

MÖLKKY ("mulk-ker")



Mölkky, a wooden lawn game, has its origins in the historical region of Päijät-Häme (Päijänne Tavastia) in Southern Finland. It has been played since the Middle Ages. Aim and a bit of luck are keys to success in this throwing game.



EQUIPMENT

Mölkky - A rounded wooden stick used to throw at the pins (Regulation size: diameter 55-60mm, length 220-230mm)

Pin - A rounded, numbered wooden playing piece with an angled top that must be knocked over by the mölkky (Regulation size: diameter 55-60mm, length at tallest point 150-160mm); Twelve pins are used in the game of mölkky

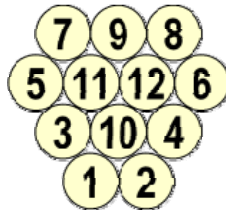
AIM OF THE GAME

The first player (or team of players) to score 50 points, without exceeding 50, wins.

Points are scored in the following manner: if one pin is knocked down, its numbered value is the score for that turn; if multiple pins are knocked down in one turn, the quantity of overturned pins shall be the score for that player's turn.

RULES

- A minimum of two players are required to play mölkky with no maximum number of players
- Set-up the pins in the following configuration, 10 feet behind the throwing line



- Draw to decide who throws first (in subsequent games, throwing order is determined by the results of the previous game; the player with the least points throws first and turns are taken in point-order (least to greatest) until the winner makes the last throw in the first round)
- The first player throws the mölkky and points are tallied (see "Aim of the Game" for scoring)
- Pins are placed upright in the exact location that they fell and next player throws the mölkky
- If a player's score exceeds 50 points, he/she is penalized and the score is reduced to 25
- Game is over immediately once a player scores exactly 50 points

TRICKY RULES

- If a pin is left leaning on the mölkky or another pin at the end of a turn, it may not be scored
- If a pin is left leaning on some other debris on the mölkky field, it may not be scored
- A player is disqualified if he/she scores zero in three consecutive turns

Massachusetts Mölkky Championships - June 20, 2009 in Rutland, MA
Mölkyn MM-Kisat (Mölkky World Championship Tournament) - August 29-30, 2009 in Lahti, Finland