegg But it is not odd to play up to and against a tree, I know of many



terrains with trees in the middle of he area and it is a tactic to play towards and against the tree

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Alari Keedus

February 12, 2012

Hi,

If I hit a carreau in indoor petanque hall and my boule comes back from a wall/border and touches my thrown boule - is my boule dead? I don't have time to mark it obviously.

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John Booyah Hi Alari, Your boule isn't dead as you hit a Carreau and it stayed on the ptch, but the boule that rebounded off the wall is dead. If it rebounded and hit your boule then your boule would have to stay where it finished as it was unmarked. If it then went on to hit any other boule, they can be put back in their original places providing they were marked.

February 12, 2012 at 10:08am · [Like](#)



Joe Sheffield what happen's if the boule that was shot dead rebounds off the wall ,then hits your boule (which had stopped live) over a dead boule line ? your boule was not marked so can not be replaced ? ? ?

February 12, 2012 at 1:15pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg both boule are dead Joe, because it was not marked so cannot be put back.

February 13, 2012 at 1:14am · [Like](#)



Urszula Klimaszewska ball, which was hit by a dead ball - all the time is on bulodromie [it was only moved on another place] ... in this situation it is dead?

February 13, 2012 at 10:06am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg No, it is still ok

February 13, 2012 at 10:26am · [Like](#) · 1



Alari Keedus Ok, do I understand correctly that it doesn't matter whose unmarked boule it is on the lane (is it mine which I just hit a carreau with or opponent's which he/she threw earlier) - if thrown boule rebounds off the wall and hits this unmarked boule on the lane and this unmarked boule does not go dead, but just moves a bit - it's still valid?

February 13, 2012 at 11:08am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Alari, the rebounding boule is dead and must be taken out of play immediately.

The boule it hit can be put back in its original place if it was marked. If it was not marked then it remains in the new place even if that is off the terrain.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad thats why deadball line must atleast 1 meter from boundry...

March 11, 2012 at 5:18pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg the rule is the dead ball line must be 1m from a "solid" boundary, but this means the fence or barrier that is around the area to stop the public/spectators from entering the area.

It does not mean the length of wood you lay down to stop the boules, for this there is only recommendation that it is 30cm from the dead ball line

March 12, 2012 at 2:13am · [Like](#)



Alari Keedus What happens with the boule if I hit it the way it starts moving towards dead ball line and it's obvious that it will go dead, but before it goes dead my boule (which I shot) rebounds off the wall and hits the boule back to the lane? Will it stay live where it stops?

March 19, 2012 at 1:11am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan Your boule is dead because it crosses the dead boule line, whilst the other boule is in the play as it does not crosses the dead boule line.

March 19, 2012 at 10:31am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

March 10, 2012

Confirmation on the plying pitch.

1. If the pitch is mark, all the outer line is dead boule line. In case of single pitch, the minimum size for the national level and above is 4m x 15m minimum. This mean that the jack can only be thrown in the area of 2m x 13.5m.
2. If around the pitch there are bricks or woods (like a frame) placed temporary or built permanently with the purpose of stopping the boule it has to be at least 0.3m from the dead boule line.
3. Because it does not interrupt the swing of the players the rules on 1m from the obstacles to draw/place the circle does not apply. (As mostly the pitch in Malaysia has this frame of concrete blocks with the height between 10cm to 30cm from the surface).

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Mike Pegg correct

March 12, 2012 at 2:20am · [Like](#)



Mazlan Ahmad Helppp....A bit lost here. "... area of 2m x 13.5 m". Understood the 2m, but how do u arrive at 13.5m?

March 12, 2012 at 9:48am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg because if there is juts one lane 4m x 15m and the thrown jack has to be 1 m from the dead ball line you only have an area of 2m x 13m in which to throw it

March 13, 2012 at 3:02am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan The circle if drawn right at the dead boule line, has taken away 0.5m (the diameter) so the balance will be 15m - 0.5m - 1m = 13.5m

March 13, 2012 at 8:11am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg good call....

March 14, 2012 at 1:52am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones The jack can only be thrown into an area approximately two meters wide by four meters long.

March 14, 2012 at 5:33am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg that's what we said.... but only because this is area has been marked out as a single lane 15m x 4m

March 14, 2012 at 7:35am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

March 11, 2012

in one situation where a player throw a hit boule,suddenly one boule from another terrain come and hit the target boule that was no marked..i know the target boule remain at the new placed but what happen to the hit boule?is there any rethrow?(forsure not)..

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Mike Pegg A very good question...

It is unfortunate that as the player was in the process of shooting the target boule was moved by a boule from another game - but he cannot replay his boule. (art 15 and 19)

March 12, 2012 at 2:19am · [Like](#)



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad thanks...

March 12, 2012 at 3:19am · [Like](#)



Mazlan Ahmad

February 26, 2012

When starting a new game or new end, is there any stipulation in the articles that the jack must be thrown atleast 1 meter away from (a) dead-ball lines, (b) boundary strings? Can the jack be thrown mere centimeters away on the inside of those lines? Of course the min 6m & max 10m from the throwing circle is observed.

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Brian Stote The jack must be at least 1m from any boundary (dead-boule) string but can be right next to an internal guide string and still be valid. Occasionally, the organisers may stipulate, particularly in a timed games situation, that every string, internal and external, is a dead boule line and the jack should then be 1m from any string marking an individual lane or an agreed lesser distance (eg 50cm) if the lanes are very narrow. The first sentence is a summary of the official rule book version.

February 26, 2012 at 12:40pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg nearly right Brian... You got art 7 correct but where you went wrong was to say that is timed games the organiser may stipulate all lines are dead. As you can see (below) in timed games "all lines" marking the terrain are dead ball lines.

Art7.

- 2) That the throwing circle must be a minimum of 1 metre from any obstacle.
- 3) That the jack must be a minimum of 1 metre from any obstacle and from the nearest boundary of an out-of-bounds area.

Art.5

Some competitions can be organised within time limits. These must always be played within a marked terrain. In this case, all lines marking that terrain are dead ball lines.

For sure some local/club events may be organised differently using "local rules".

February 27, 2012 at 1:35am · [Like](#)



Mazlan Ahmad Clear and understood. TQ sirs.

February 27, 2012 at 5:27am · [Like](#)



John Booyah That's why Brian's the National Coach and not an Umpire 😊

February 27, 2012 at 1:38pm · [Like](#)



Brian Stote It's an age thing. I'm too old to become an umpire! The only discrepancy was between 'may' and 'must'.

February 27, 2012 at 2:00pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg that's like the difference between warning and disqualification...

February 28, 2012 at 12:34am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

February 19, 2012

After the second boule was thrown, then only both team realized that their boules were of same pattern and brand. They cannot decide which boule belongs to whom. Even the boules that had not been played too, they cannot decide which are theirs. The umpire ask them to replay after asking them to mark 'their' boules.

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad if the player cannot remember the ID?..

February 19, 2012 at 5:09pm · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan [John Booyah](#) marking on the boule for identification. BoulesdeLeon PétanqueClub That's the problem. The players are new in petanque sports. They do not have knowledge on the boules ID and many more.

February 20, 2012 at 11:17am · [Like](#)



John Booyah Apologies for my confusion. It was late and I was very tired 😊 Yes seems like the Umpire administered common sense.

February 20, 2012 at 12:43pm · [Like](#)



Worcester Petanque was added by **Simon Cotton**.

February 16, 2012

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Noam Seifer

February 11, 2012

Question-

is the dead ball line considered an obstacle ? e.g for drawing or putting the

circle (if it's a plastic circle) on the ground it must be 1 meter from any dead ball line ? or the circle can be put basically on the line (assuming the barriers a at least 1 meter away).

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Mike Pegg Hi Noam, No the circle is not an obstacle.
Where did you get this rule about the resin circle being 1m from the dead ball line?

The circle can be drawn or placed up to but not over the dead ball line.

As for the barrier, this is the fence or wall that surrounds the terrain to stop the public from entering the area. It is not the piece of wood you often see around the playing area to stop a boule.

February 11, 2012 at 10:24am · Like



Noam Seifer i know the circle is not an obstacle (i guess you meant typing the dead ball line, first line) but i got your point, my questions are because of habits in our national playing. unfourtunately the federation modified some of the rules, for example, here only one court, meaning a ball passing any string (including to the court to the side) is dead, in addition to that unfourtunately many times the dead ball line is not a line but the pieces of wood... so here because of that piece of wood we "must" place the circle a meter from the dead ball line,,, any way that's the reason i have so many questions, thank you for answering. and i hope it's not to much of a headache !!!

February 11, 2012 at 11:25am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, You or your Federation are making a mistake about the wood around the playing area that you have to stop the ball.

The reason there is a 1 metre duke (circle from a "solid" boundary) is so that if the terrain has a fence or barrier to keep the public off the playing area the player can still swing his arm behind him to throw the boule without striking the barrier.

A piece of timber on the ground to stop the boule is not going to cause that problem so there is no need for a 1metre rule!

February 12, 2012 at 1:45am · Like



Noam Seifer
February 5, 2012

What do the rules say in case two teams (players in singles) disagree on the score ?

for example one says the score now is 12-7 and the other 13-7.... and they couldn't recall the menes well enough,,, what would you do ?

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Mike Pegg Hi Noam, It is crazy that two players, each trying to win the game, cannot recall the score, but I know it does happen.

So, what would I do.

As there is no specific rule for players with a bad memory I explain to them that they have exactly 1 minute to agree the scores.

If after the one minute they still cannot agree I will call the jury to decide and I make sure the players are aware that it is very likely the jury will make their game void - no score to either player.

It is surprising how quickly they remember what points they have.

February 5, 2012 at 11:33pm · Like · 4



Noam Seifer As it seems to me, your decision is logic by the point of view of not deciding for them, but on the other hand, it seems to me as if any cheating player could use this as a tool to force the leading player to close the gap, of course in the situation i saw i truly believe both players were truly convinced each on their own score, and also knowing both people, they are not cheaters. but knowing you would come with that situation, a player being 12-0 behind could pretend the score is 11-11.....

February 5, 2012 at 11:38pm · Like



John Booyah A common solution is to verbally agree the score after each end. I often shout out the score and am met with silence from the opposition, I again shout the score until one of the opposition agrees. This way at least

more than one member of each team knows it. And if a team wants to cheat to win that much, let them have it you'll know next time to use a public scorer!

February 6, 2012 at 2:35am · Like ·  3



Mike Pegg Hi John, but this scenario was about a singles game so you could shout all you want....

February 6, 2012 at 4:49am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, How could I decide for them if there is no scoreboard or indication of the the points were.

The reason behind my decision is to make the two players agree, for sure they do not want to have a void game.

Yes, one player could be dominant and pressure the other player to what the points are, but if he was that dominant the dispute would not happen as he would already have his way.

OK, this sort of thing does happen but thankfully not so often. Maybe the lesson to learn is ALWAYS have a scoreboard or hand scorer.

February 6, 2012 at 4:52am · Like ·  1



Noam Seifer Ok thank you for your answers and explications !!!

February 6, 2012 at 4:55am · Like



Mike Pegg No probs. that is the reason I set up this Facebook group...

February 6, 2012 at 5:31am · Like



John Booyah Oops...missed that bit but still make sure points are agreed every end. Failing that what until he/she are standing near the jack and shoot at their ankles then apologise for your wayward shot 😊

February 6, 2012 at 5:47am · Like ·  2



Mike Pegg lol.... you must remind me sometime why John and I passed you as an umpire

February 6, 2012 at 6:24am · Like ·  2



Jo Ella Manalan When this situation arises in tennis, we go back to the last points that both teams can agree on and than start play from there. I know it's not ideal, but it's another option.

February 6, 2012 at 3:01pm · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Jo, yes you're right and I know this has happened a few times... but again I would prefer that the teams make this decision rather than it is imposed on them.

February 6, 2012 at 11:30pm · Like



Noam Seifer

February 6, 2012

One more question for today, supposing two teams are playing a limited court (i.e not an open terrain), is there any rule of playing back and forth ? suppose the court is 15m long and the first mene was played from one edge, 6m, so now it is possible to play another end to the same direction, is it legal ? if so, it is possible to go backwards to have 10m and still play in the same direction ? i did not find any reference to that in the rule book, but theoretically if it's possible a game could be played over and over to the same direction (absurd i know, but i'd like an official answer to that 😊).

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John Booyah If the jack can be thrown to a legal distance (min or max) and 1m away from any obstacles, it doesn't matter which way the jack is thrown.

February 6, 2012 at 7:45am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Noam, it matters not if you are on open or marked terrain you could still play in one direction.

On a marked terrain it is possible if your first end (meme) was a very short jack but the 3rd end would have to be the opposite direction as there would not be enough room to keep playing in one direction.

On an open terrain it is possible to keep playing in one direction, allowing of course that you have a limit to how far you can go.

But to move the circle in all cases it has to be backwards and in the direction of play from the previous end so that alone means you could not play for ever

in one direction.

It would be easier to explain in a sketch but I can't do that from my mobile phone... maybe later if I get the time.

February 6, 2012 at 7:48am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan

February 6, 2012

Art 24: In order to measure a point, it is permitted, after having marked their positions, to temporarily remove the boules or ... Who is permitted to remove the boules or...? Can the players do this or strictly only the umpires? Art 26: It is forbidden for players to pick up played boules or ... Even though both statements refer to different situation but can we refer to art 26 for not allowing players to remove the boules or ... even on temporary basis?

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Mike Pegg At nearly every competition I have ever attended the players call the umpire to deal with this sort of situation.

