



2026

INTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & CHALLENGE

PROGRAMME

4th – 6th September

Sand Bay Holiday Village
Weston-Super-Mare

THE REGIONS

REPRESENTING FOR 2026



BY INVITATION:



WELCOME TO THE 2026 INTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & CHALLENGE

A warm welcome to all our participating members, families, and guests to the 2026 Petanque - England annual Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament being held here at Pontins Sand Bay Holiday Village, near to Weston-Super-Mare. This will be our second time that the venue management and staff have hosted our national tournament; it will, though, be a first time for the staff of our new operational service company ACF Events, in experiencing the unique atmosphere which is created at such a Petanque tournament, and whose staff will be on site to assist with any accommodation, day visit or transportation queries.

Accepting that when holding such a premier annual tournament, it always brings forth new challenges and issues, with last year's event being no exception. Therefore, as a result, a degree of enhancements and adjustments have been introduced to meet those issues, which you will notice throughout the weekend. The pre-tournament Team managers meeting will take place on Friday evening. Therefore, it is especially important that each region's manager or representative attend, to communicate any relevant adjustments and measures to their members and players.

The rationale of the annual tournament itself should never be forgotten, whether participating within a region squad, as a combined or junior team and all whilst enjoying the opportunity of social interaction with other regional members. As always, do give your support to our participating junior teams throughout the weekend and if playing nearby to them, do remember your members' Code of Conduct. Please remember to wear the issued coloured wristband during your stay or daily visit to gain entrance to the restaurant and facilities of the venue.

We are pleased to announce that we will have four official Umpires on duty. Do remember they are there to guide and enforce the tournament rules and to ensure that fair play and sportsmanship. Please respect their presence and decisions.

To be able to hold such tournaments requires a great amount of pre-planning, preparation, tournament control, and hard work, all with the involvement of the venue's management staff, ACF Events staff, PE personnel, Event and Regional volunteers. On behalf of our membership, thank you for all the work that you perform.

Finally, wishing you all good luck in your endeavours and that you enjoy the occasion.

COLIN

COLIN ROPER, PRESIDENT PETANQUE-ENGLAND.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE

FRIDAY

- 12 PM** Parking opens; guests can begin to arrive
No parking or general access on-site before this.
- 4 PM** Check-in open from - Location: Ballroom
- 6 - 9 PM** Dinner in the Restaurant
- 8 PM** Team Manager's Meeting at The Beach Bar
- 9 PM** Evening Presentation of the PE Titles Trophies
- 10 PM** Presentation to end; Music and Late Bar in Ballroom
The Queen Vic is open for Karaoke until 1 am

SATURDAY

- 6 - 8 AM** Breakfast in the Restaurant
For grab-and-go breakfast options - Location: Beach Bar
Practice game time available up until 8 AM
- 8 AM** Assemble on the Terrain for briefing
- 8:30 AM** Morning Competitions commence
- 12:45 - 2:45 PM** Lunch
- 2:30 PM** Afternoon Competitions commence
- 6:30 - 9 PM** Dinner in the Restaurant
- 8 PM** DJ to play music in the Ballroom
- 9 PM** Upfront and Casual to perform
- 11 PM** Music and Late Bar in Ballroom
The Queen Vic is open for Karaoke until 1 am

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE

SUNDAY

- 6:30 - 8:30 AM** Breakfast in the Restaurant
For grab-and-go breakfast options - Location: Beach Bar
Rose Garden Café is open 7 am – 5 pm
- 8:30 AM** Assemble on the Terrain for briefing
- 9 AM** Morning Competitions commence
- 12:45 - 2:45 PM** Lunch
- 2 PM** Afternoon Competitions commence
- 5:30 PM** Presentations in the Ballroom
(Juniors Raffle and Final Awards)
- 7 - 9 PM** Dinner in the Restaurant
- 7 PM** Music and Late Bar in Ballroom
The Queen Vic is open as a quiet bar then Karaoke from 11pm

