



# World Crokinole Championship

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## 4. Official Crokinole Rules

All participants are encouraged to read these rules carefully

### 4.1. Playing guidelines

- 4.1.1. The object of the game is to shoot your disc attempting to knock your opponent's disc into the ditch or into a lower scoring position.
- 4.1.2. Disks are to be shot only with a finger unless participating in a game designated for use of cues. No finger guards may be used. During a shot only the shooting hand and associated arm can come into contact with the board or table. Players can not intentionally move the board, table or chair in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.
- 4.1.3. Contestants must initiate all their shots from between their quadrant lines and touching the outer ring. A disc may exceed the quadrant line of the contestant, but must remain touching the contestants quadrant line.
- 4.1.4. A shooting disk cannot be placed on the board until it is your turn. All shots must be initiated from a flat position. Once your hand is in a shooting position and the disc leaves your finger or Cue, a shot is judged to have taken place. Play progresses clockwise around the board.
- 4.1.5. A disc, that at any time, leaves the perimeter of the raised playing surface is deemed to be officially out of bounds and must remain in the ditch, until the end of the round.
- 4.1.6. A disc that stops on the playing surface and is touching the outer line, is deemed out of play, and must immediately be placed in the ditch.
- 4.1.7. Neither the board nor the chair of any player may be moved while the game is in progress, this includes no tipping of the chair. When a player is shooting, at least one portion of the posterior (the "one cheek rule") must be in contact with his/her chair. At no time may any part of the body, except the feet touch the floor. No other means of support is allowed while taking a shot.

### 4.1.8. Starting to play

- 4.1.8.1. Players take turns attempting valid shots shooting one disc per turn proceeding clockwise around the board. After each turn, 20's sunk will be removed and placed in a designated area visible to all players for scoring at the end of the round. A round ends when all players have shot the designated number of discs. First shot for each subsequent round will alternate between players/teams.
- 4.1.8.2. Before shooting, a player must wait until all motion of the discs from the previous turn has ceased.
- 4.1.8.3. Your non played discs are to be kept outside of the board on the corner of the table.
- 4.1.8.4. At the end of the round, the value of the discs on the board including 20's are totalled, before any discs may be moved. ( See Scoring)

### 4.1.9. A Valid Shot

- 4.1.9.1. **If any opposing discs are in play**, at least one of the shooter's discs must strike an opposing disc either directly or in combination, by bumping one of his discs already in play into an opposing disc.
- 4.1.9.2. **If there are no opposing discs in play**, then a player's shot must "**play to the middle**". This means at the end of this shot at least one of the player's discs involved in the shot must be at least touching the 15 line or remain inside the 15 circle, this would include a 20 in the center hole. This can be achieved by a direct shot, or in combination with discs already in play.
- 4.1.9.3. **If a valid shot is not made**, then the shooter's disc and all of the other discs of the same colour that were struck, including any 20's, shall be removed from play.

4.1.10. **Damage Rule** - An out of bounds disc that re-enters the playing surface must be removed from play. Any discs on the playing surface that were moved by the re-entering disc will remain in their new position, and any 20's made will count.

4.1.11. **The Spinning Disc Rule** - If a disc touches or crosses the outer line but does not leave the raised playing surface and returns under its own momentum to end up inside the outer line, it will be considered still in play.

### 4.2. Rules for tournament play

- 4.2.1. Players in the "cue" category must supply their own cue designed for crokinole and must shoot a disc only with their cue.
- 4.2.2. Only tournament organizers will apply quality granular shuffleboard wax. Wax will be placed in the ditch area so that players can rub their disc in the wax prior to shooting if they desire. Contestants are not allowed to apply lubricants of any type to the board. **Absolutely no other lubricant will be allowed.**
- 4.2.3. Contestants are not allowed to be coached by anyone in any way while a match is in progress. If coaching occurs the offending party will be warned, and if they persist the contestant receiving the coaching may be disqualified. (Doubles Players are allowed to talk to their partner during the game) Game time limits must still be observed.
- 4.2.4. Careless or deliberate contravention of the rules may result in the forfeiture of a round or a game and possible disqualification from the tournament. If any unusual situation not covered in these rules occurs, the head referee will make a ruling after reviewing it with players involved. In all cases the decision of the referee will be final.
- 4.2.5. Strict timing for the games must be observed. A horn will be used to begin and end play. If some discs have not been shot when the ending horn sounds they will remain non played. However if a player or team has had one less shot, they will be allowed to take one last shot immediately after the horn to even out number of shots taken. The round will be scored by the discs on the board at that time. Opposing player and referees will monitor players delaying the game.