To answer your questions - I don't like to "not allow" the players to temporary move the boules, if that is the only way they can measure.

If they are confident enough to do it, and often with help from the opponent then OK.

But if they have any doubts then of course call the umpire.
Best practice is always call the umpire.

As for art 26. is not referring to boules moved to enable a measure so you should not quote this art in this case

February 6, 2012 at 7:15am · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan

January 26, 2012

In a recent tournament, a team had thrown their jack out not far from the line on their court. The team playing on the adjacent court then threw their jack and deemed it not valid because it was closer than 2 meters to the jack on the other court. In article 6, it says that circles on unmarked courts must be at least 2 meters apart, but I did not find a rule stating that jacks on adjacent courts needed to be at least 2 meters apart. Please advise. Thanks.

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Mike Pegg Hi Jo, This is one of those incidents that is covered by the "Common Sense" rule.

Assuming you have an umpire at the event he/she should make the decision to allow the 'other' game to re-throw the jack without it counting as one of their teams 3 throws.

This will allow for the game to continue without further delay.

OK, it could be argued that the jack should stay where it is and the game continue with both games (all 4 teams) taking care and marking all the boules and the 2 jacks.

But "common Sense" should tell you that this would not be in the spirit of petanque - something a lot of people forget about!

January 26, 2012 at 11:59pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Derek Adam Mike, although 'common sense' would suggest a re throw, the official rules would indicate that both coches are legal. I think that was more the question than what should/could be done.

January 27, 2012 at 1:12am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote One 'common sense' solution, although not practical in a timed games situation, is for the players who threw the second jack to mark the jack and remove it until the neighbouring game had completed the end and then

replace it to continue their own. If a jack is sprung into a neighbouring lane during a competition where normal rules apply, it is custom and practice to allow the incumbent players to finish the end and then to allow the game with the sprung jack to do likewise.

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Colin Stewart Brian - yes, I played in a game last year where we agreed to do precisely that.

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Mike Pegg But that holds up the game unnecessarily which is why the umpire would normally ask the other team to re-throw the jack

January 27, 2012 at 7:28am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Dare I suggest another common sense solution: the 2nd team simple centres the jack so that it is at least 2m away from the 1st jack?

January 27, 2012 at 10:24am · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Thanks for all the input. I allowed the team to re-throw the jack but I'm always a little wary when something is not specifically covered by the rules. Since both teams seemed to be in agreement, I chose the course of action that made the tournament run smoothly, figuring that I could always ask about it later.

January 27, 2012 at 12:55pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Good choice Jo. I'm not knocking the other suggestions but this is the option the umpire would normally take

January 27, 2012 at 2:20pm · [Like](#)



John Booyah Wasn't a rule suggesting that a coche/Jack must be 2m from another to be valid suggested to the FIPJP by the EPA about 2 yrs ago and they threw it out? for reasons only they know....

January 27, 2012 at 9:09pm · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden But the team that threw the coche there might have wanted to play that part of the terrain. Opposition struggle pointing there going diagonal upsets some players etc. If its a legal coche leave it there

January 28, 2012 at 12:58am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden I know my last post is a bit obtuse but I am just stating what can be done within the laws of the game

January 28, 2012 at 1:03am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden It is not something I would do or would encourage others to do

January 28, 2012 at 1:04am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan The best solution is by having it black and white in the rule book. For the time being I prefer to give optional decision to the second team either to re-throw or wait until the game on the first court finish if the time is not at stake.

January 28, 2012 at 9:10am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Matt - throw the jack to a specific area.... lol who are your kidding!

January 29, 2012 at 5:12am · [Like](#) · 1



Matthew Eversden I can get the coche to where I want it's getting the bloody boule there that I struggle with

January 29, 2012 at 11:48am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg don't we all...

February 6, 2012 at 6:25am · [Like](#)



Jean-Pierre Subrenat was added by **Ernesto Santos**.

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Mike Pegg

January 10, 2012

Umpire Course & Examination

All English Petanque Association qualified umpires are required to attend at least one course in two years to refresh or upgrade their qualifications.

An umpire's course and exam will be held over the weekend of 11/12 February.

We need at least 6 (EPA Licence Holders only) candidates to make the course viable, as soon as we have reached this minimum number a venue

as central as possible will be arranged.

Candidates should apply through their EPA regional umpire.

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Colin Stewart was added by **Mike Pegg**.

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Mike Pegg

December 21, 2011

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year

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Dragan Antonijevic, Johnny Petanque, George Edwards and 10 others like this.



Joyce Nash Thank you and the same to you & Mrs Pegg.

December 21, 2011 at 3:02am · Like · 1



Glenn Bernstein You also want a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. hope we meet in August to the European Championship for veterans in Copenhagen.

December 21, 2011 at 7:21am · Like



Alari Keedus

December 7, 2011

Question regarding shooting rules.

"As from the ¼ finals, the competition will take place in matches of two shooters. Therefore, two parallel terrains with 2 shooters at the same time."

"The final will be made by opposing 2 competitors at the same time."

Starting from which point shooters use the same line for shooting? These 2 sentences above confuse me a bit.

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Justin Bo Johns Glad your confused too.

December 7, 2011 at 4:32am · Like



Alari Keedus sry, lane not line 😊

December 7, 2011 at 4:50am · Like



Brian Stote The FIPJP rules state - "A partir des 1/4 de finales, la compétition se déroulera en matchs à deux tireurs. Donc deux terrains parallèles avec 2 tireurs en même temps.

Les adversaires tirent l'un après l'autre ..." There is nothing contradictory in these statements. The two players attempt the same distance one after the other, in each discipline. There is nothing about using the same lane. They use two adjacent set-ups, though in the Junior World quarter-finals (and in the earlier rounds) they did use the same lane alternately. In the semi-finals and final they used adjacent lanes.

December 7, 2011 at 6:28am · Like



Alari Keedus In EC I saw that in qualification there were many parallel lanes where shooters shot their score. But if shooters began competing against each other (starting from 1/4 finals) then these players used the same lane and shot in turns. As there are 4 people in 1/4 finals 2 parallel lanes were used.

December 7, 2011 at 6:37am · Like



Brian Stote Surely eight people in 1/4 finals and four in semi-finals.

December 7, 2011 at 10:37am · [Like](#)



Alari Keedus Yes, of course 😊 I meant that in 1/4 finals, semi-finals and final 2 opposing players used the same lane for shooting. Other 2 players used the parallel lane and so on.

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Mike Pegg Hi Alari, For this championship we made provision for the live television coverage. Of course it is preference to have 2 lanes for the final stages

December 8, 2011 at 1:04am · [Like](#)



Alari Keedus So, in general the final should be held on 2 parallel lanes? And semi-finals on 4 and 1/4 finals on 8 parallel lanes, so that each player has one lane? If so then isn't there a possibility that opposing players have different conditions (the terrain under the circle may be a bit different)?

December 8, 2011 at 1:18am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote You don't need to conduct the quarter-finals simultaneously. You just need to have a pair of parallel lanes for them to play off against each other. As it is knockout, it is a head-to-head competition, so each pair can step into the arena in turn to use the same set-up. There can be variations, not least in the positioning of the guide strips on which the boules and the jack are placed. At least one track in Turkey was badly aligned for the boule behind a boule and the boule between boules disciplines. The ground can be carefully prepared by the assistant, including replenishing grit in front of the target or smoothing it out to give clean landings in front of the target, so the variation is minimal.

December 8, 2011 at 4:55am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Alari, In general we try to set up 4 lanes for the qualification stages and then 2 lanes for the 1/4 finals and onwards.

December 8, 2011 at 6:05am · [Like](#)



Richard King

November 23, 2011

Question for all.... A player shoots a boule, misses, and his boule hits the wood and comes back into playing area, he then shoots immediately again and hits the right boule, but the one he hits then hits the players 1st shot boule and stays in play and takes point! Wat happens?

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Brian Stote The first boule (his own which hit the wood) is removed because it went dead. The boule which was shot and then hit it remains where it stopped as it never went out of play and is still a live boule.

November 23, 2011 at 6:19am · [Like](#)



Richard King That's wat I put on my form but i wasn't sure so just wanted clarification. Cheers Brian

November 23, 2011 at 6:27am · [Like](#)



Alan Cregeen You took the exam then?

November 23, 2011 at 7:51am · [Like](#)



Richard King No not yet. This weekend

November 23, 2011 at 8:40am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden What happens rich is we all beat the crap out of shooter for missing the first then beat more crap out if him for throwing two boule without even getting out of circle or asking his team mates if they should shoot again. So in conclusion a mass fight should break out and all should be banned

November 23, 2011 at 9:26am · [Like](#) · 3



Mike Pegg Spot on Matt

November 23, 2011 at 10:06am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Richard, Glad you got that rule correct as I removed it from the exam paper for this weekend

November 23, 2011 at 10:18am · [Like](#) · 2



Richard King Thanks mike lol. I put it on the form I gotta give u at the weekend. Lol. I thought it was the right answer but had to check lol

November 23, 2011 at 11:25am · [Like](#)



Graham Elcome should have known that , big man

November 23, 2011 at 11:37am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden Does that mean I am an umpire now

November 23, 2011 at 2:49pm · Like



Richard King I thought I did graham just wasn't 100% 😞 . Errrr no Matt not unless I can b aswell lol

November 23, 2011 at 3:03pm · Like



Alari Keedus Hmm...I'm not sure I got it ... I understood that the question was what happens if the first boule (which hit the wood and came back) is not removed (so, the boule in play is dead) and player shoots another boule which hits the right (opponent's) boule and the opponent's boule hits the dead boule (which was not removed, because player shot another boule so quickly) and takes a point.

If the first boule is removed after the shot then it's clear. But if it's not?

November 24, 2011 at 12:15am · Like



Brian Stote I don't understand your question. The first boule is regarded as dead because it went out of play before bouncing back onto the playing area. The boule which hit it, having been shot, is still live because it didn't leave the playing area. Any boule which is prevented from going dead by another boule, whether that boule itself is live or dead, stays where it is and is valid.

November 24, 2011 at 2:40am · Like



Alari Keedus The question was if the boule is still valid after it touches a dead boule inside the playing area. But now it's crystal clear for me, thanks again Brian!

November 24, 2011 at 4:01am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan If the dead boule is not yet taken out, and the other team plys it's boule the dead boule is now alive (art 18 last para). If I'm umpiring I will give a warning to the plyer who played before removing the dead boule.

November 24, 2011 at 10:44pm · Like



Teri Sirico was added by **Mike Pegg**.

November 23, 2011

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Alari Keedus

November 21, 2011

Two more questions regarding the rules of shooting competition.

"For the 2 player confrontations, perhaps from the ¼ finals, one starts with 5 shots, 1 per figure at 7 metres only, perhaps a new points count, maximum 25 points, this in the same order in the match. In case of equality once more, one would apply the same procedure."

1) Both players have 1 shot per figure, but they take turns, right? Meaning that player 2 will shoot figure 1 after player 1 has shot it and they shoot all 5 figures regardless of how many points they got from figure 1.

2) In case of equality after 5 shots will the determining factor be the number of times 5 (or 3) points gained or will they have to shoot again 5 shots?

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Brian Stote Even the original French doesn't seem to make this very clear but I take this to mean that if two players are equal on points (and count-back of 5's and then 3's) they will need to play off with one shot at each discipline from the 7m circle - a maximum total of 25 points. If still equal, the 5's and 3's criterion is applied again. I have never seen a quarter-final (in which the players would normally go alternately at each distance and through all the disciplines) where they only shot at one distance.

November 21, 2011 at 7:31am · Like · 1



Alari Keedus shared a link.

November 20, 2011

Could you please explain this sentence from the rules of shooting competition (http://www.fipjp.com/.../RE.../rules_wc_shooting_petanque_EN.pdf):

"For the 16 qualified for the second phase, in case of equality one could increase the number of qualified counting the number of identical results to the total points."

What is meant here? I just don't get it 😊

http://www.fipjp.com/userfiles/file/REGLEMENTS/rules_wc_shooting_petanque_EN.pdf

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Alari Keedus I know that and it's already said in this sentence: "The second eliminating phase will hold the best 4 qualified results for the ¼ finals."

But why is the sentence above necessary? The most confusing part for me is "... in case of equality one could increase the number of qualified counting the number of identical results to the total points." - which number could be increased? The number of qualified teams from 2nd phase?

November 21, 2011 at 12:49am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote After the first phase, where the top four scorers go through automatically to the knockout stage and receive seeded positions, the players in places 5 to 20 play off to fill places 5 to 8 in the knockout. However, there may not be a clear cut-off point at 20th place. For example - if all the players from 19th to 22nd place have the same score, all of them could be included in the repechage (the second phase). The original text suffers a little through direct translation and comes across as rather stilted in places.

November 21, 2011 at 12:52am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote Effectively, all four players listed from 19 to 22 would really be regarded as 19=.

November 21, 2011 at 12:59am · [Like](#)



Alari Keedus Okay, now i got it. Thanks Brian!

November 21, 2011 at 12:59am · [Like](#)



Matthew Edmundson

November 20, 2011 · Gibraltar

Has the rule changed on jack throwing?

I heard it has changed from three throws to one throw per team

is this true?

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Brian Stote It may be that you heard someone referring to the rule adopted during the women's and juniors' world championships during the timed games phase. I don't think that there has been any alteration to the rule book during this year.

November 20, 2011 at 3:13pm · [Like](#)



Richard King Not that I've read recently

November 20, 2011 at 3:22pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg We (Int Umpires Commission) will be proposing any changes to the rules until next year at the World Congress.

