



## Croquet • Frequently Asked Questions

### **Hours of Operation?**

Croquet is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10:00am until Dusk.

The entrance to croquet is currently via the back gate at the pool.

The pool bathrooms will be open for croquet players.

### **Where can I get croquet equipment? Does it cost a fee?**

Croquet equipment will be at the lawn. It will be made available when there are reserved courts.

There is no charge to use the equipment.

### **How do I reserve a court? How long are court reservations?**

All court reservations for regular play should be made through the Tennis Shop by calling **(251) 990-6395** or **Ext 6395** from any house phone.

Court reservations are for 90 minutes.

### **What type of croquet do we offer?**

6 Wicket Golf Croquet.

### **Who can teach me how to play croquet?**

We will have staff on site to get you on your way.

Private lessons for a fee are not currently available, but we will provide that information if/when we do provide that service.

### **When can we make reservations?**

Court reservations can be made 72 hours in advance.

### **Do I have to wear white?**

All white clothing is encouraged on the lawns, but golf attire is acceptable for casual play.

All white clothing will be required for organized events.

### **Can children play croquet?**

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

A limited stock of children's mallets is available.

## How do I play Golf Croquet?

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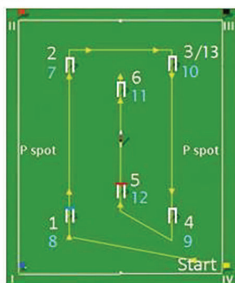
## Official USCA Primer

**Golf croquet** is easy to learn and great fun for both beginners and expert players alike. Use this game to introduce croquet to new members.

**Order of play:** Blue, Red, Black, Yellow (always played in this sequence). One shot per turn. Sequence of colors is on the peg. The order that the hoop points are scored is below.

**Singles:** Each player plays two balls, either Blue & Black or Red & Yellow.

**Doubles:** Player plays one color (if blue) and partner plays other team ball (then black) throughout the game.



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**How to score:** Only one of the four balls can earn each hoop's point for their team. Each hoop point is scored by only one ball, so that all four balls are always contesting the same hoop. A ball scores a point for its side by passing through the next hoop in sequence. If the striker's ball causes another ball to run the hoop, the point is counted for the side whose ball ran the hoop. If two balls pass through the hoop on the same stroke, the point is scored by the ball that was closest to the hoop at the start of the stroke.

**How to win:** The object is to be the first side to score seven points or be ahead when time is called. If tied at six all, hoop #3 is contested as the 13th point to break the tie.

Play is made by striking a ball with the face of a mallet. Turns are played in the sequence blue, red, black, yellow. Each turn consists of one, and only one, stroke.

The striker's ball may cause other balls to move and score points however, the striker's mallet may never strike any ball other than the striker's ball. The striker must play using the mallet face only.

**Starting the Game:** A coin toss allows the winner to choose colors. Starting with blue, each ball is played into the game from within a yard from corner 4.

**Out of Bounds:** A ball goes out of bounds as soon as any part of it lies over a boundary. When a ball goes out, it is placed just inside the boundary nearest to where it crossed the boundary.

**The Halfway Rule/Offside:** At the end of a turn where a point is scored, a ball more than halfway to the next hoop is offside, unless it reached its position on the stroke just played, or through contact with an opponent's ball, or was moved to a penalty spot. When you have an offside ball, your opponent can elect that your ball's next shot be played from one of the two P spots. The opponent chooses which spot.

Join the Croquet community of America to discover fun people, creative ideas and great places to visit to continue enjoying this wonderful activity for years to come.



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## Is Croquet included in the Resort Fee for Grand Hotel guests?

Yes, croquet is included in the amenity fee for guests.

Hotel transportation can be arranged for hotel guests, just like Tennis and Golf.

There is a fee for private groups.

## How do I reserve for a Private Group?

The Lakewood Recreation Manager coordinates croquet groups and the pricing is contingent upon the groups' needs.

## Is there a Lakewood Club Croquet Membership category?

No. Croquet is included in the membership for all members as an amenity.

Golf Croquet Rules are below and available on the Lakewood Club App.