



PÉTANQUE ENGLAND JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

NEWS

#3 March 2026

Our selection group had the second training day on the 7th March 2026. We had an amazing team of volunteers to help supporting our Juniors.



Left to Right; Kevin, Jeremy, John E, Micheal, Matt, John G, Drew, Steve, Jane, Jason.



Our Juniors made the most of the experience within the group, asked plenty of great questions, and really developed their game. Everyone had a fantastic day.

Paul kindly lent us his amazing barn as a venue, and we presented him with some new scoreboards as a thank you for his support. We covered a range of pointing skills and shooting skills, as well as discussing tactics.

Other news: Entries for **all** Junior National competitions will be through **Sport80** this year.



Our team is getting the system ready for the seasons entries and upcoming renewals for all members. There is a newly created Sport80 support-book to aid all those common questions.



The FiPJP announced last month that they had confirmed the rescheduling of the World Championships for Juniors. This decision also affected the European Championships organised by the CEP.

In short, Juniors will now compete in the World Championships in July, followed by the European Championships in October—both this year and, hopefully, next year as well

Which is an amazing opportunity for our juniors.

EVENTS

Currently events planned.

- 18th April – Squad coaching session (invite only)
- 19th April – Open Triples at Bordon PC. (all Juniors welcome)

Junior Triples – 9th May, Whitnash PC

Generation Game – 17th May, Whitnash PC

Junior Doubles – 13th June, Cricklade

Junior Singles and Shooting – 27th June, Leicester PC

Junior coaching days for **all juniors**

Southern based – 16th May

Midlands based – 11th July

Adult Junior competition – 18th July,

Our **Skill Awards programme** continues to be widely used and remains an important part of junior development. A **huge thank you** goes to our sponsor, **Samuel Jacks Teamwear**, for their ongoing support.

Full details of the Skill Awards system are available on our website.



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TEAMWEAR

**Pétanque England,
National Junior Triples competition.**

Entries on Sport80, closing date 4th May 2026

Matching team tops required
PE Licence required

9th May 2026

Registration : 9:15-9:45
First boule: 10:00

Whitnash Petanque Club
Heathcote Rd, Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2NF

For more information or team support contact :
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Or find us on Facebook : @PEJuniors

We are hoping to welcome **as many Juniors as possible** to our coaching day on **16th May**, which will be held in the **Southern region**. This is a fantastic opportunity for young players to develop their skills, gain confidence, and enjoy a full day of pétanque alongside others their age.

We are asking **all club coaches** to help spread the word: please encourage your junior players to come along, get involved, and make new friends within the wider junior community. Days like this are a brilliant way for young players to learn from one another and feel part of something bigger.

To help us plan the session effectively, **please email us if you or any of your Juniors will be attending**. Knowing numbers in advance allows us to organise coaching groups, activities, and resources so everyone has a great experience.

Club coaches are very welcome to stay for the day, not only to support their players but also to see the coaching in action, share ideas, and be part of the wider development programme.

If you need **any additional information**, or have questions about the day, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help and look forward to seeing lots of Juniors taking part.

COACHING & TIPS

Stance & Stability

Keep your feet still and steady, just like you're standing on a surfboard. Keep them firmly planted. If you're squat-pointing, make sure you're stable—you can keep one foot firmly on the ground until your core muscles are supporting you properly.

Try to keep your body calm and quiet when you throw the boule. Moving too much can make your shot go wonky. Girls might find it helpful to think about their hips—sometimes having one foot slightly in front of the other can help you stay balanced.



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