The change from 3 throws to 1 was specifically for this year's World Champs after they lost a day due to the weather.

Having said that, it was an interesting trial run.....

November 20, 2011 at 11:34pm · [Like](#)



Diana Jacobs was added by **Perrier Pierre**.

November 19, 2011

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Peter Astle

November 9, 2011

In a league match team A versus team B the pairs A1 were playing B1 adjacent to the game A2 vs B2, A1 were holding point when in the other game a player from team B2 shot and his boule ricocheted into the head of game 1 scattering several boules including the boule holding point none of which had been marked. Before anyone could stop him the player from team B2 started moving boules back to where he thought they had been moved from whilst apologising profusely. Teams A1/B1 stopped him and after some debate (at times heated) decided that they had to leave the boules where they were and carry on playing the end which now meant team A were no longer holding point.

Was this the right decision or because a player from the same league team (B) not involved in A1 vs B1's game had moved boules should they have declared it a dead end and started the end again ?

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Tony Thompson I think that the unmarked boules stay where they are and the player from the other game gets a warning from the Umpire. Just another illustration of the importance of marking ALL boule and the jack. With unmarked boule and no umpire I would say you have a real problem. What say you Mike??

November 9, 2011 at 3:07pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Spot on Tony, article 21 covers this scenario

November 10, 2011 at 12:27am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden

October 30, 2011 · Eaton Socon, United Kingdom

Was asked about a situation today and have no idea what the ruling should be. Help

Team a throw the coche 3 times. Team b then move circle back and throw coche 3 times again failing to get a valid coche. Can team a move the circle back to original position????

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Rasmus Kling no

October 30, 2011 at 11:23am · [Like](#)



Rasmus Kling If after three consecutive throws by the same team, the jack has not been thrown in accordance with the rules defined above, it is passed to the opposing team who also has the right to three tries and who may move the circle back as described in the preceding paragraph. In this case, the circle may not be changed if this team does not succeed in its three throws.

October 30, 2011 at 11:23am · [Like](#)



Joe Sheffield why can't the team that throw the coshe the first time move the circle BACK to where they put the circle at the begin of the end ,no legal coshe as been thrown yet ? ? ?

October 30, 2011 at 2:49pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Because the jack can be thrown to a valid distance Joe

October 31, 2011 at 12:27am · [Like](#)



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates [Mikey](#) surely that is the case after the first throw, it was legal distance but team B can still move circle? Interesting question

October 31, 2011 at 1:17am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden Team b can only move it backwards if they cant get a 10 meter coche

October 31, 2011 at 2:41am · [Like](#)



Toni Tinkerbelle Gates I knew that 😊

October 31, 2011 at 3:50am · [Like](#)



Ross Woodward Does this mean that you can move the circle during your own 3 attempts. ie attempt 1 is too close to the strings move back for attempt 2?

October 31, 2011 at 5:40am · [Like](#)

Mike Pegg Just to clear up what I can see is a misunderstanding of this rule



The circle can be moved back (in line with the previous end) if the player cannot throw to a valid distance, he may be able to throw to 6 or maybe 7 metres but wants to throw to 8.

In this case he can move the circle back so that he can throw to 8 metres but it is not required for the player to move it back all the way so he can throw to 10, here the rule simply states that the furthest the circle can be moved back would be to allow for the jack to be thrown to 10 metres

November 1, 2011 at 10:16am · Like · 1



Alan Issler If it takes that long to throw a valid coche everyone could be tempted to just jack it in..

November 4, 2011 at 6:46am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg you only have a minute....

November 4, 2011 at 11:03am · Like



Raymond Ager Alan, I think you'd make a great Umpire 😊

November 4, 2011 at 11:45am · Like



Justin Bo Johns

October 25, 2011 · Bellefontaine, OH, United States

Not really a "Rule ?", but since this is a International Group, I thought I would ask what do you guys use as Boule Warmers in the winter? Would love to play year round but then the boules get's frozen it just makes it impossible to play. Have thought of a few ideas but haven't built anything yet.

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Johnny Petanque likes this.



Daniel Chalmers I put my boules on the radiator. They stay warm for about an hour or so once I take them off and start playing with them.

October 25, 2011 at 1:29pm · Like



Mike Pegg Whilst at a winter tournament (2 metres of snow) in Germany I saw players putting their boules on a steel wire set of hoops attached to LPG heater - certainly warmed them up!

October 25, 2011 at 2:24pm · Like



Brian Stote I seem to remember someone at the Fur and Feather competition at Thurmaston, Leicestershire, who left his boules on a mesh above a brazier for so long that they became too hot to pick up! A sensible option is to put them on the engine block of your car after you arrive at the venue.

October 25, 2011 at 3:36pm · Like



Raymond Ager Just be careful you don't infringe Art 2.4: "Importantly, re-tempering of the boules in order to modify the hardness applied by the manufacturer is forbidden." 😊

October 26, 2011 at 12:22am · Like · 2



Gary Jones What about Article 15, Joe? Wet boules? (Just kidding, I know you dry them first!)

October 27, 2011 at 6:39pm · Like



Gareth Sullivan Go old school and just put up with it.

October 28, 2011 at 4:06am · Like



Dragan Antonijevic Maybe you should write to Obut or some other manufacturer and sell them the idea of "self-heated" boules for winter conditions :-))

October 28, 2011 at 4:41am · Like



Justin Bo Johns We tried to put up with it last year, but when you can't feel your hand or hold a boule anymore it's hard to play 😊

October 28, 2011 at 6:29am · Like



Matthew Eversden It wouldn't affect gareths game.....sorry Gareth a cheap shot but made me smile. Seriously I am with Gareth I do not artificially warm the boules. Just hand warmth

October 28, 2011 at 12:13pm · Like



Justin Bo Johns I think part of the problem was they had already been "outside" (stored in garage) so that didn't help. when it's 20-30 out and no sun it doesn't help warm them up.

October 28, 2011 at 12:16pm · Like



Johnny Petanque The simple solution is 1) Move to better climes 2) Build a boulodrome!

October 30, 2011 at 12:23pm · Like · 2



Michal Dzurik they use the special grid in brno, czech republic 😊
<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=104112706282759&l=ac878d70d8>

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October 24, 2011

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Daniel Chalmers

October 17, 2011

Yesterday I was playing in a competition where circles were being used (they were made out of hose pipes). Our opponent accidentally kicked the circle when they had a boule left to play. What should have happened? They claimed that they were allowed to put the circle back where it was and just continue to play as normal. In my opinion it should have been a dead end as they was no way the circle was going to be put back in exactly the same place so therefore was unfair on my team. Who was right and what should have happened? Thanks in advance

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Matthew Eversden What usually happens with circles is that you mark the edge of the circle to stop that sort of thing happening.

October 17, 2011 at 4:21am · Like · 1



Joe Sheffield if you mark round the circle (all the way round or just in 4 or 5 places you can put the circle back to where it was) i think the idea of using a circle is more the fact that the umpire can see clearly if a persons foot is over the front or side edges

October 17, 2011 at 4:23am · Like



Daniel Chalmers That's fair enough. Certainly would have saved alot of hassle. Luckily that last boule didn't score so no harm was done in the end. Will know better for next time.

October 17, 2011 at 4:28am · Like



Ross Woodward Daniel, What advantage would did they gain by kicking the circle? On a purely pragmatic and sportmanship basis putting the circle back seems the only fair thing to do. I would say that your own team should have put it back where you believed it was. Assuming that you would play fair and not put it back 2 metres further from the coche why is that not the best solution. Anything else is just trying to take advantage of an accident for personal gain. In other words I think that it would be gamesmanship to call a dead end for this reason, when there is another more equitable solution available.

October 17, 2011 at 4:29am · Like · 2



Daniel Chalmers Normally I would have been very happy to allow the opponent to put the circle back in roughly the right position. In this situation they needed just one more point to win the game and unfortunately I didn't know what the rule was and had to be sure the right rule was being applied. In the end the organiser of the competition told us to try and agree where it was. I respected his decision and we did that. I see your point about taking advantage of an accident. Although if you break a rule by accident I still feel

you have to take the penalty for it. For example in football if you handball accidentally in the penalty area I still feel it should be a penalty.

October 17, 2011 at 4:46am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward It shouldn't matter if they need 1 point or 12 points, do you want to win because of an accident or because you are the better player. With boules being moved I completely see that they need to be marked, but if a circle is out by 3 cm then it's a bit harsh to penalise somebody for an accident.

In football if it were ball to hand in the area and no advantage is gained then the referee should not award a penalty. For example a player is on the back line 3m wide of the post and the ball is going directly at him to miss goal by 3m. If the ball strikes his arm and goes out it is a corner not a penalty.

October 17, 2011 at 4:55am · Like



Daniel Chalmers That's fair enough Ross. I see your point. I admit I could have handled the situation a bit better but in the end we did the right thing by asking the organizer and it got resolved. When things happen that aren't covered in the rule book its always difficult. I thought there would have been a rule saying what happens if the circle is moved but there isn't.

October 17, 2011 at 5:08am · Like



Karine Thornhill-Sennesal I must say these "hose pipe" circles were lethal and a liability (trip hazard even when not on the piste). Most of us did discarded them and just marked the circle area on the ground.

October 17, 2011 at 8:32am · Like



Daniel Chalmers I agree Karine, they weren't the best idea. Had they been standard flat Obut circles there wouldn't have been an issue. I was very close to tripping up on them myself at times and saw other people accidentally moving them. Taking that into account I now agree that it would have been very harsh to punish my opponents based on the scenario I outlined above. It was very hard not to accidentally move them. Still want clarification on the rule though if a similar scenario occurred with an approved circle. In hindsight it would have been better to discard the circle or mark the circle as others here have said.

October 17, 2011 at 9:01am · Like



Justin Bo Johns I made some out of the hose they use in hospitals for oxygen. Painted them red and they have held up well for 2 years & no tripping problems. very small and flexible.

October 17, 2011 at 11:58am · Like



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad circle must thin enough..so that will be minor player to misplace the circle...the circle have to be mark...

October 17, 2011 at 5:12pm · Like



Steve Zimmo Just mark the circle in the same way as you would a boule or a coche and the problem is resolved

October 21, 2011 at 6:26am · Like · 2



Sheikh Ismail Silan

October 9, 2011

The dead boules have to be placed at the end of the pitch pass the dead boules line and should be left there until the end finish. A player while standing at the dead boules end drop his boules on purpose or accidentally. Then pick it up after sometime to play the boules was not allowed as the opponent considered it as dead boules. What should be verdict?

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Mike Pegg clearly the boules that the player dropped were not dead so the opponent as wrong, he plays...

October 9, 2011 at 12:05pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg yes indeed... I know of a club in Australia that does not have string lines laid the full length of the terrain to mark the lanes.

Instead the string is about 1 metre long nailed to the wooden surround at each end of the lane.

If a player thinks the boule 'may' have crossed the line a player or umpire goes to each end of the lane, holds up the 1 metre length of string and using the string as a sighting tool looks down the length of the terrain to judge if the boule has crossed the line, or not.

Maybe OK for the boule that has travelled a metre across the imaginary line but not much use for a close call - funny old game!

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Vio Dela Cruz

September 25, 2011

Hi Mike. May I ask who would throw next if Team A first boule was shoot by Team B and the two boules went out. Thanks

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Mike Pegg It depends if one or both teams have boules to play.

If both teams have boules to play, it is for the team which played the last boule to play again (Team B), then the opposing team, and so on alternately until the point belongs to one of them.

If only one team has boules to play it plays them and scores as many points as it has boules closer to the jack than the nearest opponent's boule.

You can find this in article 28

September 25, 2011 at 9:46am · [Like](#)



Justin Bo Johns A twist, What if Team A throws the jack and then first boule goes out? Who throws next?

September 28, 2011 at 8:28am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Team B play next, if their boule goes out then team A and then alternatively until at least one if these very bad boule players has a boule on the terrain

September 28, 2011 at 12:00pm · [Like](#)



Justin Bo Johns Don't laugh saw it happen two weeks ago. We were stunned and not sure what to do, but we did as above. I had the rules in my truck but was to lazy to walk over and get them. We are a laid back club.

September 28, 2011 at 12:50pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg good name for a club "Star Gazers"

September 28, 2011 at 12:52pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Vio Dela Cruz thanks, [Mike](#)

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Simon Montgomery Doble

September 23, 2011

Hi Mike. Can you tell me... If a game goes on so long as to lose all light, at what point does the game get abandoned or postponed?

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Robin Ralph likes this.



Mike Pegg When it is not possible to see that jack from the circle [Simon](#)

September 23, 2011 at 9:17am · [Like](#)



Simon Montgomery Doble Thanks mike. Glad we got clarification on that, seems some people are not too sure of the rule.

September 24, 2011 at 1:33am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg no, the decision is with the umpire who is in control of the games.

In most cases the umpire will discuss any postponement with the organiser/control table but it is not a requirement

September 28, 2011 at 11:55am · [Like](#)



Simon Montgomery Doble Surely its simply a case of if you can't see the coche, you can't play???

September 28, 2011 at 12:50pm · Like



Mike Pegg That's what I said when you first asked me....

September 28, 2011 at 12:53pm · Like · 2



Mike Pegg But before you ask... it is still the umpire who makes this decision, not the players, not the organiser or jury - The Umpire!

September 28, 2011 at 12:54pm · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble but the decision needs to be based on that fact, and that fact alone.

