

**Canberra Croquet Club Inc
APPLICATION FOR INTRODUCTORY LESSONS**

This form is also available at www.canberracroquet.org.au/coaching. It may be returned by email.

Name(s) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(may include names of more than one person per household)</i></p>
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Address:		
Phone: (H)	(W)	(M)
Email:		

Agreement: I agree to pay the Canberra Croquet Club Inc, in advance, the sum of \$50 per person (full-time students \$25) for six 2-hour lessons in Golf and Association Croquet, payable at the first session. Payment may be made by bank transfer to Commonwealth Bank of Australia BSB 062 919 account 0090 8494 or cheque payable to "Canberra Croquet Club Inc" or cash to the coach. If using bank transfer put your name and 'coaching' in the transaction description. **The course is free if I subsequently join the club. My initial membership fee will be discounted by the amount paid for the course.**

Have you attended a Come & Try session at the Canberra Croquet Club? YES / NO

Have you other previous experience of playing Croquet? YES / NO

Signed	Date
<i>Please place me in the same group as:</i>	

<p>Availability: Courses are usually run on weekday and Saturday afternoons, Sundays or in the evenings during daylight savings time. To help us schedule you in a class please provide as much information as possible as to when you are available and times which are not possible for you. Also state when you could commence classes.</p>

Age group	
Under 16	
16-29	
30-39	
40-49	
50-59	
60-69	
70+	

Employment status	
Full time	
Part time	
Retired	
Student	

Anything else we should know? Physical constraints? Health issues?

Please return the form to the Canberra Croquet Club Coronation Drive, Yarralumla, ACT, 2602 or email it (unsigned is OK) to coaching@canberracroquet.org.au

Canberra Croquet Club Introductory Croquet Lessons

The Game of Croquet can be described as a cross between Snooker and Chess, played on a Bowling green. It is a challenging and exciting sport for people of all ages, requiring tactical ability, judgment and skill rather than strength and fast reflexes. Croquet can be enjoyed as a social recreation, or as a competitive sport at Club, State, National and International levels.

The games are played between two sides, either as singles or doubles each with two balls on each side. The Introductory Lessons provide the basics for playing two versions of the game: Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. Golf Croquet is simpler to learn and play, though the advanced tactics can be challenging. The aim is to make your ball the first ball to run each hoop while preventing your opponent from doing so. In Association Croquet the aim is to hit each of the two balls of your side through all of the twelve hoops, scoring one point per hoop, and then hit the peg for another point. The first side to score all 26 points wins the game. An Association game takes from one to three hours to complete depending on the skill of the players. In time-limited games the side with the highest points at the end of time wins. Golf Croquet games are much shorter. In addition many of our members also play the lightning-fast version called Gateball.

Introductory Lessons: The CCC offers a course of six 2-hour Introductory Lessons in Croquet, provided by volunteer members. Details of the course content can be found at [http://www.canberracroquet.org.au/coaching/index.html - introductory](http://www.canberracroquet.org.au/coaching/index.html-introductory).

The course introduces the basic skills of the game (such as swinging the mallet; single ball shots; the croquet shots – two balls played in the one shot) and a rudimentary appreciation of the tactics to be employed in the games.

As with many sports, you will not be able to pick up all the rules, complexities, and subtleties in these introductory lessons. But you will be in a position to start enjoying the challenge of the games.

If you have problems with certain aspects we encourage you to seek help from your Coach, and to work on them through practice and reading between lessons. Conversely, if you breeze through and display exceptional skills, your coach can introduce you to more complex situations.

Participants in the course receive a collection of Coaching Notes and a copy of the booklet “Beginning Croquet” by Chambers and Hall.

On completing the first lesson you are welcome to join the Club and play Golf Croquet. The subsequent lessons focus more on Association Croquet. While you are encouraged to complete the full course of Association Croquet lessons either immediately or later on, we do have many members who only play Golf Croquet. You will find that many members are happy to provide guidance and assistance to new members.

Equipment: The CCC provides all the equipment, and has a range of mallets that can be borrowed. The only dress stipulation is that you wear flat-soled shoes and shorts or slacks are preferred since the modern method is to play centre-style, swinging the mallet between the legs.

To join a class: If you are interested in learning more about Croquet, you should either come along to the Club for a Come ‘n Try Day, held on the 1st Sunday of each month, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm or you are welcome to contact us at trycroquet@canberracroquet.org.au to arrange a time to come along and be introduced to the game. Then please fill out the enrolment form (see below) and we will arrange for you to join a class.

Enrollment Form for Lessons: The application form can be downloaded (Word or PDF format) or obtained by contacting the club by phone (02) 6273 1030 or emailing the **Coaching Coordinator** coaching@canberracroquet.org.au. It may be returned by post or email. The form is at http://www.canberracroquet.org.au/coaching/Intro_Lessons_Application_Form.doc.

The cost of the six 2-hour Introductory Lessons (including booklets) is \$50 (full-time students \$25), payable in full at the first lesson. Payment may be made by bank transfer to Commonwealth Bank of Australia BSB 062 919 account 0090 8494 or cheque payable to “Canberra Croquet Club Inc” or cash to the coach. If using bank transfer please state your name and ‘coaching’ in the transaction description. **The course is free if you subsequently join the club.** Your initial membership fee will be discounted by the amount you paid for the course.

Further Resources: Reading books on Croquet is an excellent way to gain insight into what you are learning, and to get extra knowledge. It is an unfortunate fact that to a new player (and many established players as well) the "Rule Book" can appear incomprehensible. However, there are a number of very good publications that explain all aspects of the game. The ACT Library Service has a number of books at various branches. Better ones are: "The Australian Croquet Manual" (Sloane), "Croquet: The Skills of the Game" (Lamb), and "Croquet" (Solomon). Club members have access to the Club's library, containing many books and videos.

Joining the Club: During or after completing the course you are invited to attend the Club at our regular social club sessions and join the club. Members can access the Clubhouse at any time and practice or play private matches. Mallets can be borrowed if you decide not to buy your own, so the only cost is the annual membership fee.

The Club: The Canberra Croquet Club has been a part of the Canberra scenery for a long time. The Club was formed in 1928, and our Clubhouse built in 1931. We have 3 full-sized courts that are used for play all year round.

The Club has members across a wide range of ages and skill levels, including social players and NSW state team and National representatives, so you will find plenty of support no matter at what level you are playing the game.