



2020 National Playing Programme

1. Senior Men's and Women's National Playing Programme 2020

1.1 The following national competitions will form the PE National Rankings:

- **Doubles Rankings - 8th May 2020 (Worthing);**
- **Triples Rankings - 9th May 2020 (Worthing);**
- **Singles Rankings - 10th May 2020 (Worthing);**
- **National Singles – 23rd May 2020 (Gravesend) – finds PE National Singles Champions (Men & Women);**
- **National Doubles – 24th May 2020 (Gravesend) – finds PE National Doubles Champions (Men and Women);**
- **National Triples – 21st June 2020 (Oxshott) - finds PE National Triples Champions (Men and Women)**

1.2 Underlying principles of Men's and Women's National Playing Programme 2020:

- The 2020 international selections for the FIPJP Men's Triples World Championships (July 16-19, Lausanne, Switzerland), the CEP Women's Triples European Championships (June 4-7, Torrelavega, Spain) will be made from the respective 2019/20 Men's and Women's Squads;
- The selections for the CEP Singles/Doubles (Men and Women)/Mixed Doubles (October 1-4, Riga, Latvia) will be made from the respective 2020/21 Men's and Women's Squads;
- The 2020/21 Men's and Women's Squads will comprise the top 6 ranked players in the 2020 National Rankings which will be known on 21st June, 2020;
- The top 6 ranked Male and Female players in the 2019 National Rankings will be invited to represent PE at the Maaseik International Tournament, Belgium held between 7-9 August, 2020;
- All six competitions listed under 1.1 count;

- Singles, doubles and triples have two competitions each, testing players across all formats equally;
- The Worthing weekend is an Open organised by PE's Southern Counties Region and contains non-gender separate competitions and includes non-PE members. Ranking points will only be won by players on the following basis:
 - Players must compete in single gender teams in the Doubles and Triples;
 - Players must play with other PE members only; and
 - Finishing position by gender category of eligible players in the respective tournaments will determine the allocation of points.
- The 2019/20 Squad members in the respective gender categories will play with fellow Squad members only in the Rankings competitions. Otherwise there is no restriction on who plays with who in any competition. Triples teams can only enter as a three;
- Allocation of rankings points same as used in 2019 (and described in the 2020 National Competition Rules); and
- Playing format in the National Singles, Doubles and Triples competitions will be dependent on entries but default approach will be the same as used in 2019 (poules/knockout). Continued use of seedings at the poule stages in all tournaments as set out in the 2020 National Competition Rules but restricted to only one seed per poule (unless number of entries demand larger poules).

2. Veterans (+55) Playing Programme 2020

2.1 The aggregate results (and ranking points achieved by individual players) in the following national competitions will form the National Veterans Rankings 2020:

- **Veterans Triples Rankings 1 – Sunday 29th March (Lincoln);**
- **Veterans Triples Rankings 2 – Saturday June 27th (Bath);** and
- **National Veterans Triples – Saturday June 28th (Bath)** - the winners of this event will be the PE Veterans' National Triples Champions 2020.

2.2 There is no CEP Veterans European Championship in 2020, the next will be in 2021. Both the 2020 and 2021 Rankings will be used to select the team. The top three players in the aggregated rankings will be invited to represent England and a fourth player will be selected from the players ranked 4 to 6. The 2020 Rankings will also be used for selection purposes for other Veteran events which take place in 2020 and 2021.

2.3 Underlying principles of Veterans playing programme:

- PE members that will be 55 years of age or over in either 2020 or 2021 can play in both the 2020 and 2021 Rankings competitions;
- Three separate triples competitions on different days with teams being restricted to playing as a three. No restriction on who plays with who in any of the three competitions;
- The format of these competitions will be decided once final entries are confirmed for each one, but default position will be poules/knockout;
- Seeding of poules will be based on the 2019 & 2020 ranking positions. Seeding will be restricted to only one seed per poule (unless number of entries demand larger poules). Knockout will be seeded depending on the results of the poules;
- Points will be allocated in the same way as the National Rankings and this will identify the top ranked players;
- The Top 3 ranked players will be invited to represent England at the CEP Veterans Championship;
- The fourth player in the team will be the subject of a selection recommendation made by the Lead Member and subject to NPP review; and
- Consultation by the Lead Member will be undertaken with the Top 3 ranked players in reaching a recommendation.

NOTE

This National Playing Programme is a summary of the approach being followed to assist PE members. It should be read in conjunction with the 2020 National Playing Rules and National Selection Criteria (both documents available on the PE website) which all players competing in PE National Competitions are recommended to review before participation.

Any queries regarding the programme should be directed in the first instance to vp@englishpetanque.org.uk