September 29, 2011 at 7:31am · Like



Mike Pegg That's right Simon, If the umpire decides that he/she cannot see the jack due to poor light he/she then has the authority to postpone or cancel the game.

September 29, 2011 at 11:07am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble In order to make that decision, should the umpire stand in the circle in order to judge if the coche can be seen?

October 1, 2011 at 1:18am · Like



Mike Pegg Yes, I would advise the umpire to stand in the circle

October 2, 2011 at 2:57am · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble thanks mike

October 3, 2011 at 2:52am · Like



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Gary Jones

September 30, 2011

Is an obviously deep puddle between the circle and the jack considered to be out-of-play, or does it only become out-of-play when the jack is moved into it and therefore floats? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg the puddle is only deemed an 'out of bounds' area when the jack floats freely on it. So if there is a deep puddle on your playing area call the umpire, he can test it by putting a jack in the puddle to see if it floats, or not.

Don't use a resin jack, they don't float!

September 30, 2011 at 4:47am · Like · 4



Sheikh Ismail Silan

September 29, 2011

Seeing the jack thrown was too short or too long, can an umpire get into the pitch and measure without being called by any player? Or should he/she just stand by the side and see what happens and letting the players make their choice to challenge the distance or not?

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Mike Pegg Assuming it is very clear to the umpire that the jack is long or short then yes he can advise both teams before a boule has been thrown

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Rosie Hayes Wow that was quick, thanks. Ashley suggested the group and the posts do look very informative, cheers.
September 24, 2011 at 1:43pm · Like



Mike Pegg glad you like it
September 25, 2011 at 9:47am · Like · 1



Alan Issler
September 23, 2011

Thought people might be interested in a piece of umpiring that took place at Brean last week. We were two nil up and our first pointer(perhaps through over excitement) drew the circle and threw a boule- not the jack. Could we just agree to pick it up or did we need to consult the umpire. Our opponent's feeling, as we were up, was to call the umpire which we did. He very sensibly(well I would say that) said pick up the boule and start the end again throwing the jack first this time!

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Joe Sheffield and Raymond Ager like this.



Gareth Sullivan I'd be more interested as to what your pointer was aiming at! Great story though.
September 23, 2011 at 8:46am · Like · 2



Mike Pegg LOL.... good point Gareth!!
The umpire did the right thing... the end had not started as a valid jack had not been thrown, I bet he didn't warn the pointer for practicing!
September 23, 2011 at 9:34am · Like · 2



Tony Mann I'll tell him off this weekend for you as he was in my team. It was very funny but not everyone had brought their sense of humour with them unfortunately
September 23, 2011 at 10:09am · Like



Raymond Ager Alan, I hope you beat them 😊 I think this is a classic case of "being sticklers for the rules" rather than applying any sporting common-sense. I hope the Umpire gave them a warning 😊
September 23, 2011 at 10:13am · Like



Mike Pegg Personally I think the two teams should have just got on with their game by picking up the boule and throwing a valid jack....
September 23, 2011 at 10:17am · Like



Alan Issler Yes Ray we did. Yes Mike that was what our team wanted to do...
September 23, 2011 at 10:32am · Like



Mike Pegg well you did the right thing to call the umpire and he made the correct decision.....
September 23, 2011 at 10:43am · Like



Justin Bo Johns Should have just stuck the jack right beside the boule 😊
September 23, 2011 at 11:05am · Like



Emma Jane Coggins excellent! If you knew me thats the kind of thing i'd do!
September 23, 2011 at 12:04pm · Like · 1



Jan Blackmore
September 21, 2011

I am interested to know what people deem as unsporting. One of my pet hates is that people do not draw a circle around the jack but just go to the middle of the piste and throw the jack from there. I would deliberately throw a jack on a diagonal thus causing the opponants to have to do the same, particulaly on sloping ground I know well. Would you deem this as unsporting.



Mike Pegg The umpire should inform the team that they MUST draw or place the circle around the position of the last jack - if they don't it is an invalid jack!

As for you throwing the jack diagonally across the terrain, that is just simple tactics...

September 21, 2011 at 11:31am · Like · 3



Brian Stote One problem is that 99.99% of games take place in situations where there is no umpire. The player's only defence is to get to know the rule book inside out and to quote an article with confidence if someone is gaining an unfair advantage.

September 21, 2011 at 4:14pm · Like



Jan Blackmore I would agree that my example is simple tactics. Is not waiting for the opponents to throw their first ball when you believe their jack is either short or long also simple tactics?

September 21, 2011 at 9:49pm · Like



Mike Pegg I think what you are missing is that as an opponent you are supposed to be either behind the jack or player and in both cases 2 metres to one side so how would you know the jack is 5.99 metres or 10.01 metres from the circle?

The rule is to allow the 1st team to prepare and throw the jack/boule without interference or distraction.

Once that has happened the 2nd team still have the right to challenge the validity of the jack until such time as they throw their 1st boule

September 22, 2011 at 12:07am · Like



Perrier Pierre when previous end has ended, the winner of the last end is supposed to draw or place the circle around the jack where it was previously. I thought that, on a short court, the winning team was allowed to back up one or two meters as long as the new circle is one meter away from the boundary, Mike, is it allowed ? Thank you !

September 22, 2011 at 2:57am · Like



Mike Pegg firstly the circle does not have to be 1 metre from the dead bal line. But it must be 1 metre away from a solid boundary such as a wall or fence (not the wood on the ground to stop the ball)

On any terrain if the placing of the circle around the jack means you cannot throw to a valid distance, say for example 8 metres then you can move the circle back in line of the previous end play. But you can only one it back until yo can throw the maximum distance of 10 metres.

September 22, 2011 at 10:30am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Just for further clarification, another FAQ as I know this causes confusion on the terrain: some players think you MUST move the circle back, even if you're happy playing a short jack, i.e if there's room to play a 6-8m jack but not room to play a 10m jack.

September 23, 2011 at 12:03am · Like



Mike Pegg you don't HAVE to move the circle back.

If you wish to play the shorter distance then you can go ahead just so long as it is over 6m

But if, for example, the circle is in such a position that you cannot throw to say 9 metres and that is the length you want to throw the jack, then you can move the circle back.

There are 3 conditions - 1. you cannot exceed the maximum distance (10M) - 2. you cannot throw to the maximum distance (10m) in any other direction - 3 the circle will be 1m or more from an obstacle or solid boundary

September 23, 2011 at 12:26am · Like



Brian Forbes When measuring the 1M from the circle to the solid boundary, is that from the front or the back of the so placed circle?

September 23, 2011 at 1:20am · Like



Brian Forbes Also, is it permissible to move the circle forward (in line) from where the jack finished, to say make use of a different part of the available playing surface? Still remembering that the jack has to be 1M from the far away boundary.

September 23, 2011 at 1:23am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Brian, you need to measure from the nearest point of the circle to the obstacle and NO you cannot move the circle forward to play a different surface.

September 23, 2011 at 4:20am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg You can only move the circle forward if the position to place or draw it would put you inside a metre of an obstacle or solid boundary

September 23, 2011 at 4:22am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones created a poll.

September 15, 2011

Article 23 declares that any boule played contrary to the rules is dead. Wouldn't playing the wrong boule, playing with a foot outside the circle, lifting a foot while playing, playing after one minute had expired, playing your last boule while holding another, and similar offenses get Article 34 warning before a boule was declared dead? Thanks.

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Mike Pegg No Gary, it is not strictly necessary to give a warning. Whilst the penalties are numbered it does not mean you impose them in order, there are times when the actions of a player will require a penalty exceeding a warning.

September 15, 2011 at 10:05am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. So should all the infractions I've mentioned above be considered "boules...contrary to the rules," and, therefore, dead? What about playing out of turn when your team is holding and there are opposing boules to be played? Or playing from the wrong circle?

September 15, 2011 at 12:01pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg If you read through the rule book Gary, you will see that each item in your list is covered by a specific rule

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Gary Jones Pardon my denseness (selective blindness?). I agree that playing the wrong boule is covered by ART 22, but can't, for the life of me, find the penalties prescribed for ANY of the other offenses I asked about; just the "any boule played contrary to the rules" wording in ART 23 which is the one I was asking for help in understanding in the first place! Will you help? Thanks again.

September 16, 2011 at 4:54am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones One more comment-- ART 20 does address that ART 34 penalties apply for taking too long to throw the jack, and, depending upon your interpretation, maybe covers taking too long to play your boule as well. Do you agree?

September 16, 2011 at 8:12am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, maybe I am misunderstanding your question... There is no need to list a penalty for each violation of a rule.

We have the penalties in art 34 for most general issues but there are also a few articles which list a specific penalty.

In most cases a player should be given a warning before any other penalty, but there are incidents that may require a more severe penalty without a warning.

September 19, 2011 at 3:10am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. Your last statement about giving a warning leads me to understand that an umpire may choose to invoke Article 34 (giving a warning) before invoking Article 23 (declaring a boule dead)? Do I have it right now?

September 22, 2011 at 1:07pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg no Gary, you would give the opponent the choice to play the advantage rule

September 22, 2011 at 1:12pm · [Like](#)



Gary Jones So an umpire does NOT have the option of giving a warning when a player lifts a foot, steps on the circle, plays his last boule while holding another; but MUST give the opponent the chance to play the advantage rule? Do I FINALLY have it right? You're really changing my understanding of the rules and I thank you.

September 22, 2011 at 3:18pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg not exactly Gary, of course the umpire must give a warning but depending on what the issue is he will either give a penalty (art 34) or in some cases the opponent is given the choice to play the advantage rule (art 23)

September 22, 2011 at 4:00pm · [Like](#)

Raymond Ager



September 18, 2011 · Brighton, United Kingdom

Could I ask for clarification on the situation where the opponents shoot and miss, their boule hits the boundary and rolls back on to the terrain. They immediately shoot again and then hit the boule which had rolled back on to the terrain. The 2nd boule, which would have hit the boundary, has been stopped and stays on the terrain.

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Brian Stote Having asked about this situation before, the response was that the second boule is live, simply because it did not go out.

September 18, 2011 at 4:09pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Ray, in the first place the shooter will be given a warning as he shot his 2nd boule without taking the 1st off the terrain. The rule is quite clear about this as it states "art 18 - Any dead boule must immediately be removed from the game"

Brian is correct when he says the 2nd boule remains live even though it hit this "dead" boule because it did not completely cross the dead ball line

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Raymond Ager Many thanks for the clarification.

September 19, 2011 at 9:47am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg that's what this group is for...

September 19, 2011 at 1:30pm · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Hi Mike, In article 18, it says that if a dead boule is not removed and the next boule is played by the same team, and as a result of that play the dead boule is struck or strikes other boules, the opponent may choose to accept all the new positions of those boules or declare them all dead. Am I misinterpreting the question?

September 20, 2011 at 1:44pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg there is no such wording in article 18, here is the full text:

Article 18 – Dead boules

Any boule is dead from the moment that it enters an out-of-bounds area. A boule straddling the boundary line of the authorised playing area is valid. The boule is dead only after having completely crossed the boundary of the allotted playing area, that is to say, when it is situated entirely beyond the boundary when viewed from directly above. The same applies when, on marked terrains, the boule completely crosses more than one of the lanes alongside the lane in use or when it crosses the end line of the lane.

In timed games played on a marked terrain a boule is considered dead when it completely crosses the line of the designated lane.

If the boule then comes back into the playing area, either because of the slope of the ground or by having rebounded from an obstacle, moving or stationary, it is immediately taken out of the game and anything that it has displaced after its passage into an out-of-bounds area is put back in place.

Any dead boule must immediately be removed from the game. By default it will be considered to be live the moment another boule is played by the opposing team.

What rule book are you reading?

September 20, 2011 at 2:32pm · [Like](#)



Juan C. Garcia Ok this means that if the shooter shoots and misses the Boule hits and bounces back into play he shoots again You must leap and Catch this second Boule in the Air and then you can remove the first dead Boule, I see!

September 20, 2011 at 3:05pm · [Like](#)



Jo Ella Manalan Okay, so the part in italics is not really part of the rules? I'm confused. Joe, can you clarify this for me? Thanks.

September 20, 2011 at 6:05pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Art 18 requires that the 1st boule is "immediately removed". If the opponents shoot again without removing the 1st boule, have they not played "contrary to the rules" and thus the 2nd boule should be dead as per Art 23? It does seem unfair if the 2nd boule is deemed live.

September 21, 2011 at 12:03am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Juan, no one is asking you to catch a moving boule.

What the rule states is the 1st boule that went dead **MUST** be removed from the terrain.

If the shooter ignores this rule and fires again he will of course be given a warning (1st time).

Assuming he misses again and his boule is stopped on the terrain by the 1st boule, then his 2nd boule remains in play (it didn't go dead) but his 1st boule MUST still be removed.

It is OK to have explanations in italics in your own rule book, just so long as they are correct!

September 21, 2011 at 12:13am · Like



Raymond Ager Mike, any comments on my post above, re Art 23?

September 22, 2011 at 12:26am · Like



Mike Pegg the 2nd boule remains in play as it has not crossed the dead boule line.....

September 22, 2011 at 1:16am · Like



Raymond Ager But can't you say that the 2nd boule has been played contrary to the rules and is therefore dead?

September 22, 2011 at 11:08am · Like



Mike Pegg no.

the reason for this rule is because it is recognised that some players play fast, one boule after another without much thought especially when they are shooting.

