



Competition Rules 2021

1. APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of Pétanque England (PE) but for international squad selection for Men, Women and Veterans (CEP & FIPJP championships), members should also refer to the International Qualification and Selection 2021 document for all the details of that process. Where the term "national" is used in these rules it applies to England.

2. GENERAL

2.1 The number, dates, rules and venues of the events will be determined by Pétanque England Events Team and published in advance.

2.2 The Pétanque England Events Team will be responsible for the organisation of the competitions and will appoint an Organiser for each event.

2.3 The Chair of the Umpiring Commission will appoint a qualified Umpire for each event.

2.4 The Organiser of each event will be the representative of the PE Board and may, in the event of any dispute not covered by the rules, after consultation with the Umpire, appoint a Jury of at least three PE members. The decision of such a Jury will be final in the event of a dispute.

2.5 Regulations for play shall be the "Official Rules of the Sport of Pétanque" and any variations set out in these "Competition Rules" which complement them.

2.6 The Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament, PE Club Team Tournament and Champion of Champions (Doubles, Triples and Veterans) will be conducted under the published rules issued specifically for each event.

2.7 Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the PE Board.

2.8 Events held at venues that are commercial, such as public houses and sports clubs, may only allow food and drink purchased at the venue to be consumed. All players are to respect this and comply with venue regulations or may be subject to an immediate disqualification from the event.

2.9 These Competition Rules should be read in conjunction with the National League details (NationalLeague.pdf on the PE Website).

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 PE members holding a valid PE licence, are eligible to compete subject to the additional eligibility conditions. There are specific nationality requirements to compete in international Squad Selection Events

3.2 At registration the team of players, all dressed in appropriate kit (see article 8 below), must report to the outdoor Umpire station to ensure their team kit is in accordance with article 8 of these rules. Players do not need to show their license as this will have already been checked.

3.3 Players entering the Men's National Singles, Doubles and Triples Championship must be male or identify as male.

3.4 Players entering the Women's National Singles, Doubles and Triples Championship must be female or identify as female.

3.5 Players entering the Mixed Doubles Championship must be different genders.

3.6 Players entering the Mixed Triples Championship must include one player of a different gender to the other two.

3.7 Players entering the Veterans Doubles Championship must be aged 55 years or above in the year of the event.

3.8 In events allowing triples teams to consist of four players, a team may change no more than one player in a game and then only in accordance with the regulations covered in art. 2.5. No additional player to a team will be allowed after registration has closed.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 National competitions can only be entered in advance.

4.2 Entry forms must be completed with the team's contact details and all team player's names and PE licence numbers must be included.

4.3 Entries can only be made by the following means:

By Electronic Entry & Payment – via your membership account on the Pétanque England membership portal.

<https://app.loveadmin.com/Login/1C50F99173EA94B76A3C215CDCF9DC0A.htm>

Click on Events in the top menu and then select an event from the list by clicking on “more” and follow the on screen instructions.

The deadline for entries is midnight on the closing date.

4.4 At all competitions, teams will be given a number by which they will be known throughout the competition or series.

4.5 PE retains the right to refuse entry into any of its competitions.

4.6 National Titles and Open events will be restricted to entries in multiples of 4 so an application waiting list will be in effect. If the waiting list entries remains less than a multiple of four by the closing date, then these entries will be refunded their entry fee and will not be added to the main entry list.

4.7 Withdrawals and changes: a) Withdrawal; before the closing date, entry fee will be refunded; after the closing date, entry fee will be forfeit. b) Changes to personnel are permitted at any time up to the close of registration.

5. REGISTRATION and DRAW

5.1 Registration will open by 8.45 am and close promptly at 9.15 am (Unless Organisers state otherwise 48 hours before any Event).

5.2 At registration the required information will be posted so that it can be read without going inside. If the captain has a query they may attend the control table but must observe the Covid-19 rules for the indoor area.

5.3 Any player failing to produce a valid (see art. 3 Eligibility) PE licence will be fined £20 and may be refused entry to the event. The fine must be paid before play commences.

5.4 The draw will be made online prior to the event with the participation of an umpire.

5.5 Play will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the announcements.

6. FINANCIAL

6.1 Entry for each event is £15 per adult player, junior members no charge.

6.2 The prize for winning any championship title is £100 per person (minimum). The “pot” for each event will be the remaining entry fees for that competition, less a deduction for the competition organisation costs.;

6.3 The entry fees for the Home Nations Qualifier, less a percentage deduction as a contribution to competition organisation costs, will be divided equally among the top 8 sides to be used towards their travel and accommodation costs. However, the 2021 Home Nations has been cancelled.

