

Heart of England Pétanque Association Changes in Rules 2011-2016

Article 3	Jacks must be between 10 and 18 grams. Painted jacks are authorised, but at no time must they be capable of being picked up with a magnet
Article 4	To be registered in a competition each player must present their licence, including a photograph or, a document proving their identity.
Article 6	The players are required to use the regulation circles provided by the organisers. They must also accept the regulation circles, 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 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.
	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.
	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.
Article 8	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.
Article 10	For not complying with the Displacement of Obstacles 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 24	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.
Article 27	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.
Article 32	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. 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.
Article 35	For non-observation of the rules of the game the players incur the following penalties: 1) Warning; a yellow card to the player at fault. However, a yellow card for exceeding the time limit will be imposed on the team. 2) Disqualification of the boule played or to be played; an orange card. 3) Exclusion of the responsible player for the game - a red card 4) Disqualification of the team responsible; 5) Disqualification of the two teams in case of complicity.
Article 39	Correct dress is required of the players, forbidden to play without a top and 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. Any player who does not observe these rules will be disqualified from the competition after a warning from the Umpire.