



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

2.7 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 PE members holding a valid 2020 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 8.1 below), must visit the outdoor Umpire station so they can be made aware that players are in appropriate team kit. Players do not need to show their license as this will have already been checked to reduce the risk of infection from paper handling.

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.



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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 Mixed Doubles Championship must be different genders.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 National competitions can only be entered in advance and may be capped if venue limit is reached.

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

4.5 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 8:45am and close promptly at 9:15am.

A one off exception has been made for the 2020 National Singles which will open registration by 9:30am and close promptly at 10:00am. This has been made to allow Organisers and Players to get adjusted to the new COVID 19 Guidelines.

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 while observing the Covid-19 rules for the indoor area.

5.3 Any player failing to produce a valid proof of identity when requested will be fined £20 and may be excluded from the event.

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

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

6. FINANCIAL



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

6.2 The entry fees for the National Titles events (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) will be paid out, less a deduction to cover competition organisation costs.

6.3 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 If the Organisers deem that Timed games are necessary then the Timed games will be 1 hour plus 1 end. If there is a tie at the end of the extra end, an additional scoring end will be played.

7.3 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.

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

7.5 Seeding "Poules will not be seeded".

Where a poule based format is used in national competitions, the organiser will apply Seeding only to the knockout stages and will be based on earlier performance in the poules (Games won, Points Diff, Points For, Coin toss).

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.

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.

8.9 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.

8.10 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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