

FPUSA UMPIRE STUDY GUIDE 2013, PART 2: MEASURING GUIDE

The first part of the test is to measure boules in any or all of the following six situations.

Once this part of the test is completed successfully, the written test will be given.

Task 1: short measure with a tape



As with the stick measure, advance the tape carefully while it is held safely above the boule and cochonnet to be measured.

When close to the target length, lower the tape to the correct level and read and compare the small gap between the tape and the cochonnet.

Task 2: short measure with a sliding rule



The measure is extended in small increments while held above the cochonnet.

When close to the correct distance the measure is carefully lowered to the level of the boule and cochonnet.

The remaining small gap is then compared with that of the other boule in contention.

Task 3: long measure with a tape



Intermediate distances give you more room to operate but require no less care to avoid moving boule or cochonnet.

Task 4: short measure with calipers



For tight spots the calipers built into some measures will serve.

With one leg of the calipers lightly touching the boule gently swing the other leg towards the cochonnet.

Task 5: holding a ball in place by pushing dirt around it



If removing the neighboring boule for measuring is liable to cause the boule being measured to move, you can scoop a small amount of dirt or gravel under the boule to keep it in place.

The added material must be swept clear when play resumes.

Task 6: tapping a boule before removing to measure another



The boule to be temporarily moved receives a light tap from another boule directly on the top.

This creates a slight depression on the court surface which will easily allow the boule to be replaced exactly where it was originally.