

Beginner Croquet Coaching: LESSON 2:

This lesson covers:

Roquet and Rush Take-off and leave-behind stroke (TO&L)
'Modified croquet' going round hoops using only take-off

REVISION:

The grip, the 5 "S's", going through hoops.

THE ROQUET:

A 'roquet' occurs when you strike the ball you are playing with so that it hits another ball. You can roquet any of the other three balls on the court, including your opponent's balls. When you roquet, you get two more turns – the 'croquet' shot, and the 'continuation' shot.

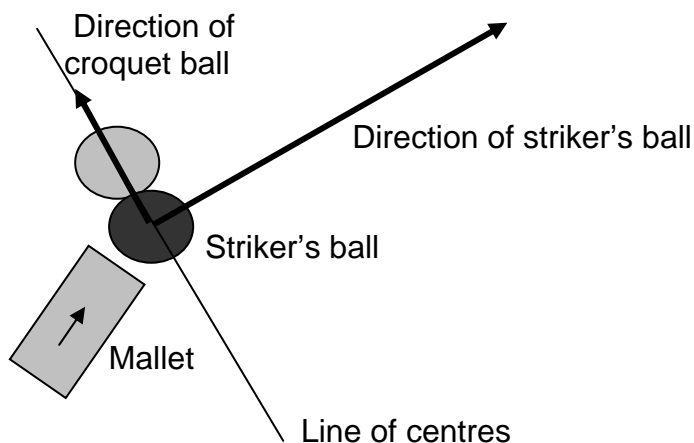
With the 'croquet' shot, you pick up the ball you are playing with – the 'striker's ball' – and place it next to the ball which it hit – the 'croquet ball'. Then you strike the 'striker's ball', making sure that the 'croquet ball' moves.

THE RUSH:

A rush is a roquet which knocks the 'croquet' ball to a particular place where you want it. It can be only a few centimetres, or right across the lawn.

THE TAKE-OFF AND LEAVE-BEHIND SHOT:

This is a 'croquet' shot. You strike the striker's ball to where you want, and move the roquet ball only slightly – i.e. 'leaving it behind'.



The direction of each ball is defined by how you line them up. The striker's ball goes along at right angles to the line of centres. The croquet ball goes along the line of centres.

SOME RULES OF CROQUET:

In croquet, you play with two balls against the two balls of your opponent. Blue and black play together, and red and yellow play together.

When you start a turn, you can select which of your two balls you want to play. You must then play with that ball until the end of your turn.

When your ball – the 'striker's ball' - hits another ball (a 'roquet') you get two more shots:

- the 'croquet' shot, when you place your ball next to the one it hit
- the continuation shot

You only get these extra shots once for each of the other balls in each turn. Thus, if you use blue to hit red, you get the croquet shot and the continuation shot. However, if you then use blue to hit red again, it does not count. The red ball is a 'dead' ball.

The other balls become 'live' again:

- if you run a hoop with the striker's ball
- at the start of the next turn

If you run a hoop, you get another shot.

You must remember the basic sequence of shots in croquet:

roquet – croquet – continuation
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