Hence why we give them a warning

September 22, 2011 at 12:24pm · Like · 2



Raymond Ager

September 20, 2011 · Brighton, United Kingdom

One of my (many!) pet hates is when a team waits to see if the opponents play a good first boule and - only then - will contest the position of the jack. I know they think this is allowed under Article 8 but could you not equally argue that this is 'unsporting' and therefore NOT allowed under Article 37? I fear the basic problem is that Article 8 really needs to be clearer and that teams should agree the position of the jack before throwing a boule.

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Sheikh Ismail Silan I agree with you Ray. With it we can in a way control the time taken. There was a case the jack was thrown and valid, the team throw a ball and the jack was moved to the side, less than a meter from the dead boule line and the boule is close to the jack. the other team call the arbitre and contest the position of the jack. As the jack was not marked the arbitre had to declare it as not valid. Of course that cause changing words among them.

September 21, 2011 at 1:58am · Like



Gareth Sullivan If you have any doubt just measure the jack, not with your strides but with your tape measure that way they can't contest it. If you don't your the person putting your first boule at risk not your opponents. As for the jack moving, like I said in a recent post you should mark the jack on every end!

September 21, 2011 at 2:08am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward I don't know what the rule is but is that right, that because it wasn't marked the umpire declared it invalid. Surely because it was unmarked it now has to be considered as valid as there is no way to confirm whether the challenge was correct. I'm sure I was told that even if the jack was moved 1mm you cannot then challenge it's length as it has been moved.

September 21, 2011 at 3:28am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Since it was not marked, the arbitre has to take the new position as the position that has to be confirmed. Since it is less than a meter from the dead boule line than it is not valid.

September 21, 2011 at 4:08am · Like



Mike Pegg What rubbish.... if the jack was moved by the 1st boule the umpire MUST NOT measure to the new position.

The rule about the valid distance is for the THROWN jack, not a MOVED jack!

If the jack was not marked the umpire should instruct the teams to continue play.

As for Ray's question, no you cannot call waiting until the 1st boule has been thrown to claim the thrown jack is not valid as "unsporting", the article clearly says that the team can contest the thrown jack, so they are doing what the rule allows them to do!

September 21, 2011 at 10:20am · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan I understand your explanation. Just for thought. In an extreme example: a player (Senior) throws a jack for only 4 meters and than immediately throw a boule that move the jack to 4.5 - 5 meters, should the game continue?

September 21, 2011 at 1:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg in the extreme example, if the umpire is unable to establish that the jack was thrown to 4 metres then yes, the game continues.

But you should know that the umpire is not a fool, he should ask the players questions about what happened, he can look at the ground and maybe there are marks to show him where the boule landed and moved the jack. It would depend on the type of surface but it is possible.

It should never be just a matter of what the rule states, the umpire should also use his knowledge, experience and judgement - not forgetting "common sense".

September 21, 2011 at 1:47pm · Like



Ross Woodward I'm glad I'm not going mad, I thought it made no sense to declare something you couldnt measure as illegal.

September 21, 2011 at 1:51pm · Like



Mike Pegg its not that you can't measure it, the point I'm making is that the rule is for the Thrown jack, as the boule moved the jack it is no longer the "thrown" jack....

However, if the jack had been marked the umpire could have measured to that point and declared it invalid

September 21, 2011 at 1:54pm · Like



Ross Woodward That's exactly what I meant mike that as it wasn't marked how could you measure where the jack had been thrown to.

September 21, 2011 at 1:58pm · Like



Mike Pegg not possible - unless you were playing on a sandy surface the track of the boule/jack was very clear- then the umpire had a mark to measure to.

As I tried to explain the umpire needs to use his brain and common sense

September 21, 2011 at 2:01pm · Like



Matthew Eversden Last paragraph mike too easy so i wont lmao 😊

September 21, 2011 at 11:25pm · Like



Mike Pegg do you ever Matt?

September 22, 2011 at 12:01am · Like



Ross Woodward Mike, just to clarify I am entirely agreeing with you.

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Gary Jones created a poll.

September 8, 2011

Mike, From the activity, it appears your group is a big success. I join the others in thanking you for starting it. You have helped me many times in the past and I'm sure your new facebook group will end up helping many others. My first question is whether or not the same penalty (immediate disqualification for the game in progress) applies against a team that purposely stops or diverts a jack that is moving (after being hit) as when a moving boule is purposely stopped or diverted?

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, art. 19 - The player purposely stopping a moving boule is immediately disqualified, along with his or her team mates, for the game in progress

September 8, 2011 at 8:16am · Like



Mike Pegg Sorry Gary, I miss read your question when I read it on my cell phone, having re-read it on my Mac I now see I missed part of the question.

If a player deliberately stops the jack he would get a warning (1st penalty in art 34) and his opponent has 3 choices (see below) which would stop the player from getting any unfair advantage.

- a) leaving the jack in its new position;
- b) putting it back in its original position;
- c) placing it anywhere on the extension of a line going from its original position to the place that it is found, up to a maximum distance of 20 metres from the circle (15 metres for the younger players) and such that it is visible.

b) and c) can only be applied if the position of the jack was previously marked. If this was not the case, the jack will remain where it is found.

September 8, 2011 at 11:00am · Like



Gary Jones Sorry, Mike, to reopen a settled question, but I've been thinking about the huge disparity in the penalties for purposely stopping a moving boule (disqualification) and a moving jack (warning). It's easy to imagine a scenario where stopping a moving jack could be worth a very large number of points--do you have an opinion as to why the difference? Thanks.

September 14, 2011 at 5:34am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Maybe 'over' thinking Gary! Explain to me how you can get 'a very large number of points' by stopping the jack?

September 15, 2011 at 11:15pm · Like



Gary Jones A simple example: A holds 6 pts. B shoots jack with final boule. Team A makes no effort to move when jack, obviously headed for out-of-play area, comes their way. A ends up with 6 points instead of B ending up with a void end. A six point swing from an illegal act. What's the call? Thanks.

September 16, 2011 at 4:36am · Like



Mike Pegg team B have the choice as stated in art 14 which prevents team A from this unfair advantage.

Team A would be given a warning for standing in the wrong place (art 16)

September 19, 2011 at 3:14am · Like



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September 16, 2011

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Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad

September 13, 2011

here got a question, is that marking boule n jack before make a measurement MUST done by arbitre?....

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Gareth Sullivan likes this.



Dragan Antonijevic It should be done by everyone before make a measurement.

September 13, 2011 at 3:09am · Like · 1



Karine Thornhill-Sennesal and as soon as the coch has been thrown when the wind is blowing like it did over this w/e!

September 13, 2011 at 3:26am · Like



Gareth Sullivan Every boule and the jack should be marked on every end.

September 13, 2011 at 4:44am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Before measuring the umpire should mark the jack and boules.

September 13, 2011 at 9:14am · Like · 2



Brian Forbes Mike, Does the time taken to mark everything count towards the 1 minute rule? Is it the same as measuring as I understand that measuring is outside of the countdown of the 1 minute?

September 15, 2011 at 3:19am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Brian, the clock is stopped during the time you or the umpire is measuring. But it starts as soon as the result of the measure is known. Marking the Boule is part or play and does not 'stop the clock'

September 15, 2011 at 10:08am · Like



Gary Jones created a poll.

September 13, 2011

Article 12 addresses the procedure for beginning a new round when the jack has been moved into another game. The subsequent round begins from where the jack was before it was displaced. What if it wasn't marked? And is the rule the same when the unmarked jack is moved into an out-of-play area? Can you draw the circle as you do at the beginning of the game- in compliance with Article 7?

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Mike Pegg Hi Gary, in both cases you must draw the circle at the nearest valid point to where the jack went out of the game. Had the jack been marked you must draw or place the circle for the next end at this point.

September 13, 2011 at 9:13am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg That's not what I said Joe!

September 13, 2011 at 9:31am · Like



Justin Bo Johns Something to keep in mind but due to our court we always go to the other end and rethrow the jack, by the previous team.

September 13, 2011 at 12:23pm · Like



Mike Pegg It has to completely cross the dead ball line Joe, how it can be considered dead when it is airborne" astounds me! Can you imagine the scenario.... Quick call the umpire to check if the jack is dead..... too late, it's landed!

September 13, 2011 at 11:16pm · Like · 3



Brian Forbes Easy Tiger

September 14, 2011 at 12:07am · Like



Mike Pegg No probs Joe, I answered the question in my first comment.

September 14, 2011 at 11:40pm · Like



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September 14, 2011

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Tee Em Rhodes was added by **Bernie Miles**.

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Raymond Ager

September 8, 2011 · Brighton, United Kingdom

It's always puzzled me why the permitted sizes for comp boules is from

70.5mm - 80mm. Why not simply 7 - 8cm? Mike, any ideas?

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Mike Pegg are you asking why the rule is written in mm and not cm or why the start size is 70.5mm?

September 8, 2011 at 10:42am · Like



Raymond Ager I'm asking why it's 70.5mm, rather than 70mm. I presumed it was something to do with the manufacture, although I guess a 70.5mm boule could also lose 0.2mm...?

September 8, 2011 at 10:55am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Our friend "Petanque America" has answered that question in much the same way as I would Ray

September 8, 2011 at 11:03am · Like



Mike Pegg About time you got a new set Joe !!

September 8, 2011 at 1:24pm · Like · 2



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad i think Ray question is still not answed...Ray ask why 70.5mm?...why not 70.4?...why proposed 70.5mm?is that special number? ...

September 12, 2011 at 5:51pm · Like



Raymond Ager I think Pétanque America have answered the question. I still think 7-8cm would be more sensible, perhaps with a tolerance of + or - 0.5mm. Perhaps the decision was taken after a good lunch 😊

September 12, 2011 at 11:57pm · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan I believe the the rule is set such a way so that the tolerance of 0.5mm is to take into account of the tare and ware of the boules and the manufacturer has to produce the 71mm boules the least. If the rule is stated as 71mm the minimum diameter and the smallest boules produced is also 71 than by 5-6 months of using it the player has to change to new set of boules which will be a burden to them.

Or we could just change the rule as 70mm to 80mm (7cm to 8cm) but the manufacturer still has to produce the 71mm boules the least. Considering the smallest palm size of common people in Asia, 71mm is OK but still I would like to suggest it to be 70mm so that the dwarf can enjoy plying. So the rule might be like 69.5mm to 80mm (6.95cm - 8cm) or 69mm - 80mm.

September 13, 2011 at 10:55am · Like



Raymond Ager By the same logic, then the weight should be, say, 660g, not 650g, as boules could lose a few grams over time... 😊

September 13, 2011 at 11:07am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg I think it is time to move on from this topic....

September 13, 2011 at 11:17pm · Like · 1



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad hahaha...

September 14, 2011 at 12:17am · Like



Gary Jones created a poll.

September 13, 2011

Article 17 states that no one is allowed a practice throw during a game. Please confirm that this is true even if the player steps away from the piste into an unused area of the terrain to make his practice throw. Thanks.

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Michal Dzurik no one... except french team :-(I have seen it at 4 world or euro champs only though, 3 of them were last 3 women's...

September 13, 2011 at 1:34pm · Like



John Booyah The 4th player in triples is allowed to warm up during their game.

September 13, 2011 at 2:03pm · Like



John Thatcher That is correct, but players still think that it does not apply to them. Some players at the top level think that they can get away with it but an alert umpire should be able to pick this up and issue a warning to the player(s) involved. Events without an umpire are only controlled by the attitude of the players involved.

September 13, 2011 at 2:05pm · Like · 3



Sheikh Ismail Silan By leaving the piste the player had broken the rule art 31 "No player may absent him/herself from a game or leave the terrains of play

without the authorisation of the Umpire. For time-limited games, the player wanting to leave must have already played all his boules in the ongoing end".
September 13, 2011 at 5:39pm · Like



Justin Bo Johns

September 9, 2011 · Zanesfield, OH, United States

This is kind of a "different" ? (If not allowed please delete)
Our club (Zanesfield Petanque Club) is in the process of building a new court. Our current court was built by some info found somewhere on the net. But my ? is what is the "approved" surface for play? or is there? I know everywhere is different, but if we can do it close to "right" it would be a good starting point.

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Perrier Pierre likes this.



Brian Forbes Justin,

E-mail me on brianforbes335@hotmail.com and I will try my best to assist you.
Cheers, Yours, Brian

September 9, 2011 at 7:31am · Like · 1



Justin Bo Johns Thanks **Brian Forbes** i will send you a email.

September 9, 2011 at 7:32am · Like



Chuck Rapoport No beach sandy where boules will not roll. No grassy places (unless intermittent). Dirt is good. Hard pack D.G. most common, fine gravel over dirt or hard sand. Perfectly level and smooth = boring. Small ruts, some chunks, always makes for interesting play. Otherwise, anywhere you want to play - including parking lots (see it all the time in South of France).

September 9, 2011 at 7:32am · Like · 1



Justin Bo Johns Our first court, is a 3" gravel base, weed mat, & 2"-3" of crushed limestone dust. I sent Brian the layout plans & renderings.

September 9, 2011 at 7:45am · Like



Justin Bo Johns If you look at in our pictures in Zanesfield Petanque on facebook, you will see our court plans, might have to scroll a few, there are 3d & just plain 2d drawings.

September 9, 2011 at 7:58am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Justin, I am sure Brian will be able to give you some good advice, he has just built a great terrain in Nottingham, England

September 9, 2011 at 9:33am · Like



Justin Bo Johns I was checking his website out, didn't see final pics though. Hope I didn't step over the "circle" with this post 😊 Great group to follow glad i came across it.

