



LAWRENCE PARK LAWN BOWLING & CROQUET CLUB

USCA Croquet Rule Book References www.LawrencePark.Club
(2006 rules - green book)

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Blocks

Is a block if U have "any chance of scoring the wicket"

Block can be called on a hampered backswing, blocking on far side of wicket

Cannot block a ball on **consecutive** turns-penalty is deadness is removed **p41 r9.2b**

Croquet Shots

During a croquet shot the striker ball may hit the croqueted ball more than once **p48 r11.3a**

Out of Bounds

If a ball cannot be brought directly in from where it went out, the striker can place it in up to 9" in either direction from the ball but not in contact with another ball **p37 r8.3b**

If more than 1 ball needs 2B replaced, the striker decides which ball to replace first **p39 r8.3c**

Out of Turn **p46 r11.1**

1. Singles a player plays the wrong partner ball to start a turn
 2. Doubles, a player plays when it is partner or opponents turn
 3. Singles or doubles a player plays any ball during someone else's turn
- Balls R returned and there is NO penalty

Wrong Ball Played **p48 r11.2b**

1. Singles to start a turn the striker plays an opponents ball
 2. Doubles to start a turn the striker plays an opponents ball or partner ball
 3. Singles or doubles during a turn the striker switches balls
- Replace balls and turn ends

Roquets

After a roquet is made if the striker ball hits another ball It stays in its new position (new in green book) **p31 r6.2b**

Scoring a Wicket

Begin scoring a wicket when ball breaks the non-playing side, run when playing side cleared

Can run a wicket on a croquet stroke if striker is not breaking non-playing side **p25 r4.1**

Striker ball can hit a ball that is **beyond** the wicket that it is dead on when running a wicket as long as it scores the wicket **p27 r4.6**

Wires

If U call a wire and move that ball, once the ball is moved cannot clear that ball of deadness (**p35 r7.31a**)

Limit of Claims

A fault must be called before the next player plays (see rules p 40 r48a, r49 **p53 r12.1**)

Incorrect Information **p55 r11.7**

If a striker plays any shot or shots as the result of any incorrect information concerning the state of the game supplied by the opponent or referee, the striker shall have the right to replay. If the right to replay any shot or shots is not claimed before the first shot of thee opponent's turn, the right to replay the shot or shots shall be forfeited. This shall apply to the deadness board and the placement of clips provided the opponent or referee had confirmed the incorrect information verbally to the striker beforehand.

Board Keeper p56 r13.3a

...the referee shall not intervene unless asked by the players, except that the referee should, when it is observed:

1. correct improper clip placement
2. correct the misplacement of balls
3. make time announcements
4. forestall an unearned continuation shot after a striker runs a wrong wicket (otherwise when it is eventually discovered the balls are to be returned to this point)
5. correct the deadness board
6. forestall any out of turn play (have them go back & play the correct ball)
7. forestall a strike mistakenly striking a ball in the other game. If a striker does mistakenly strike, roquet or take croquet from a ball in the other game, the balls shall be replaced and the strike shall replay the shot (only in new rule book)

new in 2001 rule book CAN NOT FIND THIS IN GREEN BOOK IN BLUE BOOK **p55 r54d**

d) if a player hits a ball they are dead on, the deadness board should not be changed until the opponent has condoned the error. If a player asks why the board has not been changed the boardkeeper should then explain the fault, which occurred. For example if a player hits a ball they are dead on (or rover attempts to roquet a ball for the second time in a turn), takes croquet and goes through their next wicket the board should not be changed as the player is actually playing in error. If the opponent does not condone the fault everything goes back to the status when the fault occurred. If an official notices such an error taking place they should make a mental note of the status of the game so they can assist in replacing the balls and clips if the fault is not condoned by the opponent taking the first shot of their turn.

should announce 15 minutes & 1 minute and call match time **p61 r13.10a**

Clearing Deadness

If you put the opponent thru 1 back, you can clear deadness on one of your balls **p35 r7.3b**

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Hi Jane - good to hear from you.

The easiest way to figure out rover stuff is this:

- 1) rover can roquet all three balls once per turn.
- 2) once a rover roquets two or three balls it can go through any wicket in any direction to clear all but its last deadness.
- 3) it loses its last deadness once it roquets one of the two other balls
- 4) a rover can clear one ball deadness when oppo scores 1 back but it becomes last deadness. You can never clear last deadness with a 1 back clearing.
- 5) a rover gets a continuation shot after going through a wicket only when it was dead on two or three balls (assuming it didn't result in out of bounds play). IF THE ROVER HAS NO DEADNESS AND GOES THROUGH A WICKET, IT DOES NOT GET A CONTINUATION SHOT FOR HAVING DONE SO.

Croquet Lessons

USCA - No double taps when you are roqueting a ball, as soon as striker ball hits the object ball you are considered ball in hand

In the outgame, it is not in the published rule book yet, but the rule is that you can double tap, it actually written that it is a roquet (so you can double tap) but you do not get a croquet shot or continuation shot (Fred Jones told me this info, Feb 2016 at Audubon)

If a ball roquets the object ball and then the striker ball knocks another ball out of bounds, that does not end the turn (as you are ball in hand) **p31 r6.2b3**. If the striker ball hits the object ball and the object ball knocks another ball out of bounds, that ends the turn **p31 r6.2a2**.