

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR INFORMAL CROQUET Keep this list in your croquet bag

Before leaving home

Check the programme for club sessions (2 lawns) and inter club matches (2 lawns) therefore spare lawns usually available

Arrange opponent or come to general play session/ practice

Check the weather

Bring KEY and personal equipment – flat shoes, waterproofs, hat etc (timer and handicap cards for mini leagues and formal competitions)

Before the game

Sign register

Agree with other users which lawn to play for best utilisation (e.g. use only 1 full lawn for 2 short lawn games) Double bank if all lawns full

Select wheelie bin to match lawn number/hoop colour and check contents esp. clips

Lock up the clubhouse when you are on the lawn

Put in hoops with care and set up lawn. If hoops are numbered they should be placed in the relevant position.

Do sensible warm up, toss up, start promptly – set timer

During the game

Play at a good pace, make your plans while sitting out, start your turn promptly

Play to the spirit of the game and to the rules (consult your opponent if in doubt)

If double banked, check the position of other players and balls before you play your shot.

Mark balls as agreed

Play positively, take risks, and stretch your skills

Try to ensure that you do not damage the lawn

Relax, enjoy it, and don't be too serious

Don't leave equipment or personal effects unattended on the lawn

During practice/coaching sessions

Be clear on your objectives and routines to practise

Aim for continuous improvement, maintain strengths, and improve weaknesses

Keep up good pace with plenty of variety

Give and take helpful advice

After the game/session

Thank your opponent and fellow players

Extract hoops with care – using the extractor tool if difficult

Check equipment complete (esp. clips) and put everything away in labelled places

If formal game, update your handicap card and record result on notice board

Discuss the game. Concentrate on learning points but avoid massive post mortems

Improve understanding of the laws

Lock up the clubhouse

General

Maintain a friendly sociable atmosphere, esp. with bowlers who share the clubhouse

Help others to enjoy the game and improve

Talk to spectators and other park users. Explain what is going on.

Use club coaches and mentors.