September 9, 2011 at 9:35am · Like



Raymond Ager Actually, I think this should be in the rules: Pétanque is played on a TERRAIN not a pitch, piste, court or anything else 😊

September 9, 2011 at 9:37am · Like



Mike Pegg your on dangerous ground (terrain) Ray, there are so many terms used in our sport, some French and some clearly made up..... as an example, one of my pet hates Coche the abbreviation of Cochonnet.

Who are we to abbreviate a French word?

Did you know that the word cochonnet does not appear in the rule book in French or English, in fact I have been through all my copies (dating back to the 80's) and can't find one "official" reference to a cochonnet.

The international rules and those of the French Fed use the term "le but", in the official English translation it's a "jack"

Have fun with this one!

September 9, 2011 at 9:43am · Like · 1



Justin Bo Johns I would agree with "court" in my instance, because it's a predefined space to play petanque. "Terrain" i think would apply to anything else that is not set in size of has "out of bounds". I'm no english major so could be totally wrong in the thinking.

September 9, 2011 at 9:47am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager sorry, I know this is drifting off the rules question, but it's a question of established use. Tennis is played on a court, football on a pitch

and, yes (!) pétanque is played on a terrain. Mike, coche is also one of my pet hates - actually an old-fashioned French word for Stagecoach. How the French must laugh, "throw the stagecoach here!". Surely, jack, is the preferred English term.

September 9, 2011 at 9:50am · Like



Peter Beresford The jack is called "the pea" quite often around these parts - but not by me! 😊

September 9, 2011 at 9:52am · Like



Justin Bo Johns Ray come on now Football is played on a Field 😊 Soccer is played on a pitch. See it's a "country" term for everything. Myself being a former Soccer player, it's still called a field here. If someone calls it a pitch and not from another county there just trying to be "fancy" 😊 We have been calling the jack a pig. But our club was started without any "elders" so whatever we say is probably wrong on all accounts, it's whatever we read on the net at some point in time.

September 9, 2011 at 10:22am · Like



David Alfred Mike, at last, some true petanque sensibility: felicitations. I agree 'coche' is utterly ridiculous and should be outlawed, though it's faux French sound and single syllable do make it somewhat infectious. If only we would say instead the 'but' (French pronunciation, obviously) - the 'official' word. If that were too difficult, I rather like the common terms I learned nearly 50 years ago in the Midi: most commonly, the 'bouchon' (cork) or, less often, the 'petit' (little one).

September 13, 2011 at 11:06am · Like · 1



David Alfred Forgot to mention the Lexique I produced for all true petanque devotees which can be found on our Brighton and Hove PC website. Merci.

September 13, 2011 at 11:08am · Like



Gary Jones created a poll.

September 12, 2011

Is there a prescribed method of effecting the repair of a hole on the terrain made by a boule previously played? I have heard opinions offered that one may only use one's foot-- never one's hand. Others have opined that only a side-to-side swipe of the foot is allowed-- never a tamping motion. Is there any validity to such suggestions? Thanks.

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Justin Bo Johns likes this.



Justin Bo Johns We have played with a few people from other clubs that say there clubs never allow any "repair" ever. We have allowed one repair before a shot. Also in tourney yesterday I didn't see one person repair a hole. There were a few times I wanted to but didn't ask. I saw both repairs at Amelia last year. Even saw a few ?able fixes.

September 12, 2011 at 7:53am · Like



Alan Cregeen Article 10 – Displacement of obstacles

It is strictly forbidden for players to press down, displace or crush any obstacle whatever on the playing area. However, the player about to throw the jack is authorised to test the landing point with one of his or her boules by tapping the ground no more than three times. Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously. For non-observation of the rules above, the players incur the penalties outlined in Article 34 "Discipline".

September 12, 2011 at 8:58am · Like



Alan Cregeen Therefore there is nothing that states how someone can fill a hole with foot or hand

September 12, 2011 at 8:59am · Like



Tony Thompson The rules say that you are allowed to repair one pitch mark made by a previous boule. They no longer say that it has to be the pitch mark of the last boule thrown. (Furthermore, the player who is about to play, or one of his partners, may fill in a hole which would have been made by one boule played previously)-Part of article 10.

September 12, 2011 at 9:05am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, the simple answer is, it does not matter how you repair the mark/hole made by a previous boule just as long as you don't over do it. By this I mean you can erase the mark but you are not allowed to prepare the area for the jack or another boule to land or stop in.

Easier to demonstrate than it is to write!!

September 12, 2011 at 9:33am · Like · 2



Brian Stote If the hole which you need to fill is very close to a boule or the jack, I would recommend filling it in carefully with your hand so as not to disturb anything. Isn't amazing how inventive people are at creating new rules which are not in the book?

September 12, 2011 at 10:02am · Like · 2



John Thatcher I never cease to be amazed by the nit picking from some of our players. Most of them cannot throw a boule to take advantage of a "prepared" landing area anyway

September 12, 2011 at 12:10pm · Like · 4



Atif Sheikh Ismail Benabad for the information, pitch mark of the last boule thrown is no longer use. the later one is may fill in a hole which would have been made by any boule...

September 12, 2011 at 5:17pm · Like



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Urszula Klimaszewska was added by **Mike Pegg**.

September 11, 2011

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Magnus Halleen

September 11, 2011

In Sweden we have the senior classes.
In a tournament one team came after finished the match and made a protest that one man was too young to play V65, he only 64 years old.
The complaining team had just lost the match and wanted the other team disqualified. How would u judge in this and what will hapend in the following match?

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Mike Pegg Are the teams required to register before the draw and if yes, does the umpire/organisers check the licences?

September 11, 2011 at 5:59am · Like



Magnus Halleen There was no licence check before, but people who know the too young player(64 years) started to talk. then the team who lost the game protested after the match.

September 11, 2011 at 6:05am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Magnus, I'm not here to criticise how a Federation runs an event, my comments are based on what I would normally do.

I guess from your reply there was no registration process, which seems a little odd to me, but that being the case there was no check to ensure everyone taking part was eligible to do so.

So if you don't check to ensure everyone was the correct age group how can you discipline a player or team that are not the right age.

To deal with this specific situation, bearing in mind the lack of checks I would have called a jury, explain the issue and ask them to make a decision.

September 11, 2011 at 8:13am · Like



Magnus Halleen This was a lokal tournament, and the case was put to the jury to decided. The team with the too young player was diqualifyd, but the looser team stayed as looser as complaints not made during the match. So next team they should have met got a walkover winn.

September 11, 2011 at 8:59am · Like



Mike Pegg did I pass this test?

September 11, 2011 at 9:08am · Like · 1



Magnus Halleen yes as a referee we decided same, thanks for your opinion

September 11, 2011 at 9:10am · Like



Glenn Floyd

September 9, 2011

Hi every one

Please can we find a rule which will stop these youngsters from listening to music whilst playing not only is it not good sportsmanship I believe it to be extremely Rude

if I am wrong then so be it I must be getting old !!!!!

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Adam Ball likes this.



Justin Bo Johns Do you mean via ipod, or a radio in the background? I bring a radio everytime we play. I play better with it. The group seems to enjoy it. I change the music depending on the group. It's not over powering just back ground noise. But I can't work without a radio on either. But also get your point, have played poker with people with ipods and it's a pain if your trying to talk to them.

September 9, 2011 at 12:40pm · Like



Mike Pegg face it Glenn, like the rest of us, you're getting old!

September 9, 2011 at 1:14pm · Like



Stuart Floyd hahahah 909 must be getting old

September 9, 2011 at 1:18pm · Like



Simon Montgomery Doble I have been using an ipod for years. I have it on very low and in 1 ear only, I find it helps me to ignore distractions going on around me. Also, during important games i prefer not to make idle chit-chat with the opposition, instead I stay focussed and save it for inbetween games. If you are focussed on the job at hand it why should it bother you what your opponent is doing?

September 10, 2011 at 8:49am · Like · 1



Simon Montgomery Doble but then, as mike will probably agree, I'm not very sociable during a game LOL

September 10, 2011 at 8:50am · Like · 1



Mike Pegg no comment Simon!

September 10, 2011 at 10:01am · Like



Gareth Sullivan Just during a game?

September 10, 2011 at 10:32am · Like · 1



Simon Montgomery Doble Lol

September 10, 2011 at 10:23pm · Like



Ross Woodward

September 7, 2011

Mike,

If somebody is consistantly infringing a rule, not conduct but something like stepping out of the circle, lifting their feet or slow play, what action would you deem to be appropriate at a local level comp.

I guess I am after a formal strict adherence answer and a pragmatic opinion on this as they may well not be the same at this level.

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Mike Pegg Hi Ross, it's no easy thing to enforce the rules or impose penalties especially at club level.

If this club member refuses to heed the advice or ignores the rules then maybe you should talk to your club committee

September 7, 2011 at 6:29am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward Pragmatically at an internal comp I would generally see it as a coaching issue. I don't have an actual live issue at my club, I have just come accross players who, for example take off on every point over 8 metres long and wondered whether without an umpire it would be practical to take any action or whether we need to try to take it as a learning experience. At opens I have run, rather than club events, there have been a couple of occassions where people have wanted action taken and I have found myself wondering how it should be approached.

September 7, 2011 at 8:32am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Even in the world level, players, coach and even umpires refused action to be taken on infringement of the rules. I was booed by the spectator for trying to disqualify a boule from a player who took too much time and the opponent too refused me to penalize the player.

To me as long as petanque is considered and played as a 'leisure game' this problem wouldn't stop.

As and FIPJP's umpire no one should hesitate to do their job.

September 7, 2011 at 9:02am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ross, the problem you have is that you don't have an umpire at these events.

Just like a game of football with some mates when you don't have a referee, you rely on everyone playing to the rules.

So either you appoint someone to be the umpire, ask an umpire to officiate at your event or simply trust the opponent will play fairly!

September 7, 2011 at 9:09am · Like



Matthew Eversden Ross i believe there is not much need to warn them during the play if they are breaking minor rules (lifting feet toes outside circle taking over a min etc) but I have found a quite word with them after works better.

September 10, 2011 at 10:49am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Matt, please list all the rules that in your opinion are "minor"

I will keep them in mind the next time I watch you play!!

September 10, 2011 at 11:27am · Like · 2



Matthew Eversden I am talking about local level mike. Anyway I consider all rules just guidelines for others lmao.

September 10, 2011 at 12:52pm · Like



Alan Issler

September 8, 2011

Hi Mike. Is there a actually rule called 'the one minute rule.' If so what exactly does it mean- a minute from when the opposing team threw, to walk up and down, have a butchers, bunny on, look worried etc before throwing. And if a team is going over the minute/keeps going over the minute what can theoretically be done? Thanks

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Raymond Ager likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Alan, there certainly is a one minute rule...

Art 7 - The maximum amount of time to accomplish these 3 tries is one minute. This is the one minute to throw a valid jack.

Art 20 - Time allowed to play

Once the jack is thrown each player has the maximum duration of one 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.

All players not respecting this rule, incur the penalties outlined in Article 34 "Discipline".

September 8, 2011 at 8:22am · Like

Alan Issler Thanks very much [Mike Pegg](#)



September 9, 2011 at 12:31am · [Like](#)



Simon Montgomery Doble But if an umpire is not actually watching the game mike, how can this rule be enforced?

September 10, 2011 at 8:57am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Simon, normally all it takes is an observant player, such as you, to inform the umpire and he will watch from a distance.... of course there is the organiser/control table who will inform the umpire of slow games and that will alert the umpire.

Failing these check points there is the umpire him/herself, who having been trained well (been on my course) will be watching for body language and be aware of all the games going on.

Rest assured, if the umpire is doing his job correctly he or she will soon be aware of slow play

September 10, 2011 at 9:59am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden We were timed by the umpire using his stopwatch in Sweden. After the game he told us that we took on important plays between 45-55 seconds and just mentioned to be careful so as not to get a warning in future. GOOD UMPIRING

September 10, 2011 at 10:33am · [Like](#)



Matthew Eversden and [3 others](#) were added by **Sharon Zimmerman**.

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Gary Jones created a poll.

September 9, 2011

Article 25 dictates that measuring must be done by the team that played the last boule. Suppose a team plays its last boule and then states it has no interest in measuring since it has no more boules to play? How is that situation handled? What about when a team about to play wants to know not only the point boule but various other places (second? Third? Fourth?) as part of play strategy. Is that team allowed to measure before beginning its one minute allowance to play? Thanks.

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Justin Bo Johns likes this.



John Thatcher If a team has no more boules to play then the other team has to play anyway so measuring does not matter. Paragraph 2 in Article 25 states "Whatever positions the boules to be measured may hold, and at whatever stage the end may be, the Umpire can be consulted and his or her decision is final."

September 9, 2011 at 6:32am · [Like](#)



John Thatcher So a team can ask for any boule to be measured at any stage in an end.

September 9, 2011 at 6:32am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Thanks for responding, John. My point is that just because one team has no more boules to play, measuring does indeed matter very much. If the team that played their last boule is now holding the point, the team that is to play will normally use a much different strategy-- maybe shooting versus pointing. Or if the team that is out of boules now has second place but not third and fourth, a shot on the second place boule would now be worth three points (four if a carreau is possible). As for asking the umpire to measure, that is only appropriate after both teams have measured and disagree.

September 9, 2011 at 8:59am · [Like](#) · [1](#)



John Thatcher An Umpire may be asked at any time to measure not just at the completion of an end

September 9, 2011 at 9:10am · [Like](#)



John Thatcher and the teams do not have to measure first.

