

Aussie Rules Croquet - A Fun Version of Ricochet

1. Aussie Croquet, initially called Ricochet, was developed as a training game in South Australia. The flexibility of its rules suits it for COVID-19 challenges - it's a fun game with in-built social distance.
2. The Coach who invented it, John Riches, stresses its role as a training method; yet its popularity has grown and Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, ACT and America all have thriving tournaments or club matches.
3. As in Golf Croquet, an Aussie Rules Singles game plays Blue, Red, Black, and Yellow balls in that order; Blue and Black play Red and Yellow.
4. Each ball is started in turn by being hit from midway through its first hoop into the lawn.
5. All subsequent hoops are run "normally".
6. Once all balls are in play the striker can choose any one of his/her balls to play at the start of each turn.
7. Each turn is one shot unless bonus shots are gained.
8. The Striker ball earns bonus shots when:
 - a. it runs its next hoop in the right direction and order (One Bonus Shot)
 - b. When it hits any of the other balls (Two Bonus Shots)
 - c. Hitting any subsequent ball during the turn gives a further two bonus shots providing no object ball is hit more than once per turn.
9. Once the correct hoop is run all the balls become alive again.
10. After a hit the striker plays the two bonus shots from the position so achieved.
11. Bonus shots do not accumulate; rather, the aim is to build breaks from a sequence of bonuses.
12. Bonuses and Breaks make the game great fun
13. Each ball must run each hoop in the correct order and then hit the peg.
14. Each hoop and the peg score one point for that player.
15. The player with the most points after one hour precisely will be the winner.
16. When a player's turn ends they must immediately vacate the lawn and retire to their corner until their next turn.
17. A short game is to run hoops 1,2,3,4,5,6, and hit the peg with both balls (14 points)
18. Unlike the AC Code there is no croquet stroke.
19. Unlike the GC code, in "Aussie" croquet each ball must run each hoop.
20. If the striker ball goes out of bounds the turn ends.
21. Any balls hit out of bounds are measured to the yard line and played back into the game from there.
22. If no contact is made with the ball (an air shot) it is a stroke as in AC.