

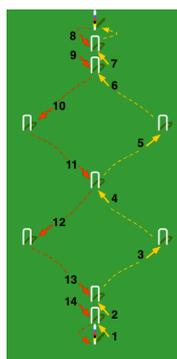
# The Croquet Club of Zurich

## Overview of the game

The nine wicket Croquet is also known to millions of Americans playing the game as backward Croquet. The objective of the game is to win, relieve stress and have fun enjoying the outdoors with your friends on a nice sunny afternoon! The nine wicket Croquet is naturally a less formal game than the six-wicket versions of the sport. Many variations are played.

The usual court is 30 m by 15 m. This can be scaled down or up to fit the available space and lawn characteristics. There are nine wickets, two stakes, and many coloured balls. Each player needs a mallet, although these can be shared and a coloured ball. The aim of the game is to manoeuvre the balls through the course of wickets and through the finishing wicket becoming poison and then killing all the remaining balls.

Play is made by striking a ball with a mallet. The player who is playing a turn is called the striker, and the ball in play for that turn is the striker ball. Turns are played in the sequence blue, red, black, yellow, and so on throughout the game. This sequence of colours is painted on the stakes. Each turn is initially one stroke, but extra strokes are earned when the striker ball hits another ball or scores a wicket point. By making good use of these extra strokes it is possible to score many points in one turn. The striker ball may cause other balls to move and score points. However, the striker must never strike any ball other than the striker ball. The mallet must contact the ball crisply and hitting the ball more than once during the stroke are not allowed. A ball scores a wicket point by passing through a wicket in the correct direction and sequence as shown below. The striker becomes poison by moving through wickets 14/1, 13/2 and finally 11/4, for a second time, raising the mallet victoriously in the air and saying the word "poison"!



When a poison ball hits another ball, that other ball is removed from the game. If a poison ball passes through any wicket, it is removed from the game. The object of the game is to be the last player with a ball still in the game, you have won the game!

Congratulations mate! Now you are ready to play nine wicket Croquet and we extend our invitation to you in joining us in a game of nine wicket croquet. Your attendance will be our honour!

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