September 9, 2011 at 9:14am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones Measuring is to be done by the team playing the last boule. The other team then has the right to remeasure. Each team must possess

measuring equipment. I contend that only then should an umpire be called to "adjudicate" which claim is correct. Many tournaments will penalize a team that asks the umpire to measure if the difference turns out to be more than a certain amount. Often 4mm. I would still like Mike to weigh in on this discussion at his convenience. Thanks.

September 9, 2011 at 9:21am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Gary, you have fallen foul of the Smith that the players MUST measure before calling the umpire - RUBBISH, as John has said the umpire may be called at any time.

To answer your question - If after throwing their last boule team A do not measure then team B have every right to measure before they throw their boule.

September 9, 2011 at 9:22am · Like · 3



Gary Jones Thanks, Mike. Evidently I placed too much emphasis on a literal interpretation. Glad to get the practical answer.

September 9, 2011 at 9:24am · Like



Mike Pegg often the mistake people Make Gary, the only thing about the rules that is black and white is the ink and paper!

September 9, 2011 at 9:37am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan Art 25, state that it's the DUTY of the players to do the measuring and using appropriate tools which each team MUST possess. To my understanding the player must do the measurement first before the umpire is call unless the situation is considered odd or critical. If we are to say the umpire can be call at will than the word Duty (responsibility) and Must possess have to be removed.

If they are removed than the umpire will be in trouble and time consuming.

September 9, 2011 at 12:38pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg Hello my friend, nice of you to join us on Facebook. I am sorry but you are wrong, the umpire can be called to measure at any time no matter what the situation is in the game.

Why insist on the players measuring first?

If you want the games to proceed without delay and dispute get the umpire to measure.

Better to be involved, measuring for points, talking to the teams etc than to walk around all day looking important with nothing to do!

Watch what happens in the near future at the World Championships, I predict that when it comes to the finals in front of the TV camera's the umpires will measure, not the teams!

September 9, 2011 at 1:21pm · Like · 1



Peter Beresford I think a lot depends on the size of the competition and the number of umpires available. From what I've seen of major championships, there's normally a high ratio of umpires, so, if anything looks close, the players tend to ask an umpire to measure and get things sorted if things look close, and this can be done fairly quickly. In large competitions with few umpires it makes sense for players to measure first, and only call an umpire if things are too close to call (or if there's disagreement between the teams). The words used in the rules ("must", "duty", etc) could be just the way that the translation has interpreted the French version. The problem seems to be that we all seem to become lawyers (as opposed to boulistes), rather than play to the spirit of the rules in order to overcome minor obstacles and have an enjoyable game.

September 9, 2011 at 1:37pm · Like · 1



Mike Pegg in practice there is no reason why the umpire cannot measure when called - he/she should not expect or require the teams to measure first.

September 9, 2011 at 2:42pm · Like · 1



Sheikh Ismail Silan Tq Mike. Actually I still remember what you had said about it during the course, it just that like what [Peter Beresford](#) wrote, people seem to become lawyers. They question the word, the sentences use in the rule book. To us, the Malaysian take the British English version of the rule books as our legal document and not the French.

September 10, 2011 at 12:53am · Like



Mike Pegg that's very true, I am hoping that this Facebook group will help more people to have a better understanding of the rules.

I know of a number of umpires who think that the umpire does not measure until the teams have measured.

But why should it be necessary, the umpire is there to do a job, if called to

measure he/she should do it.

Some umpires think they are more important than anyone else, thankfully it is just a few!

September 10, 2011 at 7:23am · [Like](#)



Noam Seifer

September 9, 2011

I have a question which i would like your advice on:
Here in Israel many courts are built in the way that the "dead line" is about 10 cm from a physical obstacle (bricks, or wooden boards). typically since a ball is less than 10 cm (8 cm at max) if the ball hits the board it's clearly dead, but sometimes it moves past the line, before returning (due to a slightly higher surface between the board and the rope/string, now many times there are arguments on wheter the ball did or did not ENTIRELY pass that line before returning, ofcourse if a referee is called he has no choice but to judge on the actual situation, this can cause problems, moreover sometimes the "dead end" is not a rope or a string but simply the bricks or the boards, then you get in the endless conversation of wheter the ball did or did not touch the board (i had this when shooting a cochonet hitting and according to me and my team mates (who were the closest to the situation) the cochonet has undoubtley hit the board, and according to the other team (situated in positions where they could have not seen it properly but knowing the rules insisted on calling the referee, of course he had no choice but to declare the cochonet as valid).
what would you advise me to do in order to avoid those situations and assuming i could not change the condition of the courts.
Thx in advance, and what a great initiative is this Group !
Noam
p.s sorry if i made some awfull spelling mistakes.

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Mike Pegg The simple answer is move the dead ball line a few cm more away from the obstacle

September 9, 2011 at 5:43am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones If a club or an individual constructed a purpose-built court to the minimum standards of 12m x 3m with a solid surround 30cm from the dead boule lines, but the rules changed to require one meter to the dead boule line from the surround, it may be quite difficult to conform to the new rule, it would seem.

September 9, 2011 at 9:12am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I think you are misunderstanding this rule.

Firstly the distance of 1 metre from the dead ball line to an obstacle or boundary does not mean the piece of wood or other material you have put down to stop a boule.

The boundary in question is a fence or wall or other structure to stop the public from entering the playing area. The reason we state 1 metre is to allow the player who is stood in a circle drawn or placed near to the dead ball line the ability to swing their arm backwards.

The old 30cm rule is no longer in the rule book, instead it is a recommendation that if you have some timber or other material around the playing area to stop boules it should be at a minim of 30cm from the dead ball line.

September 9, 2011 at 9:25am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones You're right, Mike, I did not understand the rule the way you have presented it here. I thought "the old 30cm rule" was just revised to be the new one meter rule?

September 9, 2011 at 9:28am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg I've made a sketch as part of my umpires course that shows the new layout for a playing area, send me your email address and I will copy it over to you

September 9, 2011 at 9:35am · [Like](#)



Gary Jones I'm happy to share my eMail with the entire group.
CarolinaPetanque@yahoo.com

September 9, 2011 at 9:37am · [Like](#)



Sheikh Ismail Silan Mark, please send me a copy too: I think you have my email.

September 9, 2011 at 12:08pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Sorry but I can't find your email address, just send it to me by email and I will reply with the sketch

September 9, 2011 at 1:23pm · [Like](#)



Stuart Floyd was added by **Mike Pegg**.

September 9, 2011

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Chuck Rapoport

September 9, 2011

Biggest "failure" in Petanque tournaments: not marking your boules and jack. So much aggravation and anxiety (not to mention temper tantrums) can be alleviated by simply getting down and drawing two or three lines around the boules and bouchon. Other flying boules from nearby courts smacking into your 'set' or some careless, busy, hurrying player or spectator that inadvertently kicks a boule while crossing your court...if the boule or jack was marked - NO PROBLEM. If not marked - the boule or jack must be played where it comes to rest changing the whole end.

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Simon Montgomery Doble likes this.



Alan Cregeen Found the ideal tool for drawing a circle and marking boule, i use a metal centre punch. Wide end for drawing the circle and the small thin end for marking boule. You can get them of ebay quite cheap.

September 9, 2011 at 7:50am · [Like](#)



Alan Issler This can be true. I was once playing in a club doubles league and me and my partner were coming back against a fancied and very competitive side. It was open terrain with plenty of space so nothing had been marked. My partner threw the jack and then pointed his first boule. As the boule left his hand a dog suddenly ran onto the terrain and moved the jack so my partners boule was nowhere near it. Opponent said tough jack had not been marked. Technically absolutely correct. We just accepted it but I now think I should of at least said- come on-agree to let us throw the jack again-it's only a **** club league-just to make a point. I did not and this kind of threw us out(made us a bit 'mentally fragile' I guess like Engtalnd against Wales the other night) and our comeback faltered and we lost.

September 9, 2011 at 8:59am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg art 11 states to avoid any argument, the players MUST mark the jacks position.

Throughout the rule book articles refer to marking the boule so you would have thought that as it is important players would have been coached to always mark the jack and boule.

Strange that in my experience at the World and European Champs all the top teams mark the balls..... I wonder why this does not happen at other events, maybe something the coaches need to take on board!

September 9, 2011 at 9:31am · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager I'd appreciate the umpire's view on the fact that there are a few sporting teams around who are quite happy to replace a boule where everybody knew it was, even though the position hadn't actually been marked. I remember playing in a local club event where a boule was accidentally moved, everybody agreed where it was but the opponents said, "Well, we can't put it back, as it wasn't marked." They weren't being unsporting, but they thought they weren't allowed to replace the boule, because of the rules.

September 9, 2011 at 9:46am · [Like](#)



Brian Stote Most players' method of marking boules or jack is not accurate enough. John Thatcher showed juniors on a course at Harrow how to mark one correctly. Putting a 'V' shape towards the boule is not sufficient. You should draw lines which, if extended, would meet at the centre of the boule as seen from above. It is very difficult to replace a boule to the precise millimetre but this as accurate a method as you can devise.

September 9, 2011 at 9:49am · [Like](#)

Mike Pegg Hi Ray, you should not get the "umpires view" on teams replacing



or putting boules back that were not marked.

It's at times like this that the umpire should use one or both of the most useful tools in his kit, a blind eye and a deaf ear!

September 9, 2011 at 9:52am · Like · 5



Alan Issler Fair enough Mike. On the occasion I mentioned I did ask the dog what they thought about my predicament and they replied "ruff ruff."

September 9, 2011 at 10:11am · Like · 1



Raymond Ager Alan, I think you're barking up the wrong tree, sorry, terrain 😊

September 9, 2011 at 10:15am · Like



Mike Pegg that's not a tree Ray, it's an obstacle!

September 9, 2011 at 10:18am · Like



Alan Issler Somebody once after imparting some wisdom on petanque to me finished by saying 'mark my words.' I thought ***** hell, how am I supposed to do that?

September 9, 2011 at 11:02am · Like · 1



Linda Motschieder

September 5, 2011 · Fresno, CA, United States

We like to play with 3 boules, even when we have 3 people on a team. We call it, "American 9-Boule". (it may take 10 min longer to play, but it's social, right?!!)

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Alena Vaníčková likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Linda, if your playing a social game then I guess you can make up your own rules... maybe using the official rules as a guide!

September 5, 2011 at 10:17am · Like · 1



Justin Bo Johns We have made up games in the past to include everyone that is there. The more people playing is always better then people sitting around. All rules still apply, but boule number, people may change. Mixes things up.

September 9, 2011 at 5:59am · Like



Chuck Rapoport Linda, we play 3 boules triplets plenty of times in casual games. Takes longer, 18 boules on the ground is funny and what's interesting is we usually wind up with 1 point per end. 😊

September 9, 2011 at 7:36am · Like · 1



Justin Bo Johns Same here with the one point. I've made the comment before "I'm not sure if that is good or bad getting one point out of that many boules." We did 4 once just to try it, way too many!

September 9, 2011 at 7:51am · Like



Brian Stote One for each finger and thumb and one for each ear! It's not practical to take your socks off! Those Frenchmen knew what they were doing when they wrote the rules.

September 9, 2011 at 9:54am · Like



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September 9, 2011

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Derek Adam

September 9, 2011

Following on from Ray's stamping question. If someone has a set that it eg 10 years old. 2 weekly play, hard metal. Originally 700gm and 74mm diameter. Is there anything that says a boule loosing diameter or weight cannot be used? Asuming stamps still visible?

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Mike Pegg I don't have that information to hand... but I think you guys are



getting over concerned about a few mm's or grm's.
September 9, 2011 at 4:32am · Like



Mike Pegg If the boules you are about to throw is clearly marked then stop worrying if it loses a few grams on the way to the jack, just hope it stops next to it!
September 9, 2011 at 4:33am · Like · 2



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Peter Beresford
September 7, 2011

This situation happened in a timed game, where the rule is that, when the time is up, any end in progress is completed and (if neither team has scored 13 points) one further end is played: A player from team A drew a circle and threw the jack to around 5 metres. The jack was agreed to be short and the player prepared to throw the jack again, but, before he could do so, time expired.

The question is: was the end deemed to be in progress when the jack was first thrown (i.e. the 'short' jack), or is the end considered to be in play only when a 'legal' jack is thrown?

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Herve Bavazzano likes this.



Mike Pegg No, the end has not started until a "valid" jack has been thrown
September 7, 2011 at 10:51pm · Like · 2



Michal Dzurik I agree that teams must play that end, even the jack was not thrown properly. anyway, at WC in Izmir it was played like: the new end started when the last boule from the previous end was played. so the end actually started, you can't say the end has not started. (OK, it's just playing with words)
September 8, 2011 at 1:57am · Like · 1



John Thatcher The end cannot have "Started" until a valid jack has been thrown.
September 8, 2011 at 4:53am · Like



Ross Woodward Just to throw a spanner in the works, has the end not started once the clock starts ticking for the player to throw the coche. If not then is it possible to penalise somebody for taking over a minute to throw the coche as technically you are saying that the end hasn't started and therefor the "one minute rule" surely cannot be applied.
September 8, 2011 at 6:46am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Ross,
You are subject to the rules of the competition as soon as you have registered - the competition starts immediately after the draw has been announced and the whistle has been sounded..... you have 1 minute in which to throw a valid jack.
September 8, 2011 at 8:14am · Like



Ross Woodward I get that Mike, but surely that also extends to the start of new ends. If it does then the end has surely started from the moment the clock has started for the one minute to throw the coche, not from the moment that coche has been declared a legal throw. If not then we are essentially saying that the throwing of the coche is part of the last previous end.
September 8, 2011 at 8:16am · Like



Mike Pegg No Ross
the throwing of the jack is TO START an end, not THE START of an end
September 8, 2011 at 8:26am · Like · 1



Ross Woodward Thanks Mike, I know it's semantics, but I actually enjoy all that sort of thing. Really good to have your thoughts on here. I guess we are actually saying that the process of starting an end is not a part of the end in itself. Thanks again.
September 8, 2011 at 8:30am · Like

Mike Pegg There are times when I understand why people take up solitaire....