6.4 Champion of Champions competitions that do not require the payment of an entry fee will not have a prize fund. If an entry fee is required by the Organisers, then prize money will be made available.

6.5 All competition prizes will be paid via electronic banking to each individual player. It is the responsibility of players to provide the details of their bank account to the PE Treasurer so that prize monies can be distributed.

7. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

7.1 The Organiser of the day, after consultation with the Umpire, has the right, subject to the number of entries, to alter the format of play, which may include timed games.

7.2 All National League Events will be run by the Poules and Knockout system. The poule stage will consist of two rounds to seed the team, based on their results, into the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Pewter KO stages. (There may be a need to change this format due to exceptional circumstances, but this will be notified before the event)

7.3 Timed games where required will be 1 hour plus 2 ends (except in the case of Squad Selection

Events, the Home Nations Qualifier and the National Triples where it will be 1 hour 15 minutes plus 2 ends). In the case of a tie after the 2 additional ends, the teams concerned will play one more end.

7.4 A lunch break may be held at the discretion of the Umpire and Organiser. In this case, the Umpire will blow a whistle to start the break, which will be for approximately 30 minutes. The end in progress must be completed, with no players allowed on the terrain during this break. The Umpire blowing a whistle will indicate re-start of play.

7.5 The Home Nations Championship Qualifier format will be a 5 round Swiss system to find the top 8 teams. Teams may be 4 player teams for this event. No event in 2021

7.6 Seeding

Where a poule based format is used in national competitions and Squad Selection Events, the organiser will apply a seeding system for the formation of the poules at the initial stages. Seeding will be based on consideration of previous performance of players and teams in recent comparable national competitions and/or by reference to current ranking positions. Seeding will also be applied to the knockout stages and will be based on performance in the poules. Seeding for the poules will be carried out by the Competition Organiser/Lead Member and one or more members of their team.

7.7 National League Points

The National League is a recognition table that is not linked to the PE squad selections/qualification for European (CEP) and World (FIPJP) championships representation.

For a win in the Poule stages 2 points

For each win in the main KO 7 points

For Each win in the Consolage 1 point

For all the detail on the National League tables please refer to the document "NationLeague-1.pdf" which can be found on the PE website under the rules menu item.

<https://www.petanque-england.uk/rules/>

8 STANDARDS

8.1 In all competitions, teams will be required to wear clean and smart matching tops. A "top" may be a shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt, fleece, jacket, blouson, jumper or any similar garment. "Matching" is defined as of the same colour and design.

To further clarify this rule, it is not necessary, for example, for a polo shirt to be the same colour as a jumper: polo shirts within the team must match and jumpers (if worn) must also match but not necessarily with the polo shirts. All tops must be matching at a point in time, for example if polo shirts and sweatshirts are not the same colour and design all players must be wearing the same garment. There is further clarification available in the document "Acceptable Kit in Pictures" which can be found on the PE website under the rules menu item. <https://www.petanque-england.uk/rules/>

8.2 Teams must wear bottoms – trousers, shorts, skirts – of the same colour. Jeans may be worn but not ripped jeans.

8.3 In the event of wet weather, waterproof tops may be worn and will not need to be matching. The organiser on the day, in conjunction with the umpire, has final say on whether the conditions are wet.

8.4 Teams must remain in matching kit all day, any team failing to comply with the standard of dress will not be allowed to play.

8.5 At all PE Competitions, drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by

participants is forbidden during play and actively discouraged during other times.

8.6 Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent during play.

8.7 COVID requirements are that each team has their own jack, scorer and measure for use in play and each player should have their "own" mask for indoor use. i.e. a player cannot borrow someone else's to go inside. Any player with symptoms or who resides in an area subject to Covid-19 restrictions must respect the safety of their fellows and not attend the event.

8.8 All teams and officials attending the event will have their contact details (email and mobile phone) submitted into the Track and Trace arrangements of the venue.

9 AUTHORITY

9.1 Where the competition is disrupted by teams or players being absent on the day or leaving before completing all their games, the umpire or organiser must make a report to the PE Board. A jury may be called to determine any appropriate change to the competition format as a result of the absence.

9.2 During any event, the Umpire and Organiser are responsible for the interpretation of these rules.

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