

Mastering Extra Turns:

A Tactical Guide to Handicap Golf Croquet

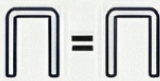


THE GOLDEN RULES

Calculating Extra Turns

Singles: Weaker player gets (Difference in Handicaps) turns.

Doubles: Compare Lower-Handicapped & Higher-Handicapped separately, divide each difference by two, round up.



Execution and Sequence

Take immediately after a regular turn with same ball.
Consecutive extra turns permitted.



Tactical Repositioning

Cannot score, but use extra turn to "jaws" a hoop or improve position for the next regular turn.

CAUTION
The Scoring Limitation

No hoop point can be scored for the striker's side during an extra turn.
Be careful: knocking an opponent's ball through a hoop scores for them.



TACTICS FOR TAKING EXTRA TURNS

Use Them or Lose Them

Never finish a game without using all your extra turns, do not hoard for final hoops.



The "First In" Strategy

Play toward first hoop and immediately use extra turn to position in front of it for immediate pressure.

Clearing and Promoting



Drive an opponent's ball toward a distant boundary or "promote" your partner ball into a scoring position.

Patience with Limited Turns



If only one or two turns, wait for a tie (3-3 or 4-4) or opportunity to secure two consecutive hoop points.

The "Hiding" Manoeuvre



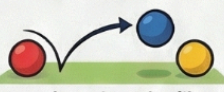
Hide your ball behind a hoop or centre peg, forcing opponent to waste turn.



TACTICS FOR GIVING AWAY EXTRA TURNS

Embrace Calculated Risks

Be prepared to take risks, like jump shots or going for longer hoops if falling behind.

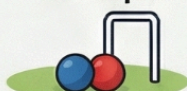


Capitalise on Errors

Opponent error percentage increases with high number of extra turns; remain positive and wait for openings.



The "Double Load" Technique



Double load as much as possible to force opponent to burn extra turns dealing with your positioning.

Deliberate Jawing



If opponent's balls are far or you lead, consider deliberately jawing when partner ball is in good position.

Approach Speed Control



When approaching from over six yards, use less speed to ensure ball stays near hoop rather than running long.