



## OCEANIA UMPIRE COMMISSION

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On behalf of the Oceania umpire commission, I like to wish you and your family a happy and wonderful new year.

I intend to address a few points of the rules of the sport of petanque raised lately by umpires and players alike.

### **1) Art 6 - Start of play and rules regarding the circle**

The circle must be drawn (or placed) more than one metre from any obstacle and at least 1.50 metres from another throwing circle or jack in use.

**The measurement** in all cases is made from the inside edge of the circle to the inside edge of the other circle or the edge of the jack.

### **2) Art 6 - Player picking up the circle when there are boules still to be played**

A player and his/her team lose the right to play their boule (s) when they pick up the circle when there is boule (s) still to be played

Only their opponents are allowed to play their boules.

**The circle picked up must be replaced in its original position and the opponents must play their boule (s), in no case can they take the point (s) without playing their boule (s).**

### **3) Art 16 - Throwing of the first and following boules**

The first boule of an end is thrown by a player belonging to the team that has won the draw or has been the last to score. After that, it is the team that does not hold the point that plays.

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.

If after shooting or pointing no boules are left on the designated playing area, the arrangements concerning a dead end as defined in article 29 apply.

#### **4) 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 arrangements set out in the preceding paragraph apply.

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

**During a game** "If after shooting no boules are left on the designated playing area".

- a) The shooter or his/her teammates must play **another boule to gain the point.**
- b) If their boule goes out of play, it is up to their opponent to play and so alternatively until a team holds the point.

If the boule played goes out of bounds, it is for the opponent to play then alternately so long as there are no boules on the designated terrain.

**On behalf of the Oceania Umpire commission**

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