

PILOTA VALENCIANA



Milena (From the school of Calles)

HISTORY

- No one knows for sure the origin of the game. It could be related to the medieval French “jeu de Paume”.
- It is similar to Irish game.
- It started in the streets of Valencia in the XIV s.

MODALITIES

- **Escala i corda:** We need a rope to divide the “trinquet = court ” into two parts. The ball should bounce over the rope.
- **Raspall:** It is played by professional players. It can be played in the “trinquet” or in the street. The name of this modality is because the ball should be hit at ground level
- **Galotxa and Galotxetes :** are two modalities played in the street. They use the walls and the floor as the court. Streets are long and narrow.

MATERIALS

- Depending on the modality, players will use a ball made with different materials.
- Young players start using a tennis ball. When they are adults they use a harder ball as in the photo.



- The glove is made by leather. It doesn't cover all the hand, just the area where the ball hits.



- In the modality of “raspall” people use these protections on their fingers, to cover their nails, not to hit the floor directly.



WHERE DO THEY PLAY?

- It could be played in a “trinquet” or in the streets:
- **Trinquet:** It is a rectangular enclosed between 40 and 65 m long and between 9 and 11 meters wide.



- **Street:** Traditionally, this game was played in a suitable street in the different towns.



CLOTHING

- Players should wear in red or blue, to differentiate the teams.



PUNCTUATION

- **Escala i corda:** Each game adds five points and who scores 60 wins.
- **Galotxa:** Each game adds five points and who scores 70 wins.
- **Galotxetes:** Each game adds one point and who scores 12 wins.
- **Raspall:** Each game adds five points and who scores 25 wins.

FAMOUS PLAYERS

- **First game:** 17/09/2010
- **Place:** Adarraaga (Logroño)
- **Position:** Forward



- **First game:** 25/06/2000
- **Place:** Astelena (Eibar)
- **Position:** Forward

