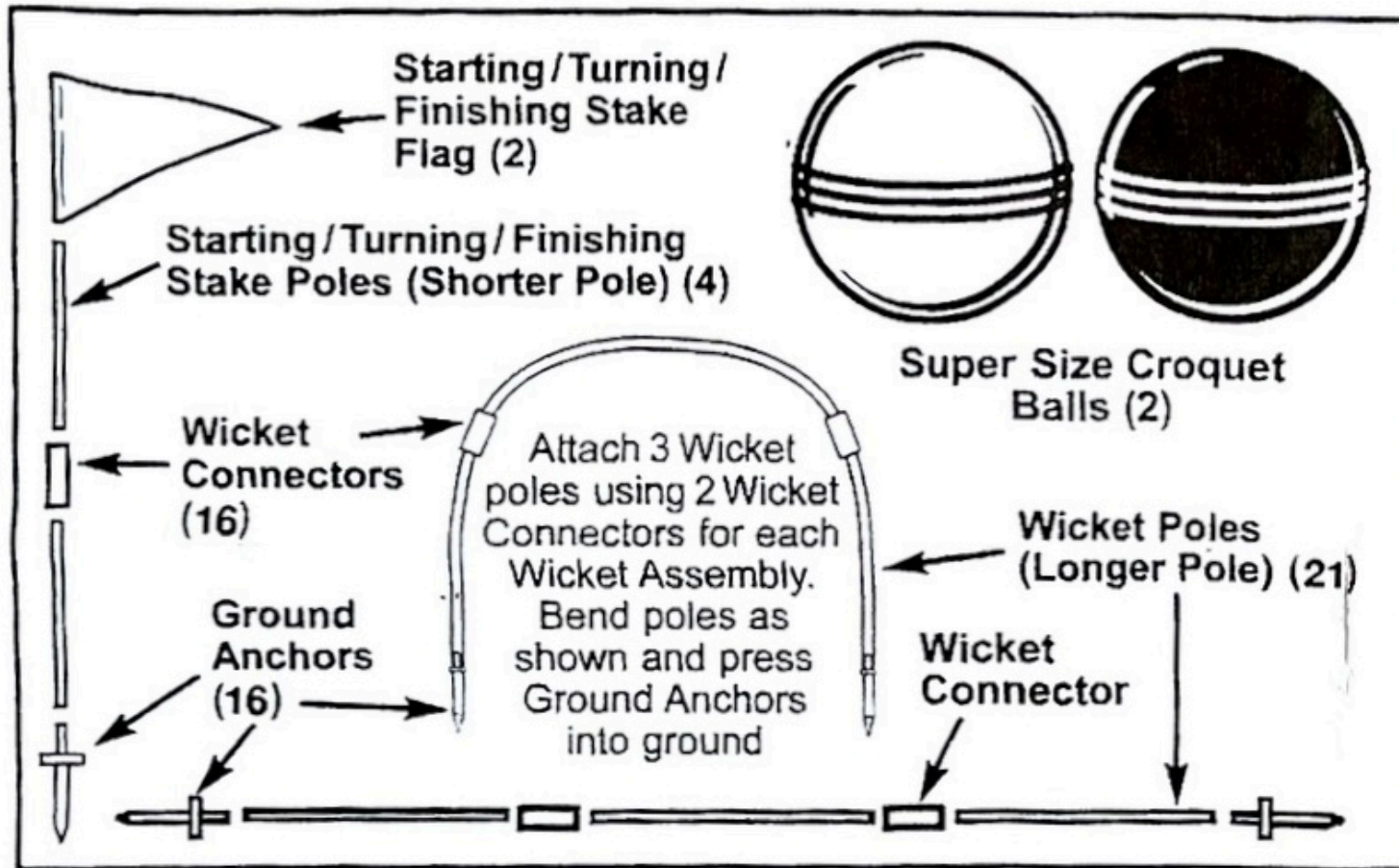


## Includes:

- ▷ 2 Finish flags
- ▷ 2 Finish flag poles (4 shorter poles)
- ▷ 7 Wickets (21 longer poles)
- ▷ 16 Wicket connectors
- ▷ 16 Ground anchors
- ▷ 2 Giant cloth-covered balls



# Kick Croquet *by HearthSong*

## **Court Layout:**

The Kick Croquet court can be configured to any size depending on available playing area.

The positioning of the Kick Croquet wickets and stakes is the same as in standard croquet, which consists of placing the wickets in an evenly-spaced diamond pattern, known as a figure-8. Set the distances between wickets and stakes at distances appropriate to the skill level of the players: a shorter distance works for beginners, and a longer distance offers greater challenge.

- ▷ Position each wicket and press one of the ground anchors firmly into the ground. Repeat this until all wickets and ground anchors are firmly anchored in the ground.
- ▷ Press the finish stakes and flags into the ground at both "starting" and "turning" positions.

## **To Play**

Objective: Kick a ball through every wicket, in order. Reverse direction and be the first to reach the finish flag!

## **Backyard Rules:**

- ▷ Determine which side goes first by using a coin toss!
- ▷ All balls start one-half the distance between the starting stake and the first wicket.
- ▷ Play progresses by kicking the ball through wickets 1 through 7 in order, and then hitting the turning flag stake. The ball is then reversed through wickets (7 through 1) in order. The game is completed by hitting the finishing stake with your ball.
- ▷ Each player's turn is complete when he/she does not kick the ball through a wicket, hits a turning stake, or hits the finishing stake.

## **Out of Bounds/Alternate Rules:**

- ▷ Before play begins, players must decide the distance between the wickets and the stakes and the total area of the course.
- ▷ The game can be played with or without "out-of-bounds" markers. To make the game more interesting, play the game without "out-of-bounds" markers. This will make it more challenging to kick the ball through the wicket if the ball lands further away from the wicket, which would otherwise be considered "out-of-bounds."

Only kick the giant cloth-covered balls when no person, animal, or child is in or near the vicinity of where the ball is being kicked. The ball should not be thrown at someone's face or head. This game must be played on soft ground only. Before play, check ground to make sure there are no holes in the course. Remove debris before setting up the wickets.