

THE BASICS OF CROQUET

There are two main versions, **GOLF CROQUET** and **ASSOCIATION CROQUET**.

Both are played on the same sized lawn – 35 yards by 28 yards or on half sized lawns. The six hoops are played in the order shown in the diagram but the games are totally different.

Croquet can be played as a singles game where each player has two balls, Blue and Black or Red and Yellow. In doubles, each pair has one of the four balls but in the same pairs.



GOLF CROQUET

This is the simpler version but still involves thought and planning and the need to hit the ball accurately with your mallet.

Each player hits his ball once, in the cycle – Blue, Red, Black, Yellow. The first ball to go through each hoop wins that hoop for its side and all balls then play for the next hoop from where they lie. The first side to score seven hoops wins the game.

A player has a number of options for each turn including - aiming for the hoop, taking position in front of the hoop, knocking the opponent's ball away or promoting his partner ball to a better position.

There is a little more to the rules and all can be easily explained when you visit us.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

This is a more strategic game with each player taking to the lawn to make a break as in Snooker. For each turn the player decides which of his balls to use as "the striker's ball" and this will be the only ball he can hit during that turn.

To keep the break going, this ball must either run a hoop and hence gain an extra stroke or hit one of the other three balls. Once the striker's ball has hit another ball, the striker's ball is placed touching that ball for a "Croquet" stroke. This is one of the exciting strokes in croquet where the player can angle the mallet to put topspin on his ball to place both balls in an advantageous position to help continue the break. Each ball may be hit once between each hoop.

The game is won by the first player to run all hoops and then to hit the peg with both balls.

This can be a complicated game to understand at first but quickly becomes addictive for the player seeking a strategic game allied to the physical skill to match that strategy.

Again, more details will be given when we demonstrate the sport during your visit.

