

COVID Secure and Altered Petanque Rules

1. If you are only going to play in 1 or 2 games instead of the usual 3 please tell me when you arrive.
2. **You MUST bring with you your Anti-bacterial wipes, spray and / or gel.**
3. On arrival ensure you respect the 2-metre rule with everyone as they arrive and only use the picnic table and the metal benches to store your belongings. If you touch the picnic table or metal benches with your hands you must wipe them and your hands with an anti-bacterial wipe.
4. You **MUST** sanitise your hands after you arrive at the piste and before the first game commences.
5. Feel free to wear a face covering if you wish.
6. The terrain is divided into 5 lanes (1-5) as indicated by the white markers but play will only be on lane 1, 3 & 5. We may also use the gravel circle near the tennis courts as an extra piste when needed.
7. A maximum of 18 to 24 players are allowed per session, divided into a maximum of 3 or 4 teams of up to 6 players in the 3 or 4 designated playing areas.
8. In all cases ensure social distancing of 2 Metres is adhered to at all times between piste lanes and also between your team members and any spectators.
9. Draw your throwing circle with your foot or personal stick (do not share sticks).
10. At least one member of each team to have and to throw their jack, move it and pick it up as required. Either you or another member of your team can throw the first Boule after the jack has been thrown.
11. If your team throws the jack out of the lane or to an illegal position then the person who threw the jack moves it to where the opposition want it or pick up your jack and then the opposition can place their own jack in a legal position.
12. If a Boule goes dead **DO NOT** pick it up, just move it out of the way with your foot.
13. The only scorers you can use are your own personal ones. If you do not have a scorer between you then you can borrow one but only one person can touch it and it must be sanitised before returning it.
14. If any measuring is required (try and keep this to a minimum) then the person with a tape does the measuring and does not pass the tape to anyone else.
15. When an end concludes only pick up **YOUR** Boules and move away, leave space for other people to pick up their Boules. The jack owner picks up their jack, **NO ONE** else touches the jack or another player's boules.
16. You **MUST** sanitise your hands between all games.
17. If you wear gloves you must use an anti-bacterial spray on your gloves or change your gloves between games.
18. The toilet and handwashing facilities are usually open.
19. When you have finished playing you **MUST** sanitise any borrowed equipment you are returning, then your own equipment before you put it away and finally sanitise your hands again before leaving the playing area.
20. Play well, keep your distance (currently 2 Metres or 1+Metres if unable to distance by 2 Metres), stay safe and enjoy the new normal Petanque.
21. If you have a modern mobile phone it might be a good idea to download the new NHS covid-19 track and trace app.
22. **If you have symptoms or have a positive covid test please let me know.**