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Boule Control Procedure and Form

1. Who is permitted to control boules?

The umpire at the request of a player.

The umpire on his own initiative.

The delegate of a competition in the presence of the umpire (mandatory).

A member of a competition jury in the presence of the umpire (mandatory).

2. How is the player or team chosen?

- At the request of a player or a team made to the umpire before the end of the game and only between the same two. The umpire is obliged to carry out the check.
- At the umpire's initiative, if the umpire has proven suspicions about a player or a team.
- By drawing lots if the organiser has decided to carry out unannounced Boule checks.

3. How to collect the Boules on the playground?

- When the request comes from a player or a team, the umpire informs both teams of article 2 b of the Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque.

The umpire stops the game, picks up the boules of the player or team in question and proceeds to check them in the presence of the player(s) to whom the boules belong and a player of the requesting team.

During the check-up, the other players involved in the game wait on the terrain until the check is completed.

- When the request is at the initiative of the umpire, they announce the boules are to be checked, explaining why to the player or team concerned.

The umpire stops the game, picks up the boules of the player or team involved and checks in the presence of the player(s) to whom the boules belong. During the check, the other players wait on the terrain until the check is over.

- In the case of a check carried out at the initiative of the umpire, a delegate or a competition jury, the umpire and officials wait until the game has started. At the completion of the first end (as a general rule), the umpire, in the presence of the official(s), informs both teams that a check of the boules will be carried out.

If it is a competition where there is no delegate, one player from each team must be present at the control.

If it is a competition where there is a delegate or team captain, the presence of the person in charge of each team is obliged to be present during the control process.

4. How to check the Boules?

- The details of the boules are recorded on the Boule Control Form (appendix 1), making note of the serial number, weight, diameter, manufacturer's mark, date, time and place of control check, name of the player to whom the boules belong.
- If the request comes from a player, their name, licence number and address must also be recorded. In the event that the boules are opened and found to be correct, the person requesting the control check will have to refund a set of boules identical to those checked. No other compensation is permissible.

- c. The 5 possible checks:
- i. The boules are weighed with household scales.
 - ii. The boules are checked on a plate called a boulhonnête.
 - iii. The hardness of the boules is checked with a hardness tester.
 - iv. The boules can be checked in a radiology (scan) centre (gas filled boule).
 - v. Opening the boules (e.g. check for cotton and mercury).
- d. It is obvious that not every organiser has all of these devices at the competition venue, so you can proceed as follows.
- In relation to **i** and **ii** above, as a general rule these tools should be present on the site.
- For **iii** to **v** above, you will most certainly have to carry out these checks away from the competition as they require specialist equipment and a controlled environment.
- In case of serious doubt about the validity of the boules, but you can't prove it at the venue, you must retain the complete set of boules, placing them in a plastic bag, cardboard box or other container that can be sealed.
- At the time of sealing the container, it is imperative that the umpire and the player concerned sign a label indicating the time, place and date of the event, as well as the name of the umpire or the president of the competition jury or the official delegate of the competition and the player or team concerned.
- e. If you are checking the boules on the day, the presence of the player or team is compulsory.
 - f. If you check the boules the next day or following day and the player cannot be present (for professional or other reasons), the check must be done in the presence of two members of the committee where the boules were sealed.
 - g. On completion of the inspection a positive, or negative, report will be signed by one of the two committee members and the umpire. The report is then sent to the president of the committee for further action.



Boule Control Form

EVENT

Club

Regional

National

International

Event Title

Date of the Event

Date

Location of Control

Time of the Control

Time

Umpire

Name

Licence N°

Player/Team Information

Name

Name

Licence N°

Licence N°

Boule Make

Boule Make

Serial Number

Serial Number

Mark

Mark

Weight

Weight

Boule 1

Boule 1

Boule 2

Boule 2

Boule 3

Boule 3

Name

Name

Licence N°

Licence N°

Boule Make

Boule Make

Serial Number

Serial Number

Mark

Mark

Weight

Weight

Boule 1

Boule 1

Boule 2

Boule 2

Boule 3

Boule 3

Player requesting check

Name

Licence N°

Address

Positive or Negative

Test Result

Details of
Positive Test

Signature of the Player

Signature of the Delegate

Signature of the Umpire