



Boules



Instructions

What's in the Box?

8 Boules (4 designs) or / 6 Boules (2 designs)
1 x Measure
1 x Wooden Jack

Object of the Game

Players throw the balls (boules) as close as possible to a small wooden ball (the cochonnet or jack), whilst trying to displace their rivals' boules to a further point.

The Pitch

Pétanque is traditionally played on a sun-baked clay pitch of about 12 metres in length. It is important that the surface used is not solid (such as a pavement or road).

Teams

Teams can be;

Singles: with 1 player on each side using 2,3, or 4 boules depending on your set
Doubles: with 2 players on each side, each using 2 or 3 boules depending on your set.
N.B. you will need 2 of our 6 boules sets for each doubles player to use 3 boules.

Players use boules with identical markings to distinguish their boules from their opponent's.

How to Play

Toss a coin to decide who goes first. The first player marks the throwing position by scratching a circle in the ground around them - done with a baguette (!) (not bread as you would think, as that would be a waste of good bread, but a stick - baguette is actually French for stick!) They throw the jack from the circle to land in the furthest third of the pitch but not within 1 metre of the boundary. If the jack does not land in an appropriate position, it must be thrown again until it does.

The first player then throws one boule from the same position toward the jack, aiming to get as close as possible. The opponent then steps into the circle and tries to place a boule closer to the jack than their rival, or to knock the opponent's boule away. You must throw within 1 minute of your turn starting. The boule nearest the jack is said to be "holding the point". The player / team that is not "holding" continue throwing until they place a boule closest to the jack, and so on. Players on the same team do not have to take alternate throws, but players must always play their own boules.

When a team / player has no more boules to be played, the players of the other team throw theirs and try to place them as close as possible to the jack.

One round of a game is called an end. The winner of an end becomes the first player of the next, starting from the finishing position of the jack in the previous end.

Scoring

In each end, the player / team with the closest boule to the jack wins. They score one point for each of their boules that are closer than the closest boule belonging to a rival (so score could be one only). The maximum score for a two player game during one end is four points (if all the boules of one team are closer to the jack than any of those belonging to opponents). A whole game is won by scoring 13 points (requiring at least four ends) or whatever total you choose to play to.



Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months.
Long cords - entanglement hazard.



Suitable for
2-4 players
Aged 6 and over

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 **ATTENZIONE!** Non adatto a bambini di età inferiore a 36 mesi. Corde lunghe - rischio di entanglement

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@theplayexperts our niece and daughter enjoying a game at a family wedding.



  
94 likes

loving the hi tower challenge
@theplayexperts - harder than it looks!



  
51 likes

The concentration on their faces!
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