

The Game of Molkky

Official Rules can be found at <https://www.molkky.world/molkky-rules>

Origins:

It's a Finnish yard game that's been around for hundreds of years.* It's kind of like bowling and pool.

How Many Can Play?

At least 2 can play, but you can play with lot more, but 6 is a pretty good number to keep the game moving at a good pace. Plus you can play in teams.

What Are the General Rules?

You have 12 pins with numbers on them. If you knock down more than one pin, you score the number of pins knocked down. If you knock down just one pin, you get the score on that pin. You have to score exactly 50 to win. If you go over, you go back to 25. If you miss three times in a row, you're out!

What You Need to Play?

12 pins (numbered from 1 to 12), Molkky throwing skittle, rules.

Setup:

The pins are placed in a formation (see picture 1). They are stacked tightly together.
For the first game, the throwing order is drawn. In following games, the throwing order is formed according to the previous game results from lowest to highest score. A throwing line is drawn about 4 metres away from the pin formation or a little over 13 feet.
Players take turns in scorekeeping (see "Ending the game").

Picture 1:

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  7  9  8
5 11 12 6
  3 10 4
    1  2
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How to play?

Beginning the game:

First player throws at the grouping and tries to knock over pins. Molkky is always thrown underhand.

Fallen pin:

A pin is NOT considered fallen if it is leaning on another pin or on the Molkky throwing skittle.

After a throw, fallen pins are put upright at the place where they fell.

Scoring:

If one pin falls, the score = the number on the pin. When more than one fall, the score = the number of fallen pins.

Ending the game:

If a player misses (has no score) three times in a row, he/she is out of game and acts as the scorekeeper. The game ends when the first player reaches exactly 50 points. If one scores over 50, that players score is lowered to 25.

Pieces Dimensions:

Pins -

Diameter - 55mm - 2.165 inches

Length to top of 45 degree - 150mm - 5.9 inches

Molkkyy -

Diameter - 55mm - 2.165 inches

Length - 225mm - 8.85 inches