



FPUSA SAFETY GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to promote a safe and enjoyable playing environment for everyone. All participants should be familiar with the rules for gameplay. Please refer to the [FIPJP's Official Rules for the Sport of Petanque](#) and the [FPUSA Tournament Regulations](#) for complete details.

- A basic first aid kit and a written protocol for calling 911, including directions to and the address of the courts, are required at all FPUSA events.
- Closed toed shoes are required for all players.
- Never cross the playing area during a game.
- Do not stand directly behind or in front of a player in the circle.
- Never stop a moving boule with any part of the body except the sole of the foot.
- Reasonable efforts should be made to reduce any gap between the playing surface and string lines in order to avoid creating any tripping hazards.
- Permanent or temporary boards should be placed at the end of the court to prevent boules from rolling into walkways.
- Boules on the ground that are not in play (e.g., dead boules or boules yet to be played) should be placed away from the circle and playing area. Do not place boules directly behind the circle.
- Do not throw boules or the jack until you've confirmed the area is clear and everyone is paying attention.
- Wait until the end of the mène (end) and confirmation from all players before walking onto the terrain to collect boules.
- Always be aware of boules and games on adjacent courts, especially when courts are close together or games are staggered. Avoid standing in the line of play of adjacent games, especially when players are shooting.
- Verbally alert others before taking a shot that might send boules flying in the direction of other players.
- Avoid playing in the dark or in areas with diminished lighting as it increases the risk of accidents and injuries.
- In hot weather, players should take regular breaks in the shade, stay hydrated, and know the [signs of heat-related illness](#).
- Consumption of alcohol or playing while impaired by drugs or alcohol during a tournament is prohibited. Smoking or vaping is allowed only in designated areas if available.

Clubs or the appropriate person such as the Tournament Director must complete an [Incident Report](#) for ALL INCIDENTS that result in bodily injury or property damage at an FPUSA event. The Incident Report must be submitted to the National Sport Director within 24 hours, nsd@usapetanque.org.