September 8, 2011 at 8:33am · Like · 4



Peter Beresford Thanks Mike, and everyone! It wasn't a game I was involved in personally, but it actually made the difference between winning and losing at the time. It also led to a rather 'robust' 'discussion' afterwards!!

September 8, 2011 at 9:54am · Like



Mike Pegg and here to!

September 8, 2011 at 11:41pm · Like



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September 7, 2011

Hi Mike are bobbed coches now legal in this country?

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Mike Pegg You mean the resin or plastic jack.
In England our insurers advise us not to allow the resin jack in our events, so the answer is no - not in England

September 7, 2011 at 10:56pm · Like



Mike Pegg I believe the resin jack is not permitted at National events in Sweden

September 8, 2011 at 8:28am · Like



Magnus Halleen That is right it is forbidden in Sweden.

September 8, 2011 at 9:37am · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan So do in Malaysia and other parts of Asia.

September 8, 2011 at 10:33am · Like



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Lars Refn

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Christophe Chambers
September 7, 2011

Hi Mike— This question came up recently and I need some clarification:
In the french version (FIPJP) of the rules: Article 2 states "...The player's name and forename (or initials) may be engraved on them, as well as various logos, initials and acronyms, conforming to the manufacturer's specification". In the translated english version, the phrase has been translated to read: "... the player's name or initials may be engraved on them as well as various logos, initials and acronyms applied during manufacture."

Conforming to the manufacturer's specifications doesn't seem to mandate that the manufacturer be the one to engrave the name or logo. Could you shed some light on this discrepancy?

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Perrier Pierre likes this.



Mike Pegg Hi Christophe, What version of the rules (French) are you quoting, I ask because the version I worked with when we (international commission) were last discussing the rules it did not state "during manufacture"?
September 7, 2011 at 9:05am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers The french version does not state "during manufacture", simply "conforming to the manufacturer's specifications" I believe that these (french) rules are from October 2010. I have several versions of the translated english, all stating "translated and adapted for use by the FPUSA". In these rules, Article 2 now states "...applied DURING manufacture." To me this is a big difference.
September 7, 2011 at 9:13am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Christophe nor does the English version.....
September 7, 2011 at 9:18am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Just checked the French version and it states:
conformément au Cahier des Charges relatif à la fabrication des boules.

Which roughly translates to "conforms to the rule book relative to the manufacture of the boules"

So to be a little more accurate and correct in English I translated that to "Conforming to the Manufactures Specification" are you reading the correct English rule book?
September 7, 2011 at 9:18am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Hi Christophe, I think someone has given you an incorrect translation - our "Official" English version reads - They must not be lead or sand filled. As a general rule, the boules must not be tampered with in any way, nor altered or modified after machining by the approved manufacturer. Importantly, re-tempering of the boules in order to modify the hardness applied by the manufacturer is forbidden.
However, the player's name and forename (or initials) may be engraved on them, as well as various logos, initials and acronyms, conforming to the manufacturer's specification.

Send me a message with your email address and I will happily send you a copy
September 7, 2011 at 9:20am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers I only have the FPUSA versions. Could you send me a copy of other English translations? Perhaps there are "international" English translations...
September 7, 2011 at 9:21am · [Like](#)

Mike Pegg Hi Christophe - our messages crossed in the ether, send me a message with your email address



September 7, 2011 at 9:23am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers To put the question simply: Can one have one's initials engraved on his boules post-manufacture?

September 7, 2011 at 9:24am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Yes you can but it is no easy process, as we all know the boules are hardened.

I watched a guy engraving boules at a World Championship a few years back and although you could see the initials I was fairly sure that they would not last very long - I don't think it is possible to engrave the boule as deeply as they do during manufacture.

September 7, 2011 at 9:30am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers Hooray! I actually found someone who engraved my new ATX boules (purchased at Millau w/o engraving) and did a pretty decent job. However, some of my club mates cried foul, citing the FPUSA rulebook. I thought I was crazy...

September 7, 2011 at 9:36am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg LOL, I think they must be crazy to think that engraving the boules would be against the rules!

September 7, 2011 at 9:42am · [Like](#)



Christophe Chambers BTW— I found an english translation of my FIPJP rules, and it is written just as you stated. So it is the FPUSA translation which is wrong...

September 7, 2011 at 9:45am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Not so many years ago I sent an email to the FPUSA to explain they had the wrong version of the rules on their website.

Why don't they simply use the official English translation that was issued at the same time as the French translation...

September 7, 2011 at 9:50am · [Like](#) · 1



Christophe Chambers Thanks for the clarification Mike!

September 7, 2011 at 10:27am · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Happy to help, that's why I set this up...

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Noam Seifer

September 6, 2011

Thank you for adding me, It's certainly a great great idea to have that facebook group for questions about the rules !

Thank you ! and see you soon !

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Magnus Halleen

September 6, 2011

Thanks for adding me.

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Daniel Chalmers

September 5, 2011

How bad does the weather have to be to cancel/postpone a competition? At my club yesterday we had lots of standing water on the terrain and constant heavy rain. Can Petanque be played in those sorts of conditions? In the end most of my members decided they wanted to postpone the competition (I was desperate to carry on playing however) we were ment to be doing (club singles) so thats what happened. But what would have happened had the same scenario occurred at a much bigger and more important competition?

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Mike Pegg Hi Daniel, petanque is not really designed to be played in the rain or snow but unfortunately a lot of us don't live in the south of France!

The decision is normally left to the umpire who should consult with the organisers if it is raining very heavily and or the lanes are flooded.

In all my umpiring career (18 years) I have only had to completely stop 4 competitions.

It is not something we want to do so we do check the current situation, water on the ground, how much it is raining etc and if at all possible on the internet for the local weather. If it looks like it may brighten up we would delay play, just as they do the F1

September 5, 2011 at 5:07am · [Like](#)



Daniel Chalmers Thanks for your response Mike. In hindsight a F1 style rain delay would have been the best option as the worse of the weather did clear after an hour. But a few of my members didn't seem to have the patience to wait that long unfortunately (a few left immediately as the rain shower started). I will try and get people to give the weather more of a chance next time a similar scenario occurs (hopefully it won't).

September 5, 2011 at 5:38am · [Like](#)



Peter Bolin I must comment on this! In Sweden there is never bad weather - only bad clothing. We play in rain and snow! Only consideration is if the Jack is flowing on the terrain. Then we cancel those terrains!

September 5, 2011 at 1:07pm · [Like](#) · 4



Magnus Halleen Actually the final in the national trippel in Varberg was stopped due to heavy wind and thunder this year. This was lucky as just minutes after players left the field a flagpost blown down over the centercourt, noone was hurt.

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Michal Dzurik created a poll.

September 6, 2011

Can player during the game use (certified) boules of different diameter/weight/brand? Thanks a million.

Yes, it is OK! Trademark and the weight must be engraved on the boule.	+11
I think: not	+2

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Mike Pegg There is no rule stating the boules must be exactly the same. If you want to 1 Boule with striations and another plain, that is your choice. I have seen this but very rarely and I'm not so sure it gives you any advantage.

September 6, 2011 at 7:18am · Like



Karine Thornhill-Sennesal What about Article 10a ? Changing of jack or boule in Official Rules of the Game: Players are forbidden to change the jack or a boule during a game except in the following cases....

September 6, 2011 at 7:27am · Like · 1



Karine Thornhill-Sennesal At the next end the player concerned can take a new complete set. This seem to imply matching set as sold/bought - otherwise they would sell mixed set!!!

September 6, 2011 at 7:45am · Like · 1



Michal Dzurik thanks, mike. karine, that's exactly what my thinking was, but i didn't write it in my first question, as i didn't want to push mike to answer i would like to hear 😊 i have seen recently that player used different boules in doubles. reason stayed unclear to me.

September 6, 2011 at 8:37am · Like



Christophe Chambers It is allowed, but probably unwise...

September 6, 2011 at 8:54am · Like



Mike Pegg Hi Karine, you quote the rule then you add a word of your own - the rule: a complete new set - your word: matching!

By a complete new set the rule means 2 in Triples or 3 in Doubles/singles. It does not necessarily mean a matching set as they came out of the box.

Personally I prefer to use the same size and weight boule when I'm playing, but I'm not bothered if one or more has striations, (although I play with plain boule).

September 6, 2011 at 8:55am · Like



Mike Pegg Striations are a personal preference, they make very little difference (if any at all) to throwing or spinning the boules.

It comes down to how it feels when you throw them or maybe even how you think it feels!

September 6, 2011 at 8:59am · Like



Christophe Chambers And Article 10a states that a player MAY use a replacement set. The player may also continue to use the "mixed" set he/she used after the ball broke/was lost. Also, These are rules for replacing a ball during a game. There is nothing requiring each boule to be the same when starting a competition. Only the characteristics of the boules themselves.

September 6, 2011 at 9:01am · Like



Mike Pegg To clear up any misunderstanding - art 10 is actually saying (in simple terms)

It is forbidden to change the jack or a boule during a game with the exception of 2 cases.

1 - the jack or boule cannot be found after looking for it for 5 minutes max.

2 - The jack or boule is broken.

If the jack or boule is broken you must replace it after measuring, that means before the end is complete.

The diameter of the replacement must be identical or similar to the broken one.

At the start of the next end the player can now take a new set or they can continue to play with the replacement boules.

September 6, 2011 at 9:28am · Like



Ross Woodward I might try playing with 3 different patterns just to confuse my opponent when they are looking at the head, only problem is I would probably end up confusing myself and shooting my own boules. That said I do that even when I know which one is mine.

September 6, 2011 at 9:31am · Like · 4



Karine Thornhill-Sennesal If everyone started playing with different boules sets, even if same weight & diameter, would it not make it more confusing/difficult for referee? - same for other players in team & opponents (unless they were all engraved with player/owner's name) - although it is not specifically written in the Official Rules, there is a certain logic to play with matching set of boules (well french logic anyway)

September 6, 2011 at 10:01am · Like



John Booyah I can understand your logic Karine. I have only come across it one in a game of pairs where a player used one different boules - the reason being he'd lost one of the set and a friend gave him a replacement. As to confusing the referee/Umpire/players, you'll find that most experienced players can tell whose boules belongs to which team as they have been watching the end. Umpires don't care whose boules is who when called to measure, they just point out the result 😊

September 6, 2011 at 10:11am · Like



Alan Routledge Someone at the EPA pairs played with 2 plain and 1 striated, they said they wanted 2 plain to shoot with and 1 striated to point. makes no sense to me either

September 6, 2011 at 12:04pm · Like



Sheikh Ismail Silan

September 6, 2011

Tq Mike Pegg. I really appreciate for adding me in and creating this group.

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September 5, 2011

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Peter Bolin

September 5, 2011

Thank you Mike for accepting me as part of this group! Hope to see you soon and I hope you've recovered from all working hours during European Championchips in Gothenburg. Best regards Peter

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Raymond Ager
September 4, 2011

This is really one for the FAQ but it seems a common issue in many comps: should you erase the circle you've just played from and can smooth out the terrain between ends? A lot of players do both...

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Mike Pegg You can and should erase the circle just as you would pick up the resin circle but not before the points have been agreed.

As for smoothing out the lane or terrain between ends, the answer is no you shouldn't do this.

September 4, 2011 at 12:27pm · [Like](#)



Raymond Ager Many thanks for the prompt reply - how about the situation where a team throws the jack that lands near a circle on the terrain and they then want to erase that circle?

September 4, 2011 at 1:59pm · [Like](#)



Mike Pegg Too late, the teams should have removed the circle before throwing the jack...

September 4, 2011 at 2:14pm · [Like](#)



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Toni Tinkerbelle Gates
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Mikey this is a great idea, well done

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September 4, 2011

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Adam Ball

September 4, 2011

we have 4 man teams in triples,cah u have 3 man teams in pairs tournaments ?

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Mike Pegg Before 1998 the nations were allowed 2 teams each at the World Championships, but in 1997/98, in an effort to reduce the costs for the host nation the FIPJP decided to reduce the number of teams to 1 per nation. Shortly afterwards they introduced the 4th player giving more flexibility to the teams tactics and making the event even more interesting.

Soon after this most nations, if not all, adopted the rule to allow a 4th player in their Triples team.

The rule being that the team can change only a player once during a game, between 2 ends having notified the umpire.

There is no World Championship Doubles so it follows that there is no incentive for a change to the rules for Doubles

September 4, 2011 at 2:06am · Like



Adam Ball nice1 mike thanks

September 4, 2011 at 2:08am · Like



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September 4, 2011

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Daniel Chalmers

September 3, 2011

Is it legal to use a measuring wheel to see how far the coche has been thrown. Too many people at my club try to pace it out as they are too lazy to measure it with a tape (and normally ends up in an argument). So I came up with the idea that a measuring wheel would be a great idea to solve this problem. But would I be allowed to use a measuring wheel for this purpose in a competition?

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Mike Pegg no, is the simple answer - a measuring wheel is used for estimating distances, just the same as stepping out the distance. Neither are accurate enough to decide if the jack is the over 6 or under 10 metres from the circle.

September 4, 2011 at 12:50am · Like



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