Types of Game

SINGLES

Two players play against each other, each having two, three or four bowls. The player to score 21 shots first is the winner. For competitions a marker is required. The marker would centre the Jack, keep the scorecard and usually carry out the measuring.

TWO WOOD SINGLES

Two players play against each other, each having two bowls. In the men's game the winner is the first player to score 21 shots.
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HANDICAPPED SINGLES

Two players play against each other, each with four bowls. Each player has a handicap score; the player with the lowest handicap subtracts his handicap score from his opponents handicap score to give the additional number of shots. The lower handicap player has to add these additional shots on to the 21 shots, to give the total shots he has to obtain to win the game. The higher handicap player has to reach 21 shots to win. For competitions a marker is required. The marker would centre the Jack, keep the scorecard and usually carry out the measuring.

PAIRS

There are two players to a team, a lead player and a skip each with four bowls for each player. The leads play first, playing alternatively followed by the skips playing alternatively. The winner is the Pair who has greater number of shots at the end of 21 ends.

TRIPLES

There are three players to a team, lead, number 2 and the skip. The leads play their bowls alternatively, and then the number 2's followed by the skips. Each player has three bowls and the team with the most shots at the end of 18 ends is the winner.

RINKS or FOURS

There are four players to a team, lead, number 2, number 3 and the skip. The leads play their bowls alternatively, and then the number 2's and number 3's followed by the skips. Each player has two bowls and the team with the most shots at the end of 21 ends is the winner.