3. The striker may place their ball in contact with the opponent's ball, place their foot on their own ball and strike it to send the other ball in any direction while their own ball remains where it is. The striker then has another shot.

If the opponent's ball is hit out of bounds, it is to be placed on the edge of the court where it exited.

## WINNING THE GAME:

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The first team or player to successfully strike their ball through the figure 8 pattern and get their ball to hit the finishing post

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YardGames.com Croquet set is not a children's toy. Adult supervision is required for children playing this game.

Always observe the rules of safety. Do not stand near the area where the croquet balls are being hit. Never hit the balls until you are sure the area is clear of everyone first.

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## SET INCLUDES:



## 6 - Croquet Balls

6 - Croquet Mallets
2 - Wood Posts
9 - Wickets

## GAME SETUP:

Standard court pattern is shown below with the wickets pushed into the ground leaving enough space for balls to pass through. The court should be about 100 feet by 50 feet but can be


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Each player selects a color ball and the corresponding color mallet. Up to 6 players or teams can play. Each player must only use the striking end of the mallet when striking their ball.

## HOW TO PLAY:

The player with the closest birthday to today's date determines which team or player strikes first.

The first player hits their croquet ball from the starting post through the wickets in sequential order starting at the bottom of the figure 8 pattern shown previously. The goal is to hit your ball through the diamond pattern (wickets 1 through 7 sequentially), then hit the turning post and go back through the wickets $7,6,8$, $4,9,2,1$ in order and hit the finishing post.

After the first player or "striker" completes their first shot, their turn ends unless a bonus shot is earned by scoring a croquet wicket or post or by hitting another croquet ball.
To score a croquet wicket the ball must go all the way through the croquet wicket and stay out from underneath (it doesn't count if it rolls back through the wicket). To score a croquet post the ball must hit the turning post.
Play continues until there are no more bonus shots or until the player hits the finishing post.
If a player hits another player's ball, the striker has three options for their next shots:

1. The striker may take two bonus strokes from where their ball has come to rest.
2. The striker may place their ball one mallet head length away from the opponent's ball in any direction and then take their two bonus shots.