MONDAY

- 7 - 9 AM** Breakfast in the Restaurant
- 10 AM** All guests to check out by

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- We all have a **duty of care** to our fellow players, supporters and staff, as well as to ourselves. This runs alongside a commitment to ensure that everyone here this weekend can enjoy a **safe and positive environment**. No one should ever have to worry about abuse, bullying or harassment.
- This weekend, **James Kendell from ACF**, who holds DBS clearance, will oversee Health & Safety and safeguarding during the event. Pontins maintains strict standards, and many PE officials and players are also DBS certified. **If you or anyone on your team has safeguarding concerns, please report them to your team manager.** They are required to inform the PE Control Centre. If the Control Centre is closed, reach out to an ACF staff member. Pippa Boardman, the PE Safeguarding Lead, is also available on site.
- Your team manager will attend a **health & safety briefing on Friday evening**, and you must obey the instructions they take away from that meeting.
- On the terrains, it is your **personal responsibility to observe all normal protocols fully**. You are used to the risk management controls applying in your own club environment, and it's imperative that you adapt and adopt them fully here. With so many more people and players in such close proximity, it is **critical to be aware of, and respect the safety of, all those around you** – not least when shooting. Boules are heavy!
- Please also **be aware of all the usual slip and trip hazards** – end boards, strings, bags, boules, etc. and **make sure your own property doesn't represent a hazard!** If an accident does occur, immediately alert your team manager so that appropriate action can be taken quickly. When the emergency is over, you must **record the incident in the report log maintained in the Control Centre**.

GAZEBOS

Players and spectators are not permitted to bring their own pop-ups or gazebos due to health and safety concerns.

FIRST AID

St John's Ambulance personnel will be present throughout playing hours. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with their locations – they are clearly marked on the site map and will be stationed in an ambulance for visibility and to provide a private examination space, if needed.

SMOKING

Please smoke within the designated area on the map.

SAFEGUARDING

We are all here to enjoy the Inter Regional Championships. Our teams, organisers, facilitators, and onlookers are equally entitled to respect and consideration. Petanque England are committed to ensuring that any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination or abuse will not be tolerated.

Please use appropriate language when in the presence of juniors.

USEFUL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

ACF will be on-site throughout the event to assist with any accommodation or booking queries, as well as assisting throughout the weekend. If you can't find a member of the ACF team, please head to the Control Room, who will be able to contact us.

OVERNIGHT ASSISTANCE

ACF will be available during the day and throughout the evening entertainment; however, the venue will be the best contact for any overnight queries. **Please refer to the venue's duty manager; their number will be on your keys** and can also be found on the map.

LOST PROPERTY

Please take any lost property to the **Control Room**, and the PE committee will be able to hold on to it. If they are closed, then please leave lost items with the venue's reception.

CHECK-IN

Check-in begins at 4 pm in The Ballroom, with guests checking in based on their region. Only the guests whose names are registered for the room will be able to collect their keys; they cannot be collected on a guest's behalf. From 6 pm, check-in will be done at Reception.

WRISTBANDS AND DAY PASSES

For those staying on-site, wristbands will be included in their check-in pack. Off-site passes will be given to region organisers to be distributed to avoid large queues. However, if region organisers aren't comfortable with this, then ACF can distribute them from reception. People will be let in on-site, park, and be directed to check in and collect their wristbands. Once they receive them, they will be asked to wear them at all times for security and insurance purposes. **Guests who fail to wear or show a wristband will be asked to leave.**

CONTROL ROOM

The Control Point is located in **CHALET 357**.

Regional Team Managers can register your scores as well as follow the competitions as they progress. The committee will be based there to answer any queries you may have.

Once again, you will be able to view the LIVE results as they come in from your phone!

Simply log on to the Pétanque England website, where they will be displayed as they are updated.

PHOTOGRAPHY

An ACF photographer will be on-site to capture promotional images for PE to use throughout the year. Please speak to a member of staff or directly with the photographer if you do not wish to be included.

MAP LOCATIONS

1 Reception

2 Main Venue

- Ballroom
- Queen Vic Bar
- Beach Bar
- Restaurant
- Cafe/Gift Shop
- TV Room
- Arcade
- Holiday Shop



3 The Rose Garden

4 Terrains

(ACF Parking Marshals)

5 Overnight Parking

6 Day Parking

7 Competition Control

Chalet 357

8 Swimming Pool

- Heated Pool
- Solarium
- Sauna
- Spa Bath
- Games Room

9 Ambulance/First Aid

DC Petanque
Stall

Overnight Parking 5

Terrains 4

7

The Rose Garden 3

Smoking
Area

9

2 Main Venue



1 Reception

Day Parking 6

Route to parking if
weather allows
(ACF Parking Marshals
to advise on the day)

ENTRANCE

143 - 147 141 - 142

A007
A008
A005
A006

A001
A002
A003
A004





Should you require any assistance during your stay, please contact:



RECEPTION: 01934 428200
DUTY MANAGER: 07787 381662

PLEASE BE AWARE THIS MAP IS NOT TO SCALE, SIZES & DISTANCES MAY VARY

SAND BAY HOSPITALITY

ENTERTAINMENT

The Ballroom is open every night with music and shows guaranteed to entertain.

Petanque presentations will be hosted by the PE President on Friday and Sunday, followed by music from the entertainment team on-site.

