



THE EAST ANGLIAN CROQUET FEDERATION

Rules of Doubles Speed Croquet

This is a timed version of Short Croquet (see the Laws Appendix 7). Those laws and the laws of handicap doubles play apply, subject to the following modifications:

1. **Handicaps.** Each side is entitled to a number of bisques, or is required to make a number of mandatory peels as given in the schedule of Bisques and Mandatory Peels below.
 - a. If both sides are entitled to bisques they receive the appropriate number as in full bisque handicap play. No bisques may be used by a side once they have run out of time.
 - b. In addition, each side containing a -2 or better handicap player shall have 10% (2½ minutes for a 25 minute game) deducted from its time allowance for each such player in the side, a similar time being added to its opponent's time allowance.
 - c. Similarly, a side without a -2 or better handicap player, but with a total CA handicap of -2 or below will forfeit 10% of its time, which will be added to its opponent's time allowance.
2. **Peels.** A player may not peel the partner's ball through more than two hoops.
3. **Mandatory Peels.** Either ball of a side may be peeled by its partner ball to count as a mandatory peel. When the number of mandatory peels outstanding is equal to the number of hoop points remaining to be scored by the side no point can be scored by running a hoop.

If an opponent's ball is peeled and the number of that side's mandatory peels is equal to the number of points remaining to be scored, then that side's outstanding mandatory peels are reduced by one for each peel made on his ball.
4. **Pegging Out.** Law 38 applies. If an adversary's rover ball is pegged out when that side has mandatory peels outstanding, all those peels are cancelled.
5. **Wiring Lift.** Law 13 applies as in normal Association Croquet (ie, wired from all balls, not just partner ball)
6. **Timing.** Each game will be allocated a specific time and each team has half that time. The clock for the team in play will be stopped when the striker and partner have quit the carpet at the end of the turn, having replaced all balls in their legal positions. The opponents' clock will be switched on at the same time. If an opponent comes on to the carpet before the team has left the carpet then the opponents' clock will be started and the strikers' will be stopped.
7. **Expiry of Time.** When Time is called the striker has, in that turn, one more shot, which may be a croquet, but with no continuation stroke. This condition applies to the second side as well as the first. For all subsequent turns of the first side to run out of time, only single ball shots are allowed (no roquets, no croquets). Hoop and peg points may be scored and lifts claimed. The striker's ball may score a hoop or peg point after ricocheting off another ball (since the striking of the other ball is not a roquet). A time limit of 10 seconds is placed on these single ball shots.
8. **Score.** If the score is level when both sides have run out of time the result is a draw. It may be appropriate to appoint a 'Referee in Charge' to monitor the end of tight games in critical situations.

9. **Baulks.** A and B baulks extend from corners 1 and 3, not to the centre-line but to a point on the North/South boundary level with the centre of hoops 1 and 3 respectively.
10. **Stopping the Clocks.** Timekeepers should stop the clocks only at the striker's request if the striker has to wait for a double-banked game, if a referee is called on, until he has adjudicated, or is ready for the stroke to be played. **Whilst clocks are stopped, players must not discuss tactics with a partner or adjust the position of balls. If this occurs, clocks may be started.**

Handicap arrangements

To arrive at your Bisque entitlement/Mandatory Peel requirement, add your CA Handicaps together, find the total in the Total CA Handicap column below and read off the number of bisques you are entitled to, or peels you are required to complete. Note that for the purposes of arriving at an Indoor Handicap only, a maximum CA Handicap of 18 shall be used even if the player has a higher handicap.

Total CA HANDICAP	BISQUES	PEELS
-2 & below		3*
-1½ to -½		3
0 to 1½		2
2 to 3½		1
4 to 5½	0	0
6 to 7½	½	
8 to 9½	1	
10 to 11½	1½	
12 to 13½	2	
14 to 16½	2½	
17 to 19½	3	
20 to 23	3½	
23½ to 27	4	
27½ to 30½	5	
31 to 33	6	
34 to 36	7	

* see law 1(c)

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