



Pétanque England

Inter-Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament Competition Rules 2021

1. GENERAL

These Rules apply to the Inter Regional Championships, Junior Inter-Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament.

Regulations for play shall be The Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque but with; modification to Article 32- Penalties for Absent Teams or Players.

1.1 Absent teams or players

For this event the time limit before penalties are imposed for an absent team is 5 minutes.

The team which is absent from the terrain will be penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents. After this time limit, the penalty accrues by one point for each five minutes of the delay.

The same penalties apply throughout the competition, after each round. Teams that are still playing their games when the whistle blows to start the next round won't be penalised for late arrival to their next game which is expected to be within 5 minutes.

If a game restarts following an interruption, for any reason, the penalties will be one point for every 5 minutes the team is absent.

The team which does not present itself on the playing area within 30 minutes of the start, or restart of games, is declared to be eliminated from the competition.

No player may be absent from a game or leave the playing area without the agreement of the opposition. In any case this absence will not interrupt the course of the game, nor the obligation for the partners to play their boules in the specified minute. If the player has not returned by the time they are to play their boules, they are cancelled at the rate of one boule per minute - in this case an umpire should be called to give the penalty to the player concerned.

1.2 Incomplete Games

Games that have not finished by the time the light fails on day 1 will be required to move to the floodlit lanes to complete when instructed to do so by the Umpire.

1.3 Squads

For the Inter-Regional Championship each Regional squad will comprise 8 open triple teams (Teams of four are permitted).

For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship each Region will comprise 1 open triple team (Teams of four are permitted).

For the Challenge Tournament each Regional squad will comprise 4 open triple teams (Teams of four are permitted).

1.4 Format

Where possible the Inter Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament (with Wales by invitation) will comprise two divisions of 8 Regions each. Each division will play a Round Robin of 7 games, 6 on the Saturday and 1 on Sunday after which the Regions in each division will be seeded for a further 3 rounds . This may be subject to change when a division does not comprise of 8 Regions.

1.5 Relegation

Relegation of the bottom two teams in division one and promotion of the top two teams in division 2 will be declared at the conclusion of each years event. Any subsequent withdrawal of a team from division 1 will be dealt with by promoting the next eligible team

1.6 Combined Squad

When required a Combined squad will be formed.

For the Inter-Regional Championship the squad will be composed of: 4 teams from the previous year's winning Region and two teams each from the previous year's second and third placed Regions. The squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.

For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship the team will comprise of 4 players, 2 each from the previous year's Championship winning and second placed Regions. The team will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.

For the Challenge Tournament the squad will be composed of: 4 teams, 2 each from the previous year's Championship winning and second placed Regions. The squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.

In either case if any of these Regions are unable to field the additional teams then the vacancies will be filled by the next finishing Region/s.

The Combined team is not eligible for promotion.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play for a Region players must be Pétanque England licence holders in the Region they are representing. (With the exception of the "Combined" squad/team.) Any player indebted to PE will not be eligible. Eligibility of all participants will be checked before the event.

Regions are responsible for registering all managers/coaches and players in their respective teams on the appropriate registration form and for ensuring all their players/team managers' licences are valid. Teams may be registered with 3 or 4 players. Substitutions (other than the registered fourth player) will only be allowed in extreme circumstances (such as injury) by express permission of the competition jury.

Umpires may inspect a participant's paper licence or LoveAdmin App at any time. In accordance with Article 4 – Official Rules of the Sport of Pétanque.

2.1 Fines

For each Regional squad member who fails to produce a valid paper licence or show their licence via the Love Admin app their Region will be fined £20 (Juniors £5).

2.2 Junior Team Managers

Junior Team Managers must be DBS Screened.

3. STANDARD OF DRESS

Players must at all times be wearing current, official regional kit as per our acceptable kit procedures in the National Playing Rules with the exception that the various "top" layers + jacket, shirt, jumper etc., do not have to be matching.

In the case of inclement weather, waterproofs may be worn and will not have to match. Enclosed footwear must be worn, any form of sandal is not permitted.

4. PLAYING AREA

The playing area will be clearly defined.

Drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by participants is forbidden during play and actively discouraged during other times.

While players are allowed to bring their own food we encourage the support of the on site vendors, Alcohol may not be brought on site and if there is then the player concerned will be excluded from the tournament.

Mobile phones and iPod type devices must be turned off or switched to silent inside the playing area at all times.

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