

Over the last year I have made some general observations about Playing, I will try to explain some in layman's terms as follows:

Unplayed Boules: are NOT to be left on the playing area that you are using as they are an unnecessary obstacle. These boules can prevent another boule from coming to a natural stop from games besides yours. Unplayed boules are also a trip hazard when left behind the playing circle. These unplayed boules should be carried or put in a dead boule area behind the circle being used when possible.

Obstacles: There is a misunderstanding about what they are. Basically an obstacle is something that prevents the arm to swing back fully and so a circle must be 1m from an obstacle for both standing and squatting positions.

Circles and dead Jacks: The circle should be made at the closest point of exit to where the Jack went out of play, ie against the string (provided that it is 1 meter from an obstacle and a legal length Jack can be thrown), unless the Jack was previously marked.

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