

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What are you playing ?...

A. Petanque

Q. How do you pronounce that ?...

A. Peh - tonk

Q. What's a boule ?...

A. That's just French for ball

Q. What are you supposed to do ?...

A. Get your boule closer to the target ball than the other team's boules

Q. Do you take turns ?...

A. As long as your team is the closest, then it's up to the other team to play

Q. Who wins the game ?...

A. The first team to get thirteen points

Q. How do you count the points ?...

A. At the end of each round, every boule of yours that's closer to the jack than your opponent's closest boule counts as a point for you

Q. Are you allowed to move the little ball ?...

A. You bet. On purpose or by accident — either way it can change the whole game

Q. Is it O.K. to hit another player's boule ?...

A. That's when it really starts being fun!

Q. How can you tell the boules apart ?...

A. Once you've played a while, you see the differences — you develop an eye for them. Competition boules have serial numbers too, so no two sets are alike

Q. Isn't this a lot like Bocce-Ball or Lawn Bowling ?...

A. Yes, in many ways it is. An advantage is that Petanque doesn't need a special court or surface to play on. Also, the equipment is easier to carry around so you can play petanque practically anywhere — plus it's a faster moving game

Q. Isn't the equipment hard to come by ?...

A. Not any more. Now it's easy to get boules in the U.S.A. Order by phone or the internet and they'll be delivered to your door. A set of boules can last a lifetime. It would be hard to think of a sport that costs less to play than Petanque!

Get yourself some boules and find out for yourself how much fun it can be!

The equipment for Petanque is available in the U.S.A. from

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