



CROQUET USE OF LAWN POLICY

The Croquet Section plays Golf Croquet, primarily for recreational and social reasons. Though games may be played in a competitive spirit the friendly atmosphere of the Club is paramount.

1. Equipment

The Club provides mallets, hoops, balls and other necessary equipment for two four-ball games. Members wishing to play are responsible for collecting the necessary equipment from the shed and setting up. The shelter will be left tidy and all croquet equipment returned to the shed, and locked away safely, after every session. If used irrigation equipment must be locked away in the shed after use.

2. Play

Except for tournaments or arranged Club v Club matches, croquet will only be played during Club sessions designated by the Croquet Committee. Members will be willing at all times to play with any other member. There is no croquet dress code except for flat-soled shoes which will be worn at all times. However when playing matches against other clubs, particularly away matches, whites or near whites may need to be worn if agreed with the other club. Actions or hits that may damage the lawn shall be avoided, especially if the lawn is soft following heavy rain.

Accepting that tactical discussions are normal, during busy sessions players must endeavor to complete their game as promptly as possible. Usually we play two 4-ball games over 9 hoops. Longer games over 13 hoops are only appropriate when no-one is waiting to play. When 2 groups are playing to the same hoop normally the first game on the lawn will have priority and the second must mark and wait until the hoop is free; the objective is to complete one game quickly so as to get the next waiting group playing as soon as possible. When members are waiting, the next game(s) should be prepared and ready to start as soon as possible, the first named peg on the board being responsible. When choosing fours for the next game the organiser seeks to strike a reasonable balance between giving priority to peg order while recognising who has not played or has been waiting a long time.

3. New members

Potential new members may attend up to three Club sessions before being invited to join. Before joining they should be alerted to and be comfortable with the Club Rules and Club Policies.

4. Guests

Members may invite guests to play at club sessions. Guests, including ex-members, may ordinarily only play up to three times per year. Guests will pay a fee of £5 each time, which should be given to the treasurer or another committee member. For insurance purposes visitors and guests will sign the visitor's book. Guests must abide by the Croquet Use of Lawn Policy, guided by the inviting Member or a committee member present.

5. Miscellaneous

No children are allowed on the croquet lawn or surrounding area. Dogs are not permitted on the croquet lawn or surrounding area.

Authorised by: Club Committee

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