



Guidelines for Resumption of Croquet in Ireland on 7th June 2021

1. Croquet clubs will be required to continue to maintain Covid 19 contact tracing systems in place (i.e. an amendable traceable lawn booking system).
2. Tournaments and competitive play are permitted from 7th June subject to strict guidelines
3. All Court equipment is permitted but 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 may be shared but hands and mallets should be sanitised between use.
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. Double-banking of singles and doubles games is permitted, but interactions between players of adjoining game must be limited by the 2m rule. When blocked by the other game, step off the court.
8. 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 the 2m rule.
9. Players must be cognisant of other competitors on adjacent lawns. Adhere to the 2m rule at all times when nearing any shared boundary.
10. Any seating for outplayers should be individual and separated by 2m.
11. In doubles, the partner must stand aloof and may not give coaching or position the striker’s ball for a croquet stroke.
12. These guidelines should be displayed at each lawn or court.
13. Enjoy your croquet safely, being always conscious of fellow players.