



## GAME OVERVIEW

The rules of Croquet Golf are more like traditional golf than croquet. The portability of the mallets and equipment combined with the relatively low impact on the course (your property or local park) allow Croquet Golf to bring the fun of golf to your backyard. It is a challenging game designed for adults and their families with no greens fees! You get to design and adapt your own course to make it as tough and exciting as possible. All the unique qualities of a property should be used to enhance play.

## BASIC RULES

The objective of the game is to hit some part of the numbered flag pin marking the hole while taking as few swings (strokes) as possible. After each hole is completed all players drive the ball from the designated tee to the next hole. Players tee off one at a time with the lowest scoring person or team driving first. Players are given three shots per hole to remain even (Par 3 in golf). The players closest to even or below even have the best score. (ex: a nine hole croquet golf course would have a Par of 27 because each hole is a Par 3. A person with a score of 27 is even for the course). When keeping score the person or team with the lowest number of overall strokes wins. The most popular format is better ball partners.

Hitting designated hazards like trees, structures, walls and/or gardens with the ball have been deemed one stroke penalties on most courses to try to preserve the property. These hazards should be discussed ahead of time by the property owner and players. Once each player has hit the flag pin with their ball the hole is completed and players must announce their score and tee off for the next hole.

When teeing off, the ball must be placed no farther than one mallet length from the last flag or the course designer's appointed tee marker. If a ball hits another ball both players play from where the balls stop rolling. However, the ball that was hit has the option to play from about where it was struck originally. There are no penalties. If a ball is unplayable the player must take a stroke but may move the ball anywhere as long as it is no closer to the hole. If a ball stops within 2 inches of a hard object the player should move the ball one club head distance, about 7 inches, to protect the mallets.

Throwing a mallet is a one stroke penalty unless the course owner encourages such cavalier play. Mallets should last many years if used only to strike croquet golf balls. Small dents are normal and expected and don't affect play.

## FLAG-PIN

For play, twist the long screw into the earth/sand/snow until the large rectangle rests on the ground. Then pull up on the small rectangle, twist to form an X, and push down to lock in place. The entire cage (both rectangles) need to be secure.

## COURSE DESIGN

Courses generally have nine holes of play. When designing your course try to use any banking hills, water hazards, gates and interesting terrain to create realistic but challenging and fun croquet-golf holes. Croquet golf mallets are designed to hit the ball quite hard. The average hole on a good course is about thirty to forty yards. A croquet golf ball can roll eighty to one hundred yards if struck well depending on the terrain and surface. The most challenging courses are usually played on an acre or more but short courses are equally entertaining. Reasonably well groomed grounds where the croquet golf ball can roll are recommended. Concrete or driveways are not suggested for courses other than playing across them briefly as part of a longer hole.

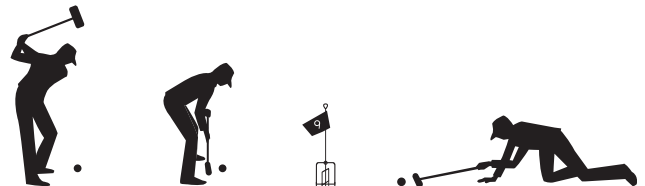
## SWING

The Croquet Golf swing is different depending on each shot. The most basic technique is the **Full Swing** which is much like a traditional golf swing. (10'-300').

The **Hammer Head** is a pendulum swing between the legs. The ends of the mallet head face your ankles and the ball is struck with the broad side of the mallet head. This technique is used for putting, very short distances, or downhill touch shots. (1'-25')

Note: The **Flying Dutchman** is a similar but less encouraged technique where the mallet head is parallel to the feet and the ball is struck with the round mallet face (sometimes called **Canadian** in honor of founder Ernie Rivet).

The **Pool Shot** putt is the most highly recommended putting technique because of the time tested accuracy. The player kneels or lies on the ground and strikes the ball with the bottom of the mallet while looking down the handle. The mallet head rests on the ground and the player slides the mallet as if striking a pool or billiards ball with the end.



*Croquet Golf was invented thursday July 17th, 1969 by Geordie Laird and Glen Dugdale in Ligonier, Pennsylvania the day after the Apollo 11 launch. The original equipment used was a standard croquet set but the mallets continued to break under the stress of hitting the ball hard. Back in Wilmington, Delaware, Geordie, a Boeing engineer, designed specialized rugged Croquet Golf mallets utilizing the best technology available. Ron Maroney, Glen Dugdale, Ernie Rivet and Randy Barton have played the game nearly every Sunday since 1969. Ernie and Ron eventually designed and built mallets similar to the ones we make today. George Scarlett, Bud Lee, Forrest Pragoff and Dick Dobbs have been legendary local players, known to play in snow, on ice, in sand and through neighborhoods. Setting the precedent for a true all season's gentleman's game.*

*Bill Dugdale, son of Glen and nephew of Geordie, grew up thinking everyone played Croquet Golf. In 2001 he started making custom sets for his friends. We hope this Nine Holes Anywhere set will start a tradition in your lives for many generations to come.*