

Simple Golf Croquet Rules

Croquet is an Irish invention which became a popular craze in the mid 19th Century. Golf Croquet is an alternative game that uses the croquet lawn and equipment. It has recently become a worldwide competitive game, and Ireland's Mark McInerney was World Golf Croquet Champion in 2011.

Enjoy your game of Golf Croquet today. Here are the rules of this easy-to-learn form of croquet, and a plan of the lawn:

Two teams of two balls each (Blue & Black *versus* Red & Yellow) contest each hoop.

The first ball to pass through the hoop (from the correct side, called the "playing side") scores a point for its team.

The game is best of thirteen hoops, so the first team to score seven, wins. You can also play best of seven (hoops 1-6, with hoop 4 backwards as a tie-break hoop 7).

The balls play from the starting area shown at the bottom right of the diagram, in the order shown on the peg in the centre of the lawn: Blue first, followed by Red, then Black, Yellow, and Blue again. The peg plays no other part in the game.

A ball that leaves the lawn is replaced at the edge.

You may hit other balls with your own, but you earn **no extra shots** for this or for scoring.

A ball has scored its hoop when it has cleared the playing side of the hoop. A ball coming from behind the hoop is in position to score only if it comes to rest clear of the back of the hoop (the "non-playing side").

You may not play ahead to the next hoop before the current hoop has been scored. If your ball goes more than half-way to the next hoop – except when it hits, or is hit by, an opponent ball – it is "off-side", and the opponent may choose that it be played from either of the penalty points at the side of the lawn.

A second game can be played using balls coloured green, pink, brown and white.

If you are interested in croquet, please contact the Croquet Association of Ireland: secretary@croquetireland.com

Golf Croquet Hoop Order

