



Guidelines for Resumption of Croquet in Ireland on 10/05/2021

1. Croquet is permitted to be played only in clubs with effective COVID-19 contact tracing systems in place (i.e. an amendable traceable lawn booking system).
2. Tournaments and competitive play are prohibited according to current government criteria.
3. Court equipment must be handled minimally (hoops, peg, flags, corner pegs, balls, clips) and unnecessary equipment dispensed with (e.g. Golf Croquet scoring clips). Where possible, retrieve and position balls with foot or mallet.
4. Disinfect equipment after use as appropriate. Disinfecting balls and clips is obligatory. Hand sanitizer should be used before and after games.
5. **Mallets must not be shared.** Players must only use their own croquet mallets, but may, by arrangement, borrow a mallet owned by another for their own exclusive use during the time of these restrictions. Do not touch another player's mallet.
6. **Players must not shake hands, and maintain 2m distance before, during or immediately after the game.** Players must be especially aware of this during play when balls may be positioned in close proximity and avoid crowding during alternating shots (e.g. the start of the game).
7. Doubles games of croquet are permitted provided distancing as per Guideline 8 is maintained.
8. Double-banked doubles games of croquet are permitted provided distancing as per Guideline 8 is maintained.
9. To decide "touching balls", whether a ball has scored a hoop, or the coin toss, both players must take turns to assess the situation, adhering to Guideline 8 (Distancing).
10. Spectators and Referees are not permitted.
11. Players must be cognizant of other competitors on adjacent lawns. Adhere to Guideline 8 (Distancing) at all times when nearing any shared boundary.
12. Any seating for outplayers should be individual and separated by 2m.
13. In doubles, the partner must stand aloof and may not give coaching or position the striker's ball for a croquet stroke.
14. These guidelines should be displayed at each lawn or court.
15. Enjoy your croquet safely, being always conscious of fellow players.