

How to Play

Pétanque is played with hollow metal balls (boules) and a small wooden ball called the “cochonnet” (literally “piglet” in French) or jack. The game can be played in teams of one, two, three or four people. Each player uses two or three boules.

Pétanque is not only a game of skill but also a social sport that embodies the spirit of leisure and camaraderie for any age or sex. Whether you’re a seasoned player or new to the game, pétanque is the perfect game to pair with a social gathering.

Begin the Game

The game begins with a coin toss. The winner chooses the starting location and draws a circle on the ground – approximately 14 to 20 inches – to be used as the throwing spot (known as the “pitch” or the “ring.”) The first player (from the team that won the toss) stands inside the circle and throws the cochonnet from the circle, keeping both feet planted firmly on the ground.

Objective

Each team takes turns throwing or rolling their boules with the goal of getting them as close as possible to the cochonnet. Players must stand within the circle and keep both feet on the ground while throwing.

Scoring

After all boules are thrown, the team with the boule closest to the cochonnet scores points. This team receives one point for each boule closer to the cochonnet than the closest boule of the opposing team. The first team to reach 13 points wins the game. A match consists of 3 games.

Rules

If a boule hits the end boards it is disqualified from scoring in that round. If the cochonnet hits the end board the whole round is void, with no score recorded for that round.

Tactics

Precision and strategy are key in pétanque. Players can choose to either place their boule close to the cochonnet or knock their opponents’ boules away to improve their own position.

Nash Pétanque Ladder Competition

<https://nashpetanque.leaguerepublic.com/index.html>

We have a singles ladder for individuals and a teams ladder for doubles.

You are free to enter either or both.

Register

Please register to access the ladders.

Then enter yourself, team or both into the ladders.

Once entered into the competition you can challenge anyone in the ladder as often as you like.

Enter Match Results

After completing a match please enter the result for the ladder to be updated and the standing altered to reflect the latest results.

Club Nights

Club nights are for anyone to come down and play with other members for enjoyment and practice but not for ladder Competition.

Club nights are held on a Wednesday evening from 7pm during the summer months i.e. May, June, July, August and September.

Awards will be given at the end of the season at a social event.