



Competition Rules 2020

1. APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of Pétanque England (PE). 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 the PE Board and published in advance.

2.2 The PE Board will be responsible for the organisation of the competitions and will appoint an Organiser for each event.

2.3 The Chair of the Umpires 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 International Rules of the Game of Pétanque" and any variations set out in these "Competition Rules".

2.6 The Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament, PE Club Team Tournament and Champion of Champions (Doubles, Triples and Over 55's) 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 Playing Programme 2020 which gives further details on the National Rankings and the national representation.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 PE members holding a valid PE licence, are eligible to compete subject to the additional eligibility conditions.

3.2 At registration the team of players, all dressed in appropriate kit (see para 9.1 below), must present either a PE licence with photograph attached or a PE licence and government issued photo ID (photo



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driving licence or passport).

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

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

3.5 Players entering the Women's National Doubles Championship must be female or identify as female.

3.6 Players entering the Men's National Doubles Championship must be male or identify as male.

3.7 Players entering the Men's National Rankings Tournaments must be male or identify as male.

3.8 Players entering the Women's National Rankings Tournaments must be female or identify as female.

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

3.10 Players entering the Over 55's Doubles Championship must be aged 55 years or above in the year of the event.

3.11 Players entering the Veterans Ranking triples events must be aged 55 years or above in the year of the Championship.

3.12 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.

3.13 Players competing to represent PE in international events must be eligible to represent England according to the relevant CEP/FIPJP rules, be able to travel, have a valid passport, and be available to play. Players may be required to produce evidence of eligibility, nationality and age to PE officials at any time. Further information on the CEP/FIPJP rules can be obtained from the Chair of the National Performance Panel if required.

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. This is the preferred entry method.

<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



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competition or series.

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

4.6 Withdrawals and changes. Withdrawal; before the closing date, entry fee will be refunded; after the closing date, entry fee will be forfeit. 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.

5.2 All players will register, as a team, at the control desk by handing in their PE licence. Only players who have properly registered in this way by the close of registration will be permitted to take part in the competition.

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 take place in the presence of the Umpire.

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

6. FINANCIAL

6.1 Entry for each event is £10 per adult player, junior members no charge.

6.2 The prize "pot" for each event on each of the competition days will be the entry fees for that competition, less a percentage deduction as a contribution to competition organisation costs, and will be split evenly across both genders.

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.

6.4 The entry fees for the National Titles events (singles, doubles and mixed doubles, triples over 55 doubles, veterans triples) will be paid out, less a percentage deduction as a contribution to competition organisation costs, across all levels of competition due to the generally high numbers of entrants. The exact split will depend on the number of entrants and number of "plate" competitions.

6.5 There will be no prizes for Ranking Events outside of the National Titles.

6.6 As the various Champion of Champions competitions do not require the payment of an entry fee there is no prize fund.

6.7 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 event Organiser 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 The following competitions will be played with timed games as indicated
National Titles – Doubles (men, women and mixed) – poule rounds
Veterans' Triples – poule rounds
Home Nations Qualifier - all rounds (Swiss System)

7.3 Timed games will be 1 hour plus 2 ends (except in the case of the Home Nations Qualifier and the National Triples where it will be 1 hour 15 minutes plus 2 ends). If there is a tie at the end of the 2nd extra end an additional scoring end will be played.

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 (Men's & Women's) National Singles, Doubles, Triples, Mixed Doubles, Veterans Triples and Over 55's Doubles format will be, subject to the number of entries, League and Knock Out and may include a Plate competition.

7.6 The Men's & Women's National Rankings Tournaments will consist of 6 competitions in 2020. Points will be awarded for the final position at each tournament and all results from these competitions will count as the individual's overall ranking score.

7.7 The 6 Ranking Tournaments are:

- 8 May SCPA Doubles
- 9 May SCPA Triples
- 10 May SCPA Singles
- 23 May PE National Singles Championship (Men and Women)
- 24 May PE National Doubles Championship (Men and Women)
- 21 June PE National Triples Championship (Men and Women)

7.8 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.

7.9 The Veterans' Triples tournaments are:

- 29 March
- 27 June
- 28 June

7.10 In the case of the Triples(Rankings) and Veterans competitions only, teams can only play as a 3.

7.11 Seeding

Where a poule based format is used in national competitions, 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



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performance in the poules. Seeding for the poules will be carried out by the Chair of the Performance Panel in conjunction with the Competition Organiser.

7.12 Ranking Points

The top 16 places in ranking competitions will qualify for ranking points.

In the case of League and knockout format the allocation will be;-

Winner	30 pts	Losing Quarter	8 pts
Runner up	24 pts	Losing top 16	4 pts
Losing Semi	16 pts		

In the case of a fully ranked event such as shooting or Swiss the allocation will be

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	30	9	10
2	24	10	9
3	22	11	8
4	20	12	7
5	18	13	6
6	16	14	5
7	14	15	4
8	12	16	3

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”

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 All players are to wear enclosed footwear.

8.5 Any team failing to comply with the standard of dress will not be allowed to play.

8.6 All team members must report to the organiser of the day as a team for confirmation they are in matching kit at the start of play. Teams must remain in matching kit all day.



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8.7 At all PE Competitions, drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by participants is forbidden during play and actively discouraged during other times.

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

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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