

Petanque and *boule game* enthusiasts will finally have the mobile game they deserve, with the release of *Petanque Boule Fighters* for Symbian smartphones.

The first ever game of petanque for Symbian touchscreen phones, developed by Woody Games, will be available on Nokia OVI Store in November 2010.

A serious sport or just a game?

Petanque is a popular *boule game* in which metal balls must be thrown as close as possible to the jack (the single and much smaller wooden ball), a sport enjoyed by many people in France, and quite well known all over the world (as well as its numerous variants).

It is primarily a social and recreational sport that appeals to many for its ease of playing and simple rules, yet endless possibilities and room for tactical intricacies and mastery.

***Petanque Boule Fighters* combines this casual and laid back approach with the most competitive and technical aspects of the game.**

Innovative gameplay

Forget all you know about mobile phone games, *Petanque Boule Fighters* offers a unique experience that has more in common with an actual miniature game of petanque than a video game, using **a very innovative and totally intuitive system for throwing the boules**, giving a great sense of control to the player while preserving all the fun and excitement of the real game.

This system engages the player in a matter of seconds, with no learning curve; from there it is only a matter of fine tuning, most of all experimenting and finding your own technique, for there's no *proper* way to throw the *boule*, as long as it works for you.

Never has a mobile virtual game made you feel so much like you were actually playing a sport.

Point it or Shoot it?

That is the question, which can prove to be a tough one.

- **Pointing** is the regular way of throwing to place the boule in a tactical position, commonly achieved by lobbing it. The boule will then hit the ground and roll the remaining distance.
- **Shooting** is a hard throw of a boule at one of the opponent's boules in order to knock it out of play.

To answer the question, let us assume that one of the opponents' boules is blocking the way, right on the axis between you and the jack, should you point it, or shoot it? Shooting is always a gamble, risking a miss and seeing your boule going out of bounds, but hit it and you may have done the perfect *carreau* (knocking the opponent's boule out while leaving your boule at or very near the point of impact).

Both techniques—pointing and shooting—are perfectly rendered in *Petanque Boule Fighters*.

Some of the game features

- Innovative and intuitive controls making perfect use of the touchscreen capability.
- A bunch of funny and lovable cartoon style characters to look forward to challenge, each of them selected as opponent or controlled by the player.
- Three surfaces: backyard, lawn, and competition court.
- Different game modes: Training, Friendly game with hard borders, and Knockout Competition with boundary lines.
- Advanced AI, making decisions based on a comprehensive vision of the layout, bearing in mind that each character will play according to his own strengths and flaws.
- Possibility of having two or three human players compete against each other.
- Realistic physics.
- Original music score in the spirit of spaghetti westerns for a little extra feel-good factor...

Technical Features

First available in November 2010 on Nokia OVI Store.

Compatible with Symbian touchscreen devices: S60 5th edition (Nokia N97, 5800 XPress Music, X6, C6...) and Symbian^3 (Nokia N8...).

Recommended selling price: €2.49.

A free trial version will be available.

Languages: English

Developed by Woody Games.

About Woody Games

Woody Games, based in London, was set up by artist and designer Romain Macré in 2010, with the aim to create friendly, suitable for all, and innovative game concepts for mobile devices.

Woody Games has released its first game, Meteoric, available on Nokia OVI Store.

Screenshots of *Petanque Boule Fighters* can be found on [Woody Games](http://www.woodygames.co.uk) website.

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