The Queen Vic Bar is open as a quiet bar until 11 pm, then hands over to late-night Karaoke!

Saturday Night's Headline Act:

Upfront and Casual  

BUFFET LUNCH

Jacket Potatoes: Tuna & Mayo,
Cheese / Beans or Chilli /
Veggie Chilli

Beef Burgers / Hot Dogs /
Chicken Burgers
Cheese Slices / Fried Onions /
Chips

Please book Lunch at the reception by 11 am on the day you would like to have lunch.

**Prepay at
reception
£11.95 per
day**

SERVED FROM 12:45 –
14:45 ON SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY

EAT IN OR TAKEAWAY

FOOD & DRINK

Breakfast and dinner are available for those who have bought an overnight pass or a day pass, including food.

Breakfast and Dinner service run at different times each day, so please check page 4 for this.

Menu's have been shared with regional organisers to forward to individuals, they will also be posted near the restaurant.

Grab and go breakfast will also be available at the Beach Bar.

Day Pass Meals

The Rose Garden Café is your go-to spot for light meals and snacks if you haven't paid for access to the buffet.

EVENT CONTACTS



COLIN ROPER
PE PRESIDENT



JOHN EDMONDSON
INTER-REGIONAL



GARETH SULLIVAN
PE UMPIRE



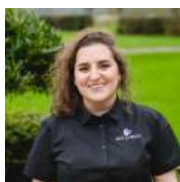
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SATURDAY

Time	Championship Division 1	Championship Division 2 and Challenge	Junior Championship
08.00	Assemble	Assemble	Assemble
08.30	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1
09.45	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2
11.00	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3
12.15	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4
LUNCH			
14.30	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5
15.45	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6
17.00	Round 7		

SUNDAY

Time	Championship Division 1	Championship Division 2 and Challenge	Junior Championship
08.30	Assemble	Assemble	Assemble
09.00	Round 8	Round 7	Round 7
10.15	Round 9	Round 8	Round 8
11.30	Round 10	Round 9	Round 9
LUNCH			
14.00	Round 11	Round 10	Round 10
15.15	Round 12	Round 11	Round 11

Presentations - 17.30*

**Subject to time of last results*

ROLL OF HONOUR

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 1

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Kent
2024	Lowestoft	Chiltern
2023	Lowestoft	Chiltern
2022	Lowestoft	Chiltern
2021	Melton Mowbray	London

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Welsh PA
2024	Lowestoft	Yorkshire
2023	Lowestoft	Isle of Wight
2022	Lowestoft	Eastern
2021	Melton Mowbray	Great Western

DIVISION 1 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Heart of England
2024	Lowestoft	Southern
2023	Lowestoft	Kent
2022	Lowestoft	Southern

ROLL OF HONOUR

CHALLENGE

DIVISION 1

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Chiltern
2024	Lowestoft	Welsh PA
2023	Lowestoft	Chiltern
2022	Lowestoft	Anglia
2021	Melton Mowbray	London

CHALLENGE

DIVISION 2

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Southern
2024	Lowestoft	Scottish PA
2023	Lowestoft	Eastern
2022	Lowestoft	Mercia
2021	Melton Mowbray	Welsh PA

DIVISION 2

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
2025	Sand Bay	Heart of England 2

These are the winners from recent years. You can find the full list of winners dating all the way back to 1984 on the website:

[Inter-Regional
Results](#)

PE OFFICIALS

National President	Colin Roper
National Treasurer	Cary Bush
National Secretary	
National Administrator	Richard Stevens
PE Board Chairman	Mike Head
PE Board Member	Pippa Boardman
PE Board Member	Claire Geddes
PE Board Member	Mark Bell

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Chair Umpires Commission	Mike Pegg
Chair Coaching Commission	Colin Roper
Inter-Regional Chair	John Edmondson

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ACF EVENTS

MORE THAN JUST TEAM BUILDING

ACF Events is one of the UK's leading event management companies with over 30 years of experience running thousands of fantastic corporate events all over the UK.

We specialise in team building, activity days, psychometrics, company fun days and evening entertainment with a flexible approach to event planning.

As a fully mobile company, we have venue partners all over the UK who can provide the perfect setting for your event, whether it's a company festival for 6000 or a team booster day for 10.



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SUGGESTION FORM:

We are looking forward to continuing to work with you over the next few years, and we would love to hear your feedback throughout the weekend on ideas to improve this event for next year!

A full feedback form will be released following this event, but we wanted to provide a forum for any ideas or comments that can help us improve as and when they arise, which will be addressed by the Petanque team.

These suggestions will be read after the event, so please speak to Petanque / ACF staff directly if you have a query about this year's event that we can look into for you.

An email address is required to fill out this form.



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