



Competition Rules 2022

Inter-Regional Championships & Challenge Tournament

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Rules apply to the Inter Regional Championship, the Junior Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament.
- 1.2 Regulations for play shall be the "Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque" and any variations set out in these "Competition Rules" which complement them.
- 1.3 The Events Group will appoint an Organiser or Organisers for the duration of the competition, who will be responsible for the general organisation of the games, ensuring the results are correctly recorded.
- 1.4 The Umpiring Commission Executive will appoint a qualified Umpire or Umpires, who will be responsible for the application and interpretation of these rules and the Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque.
- 1.5 The Umpire, in consultation with the Organiser will, if required, appoint a jury for the event. This jury will consist of a minimum of 3 PE members (max 5), who are not directly involved with the issue to be resolved.
- 1.6 Any case not provided for in these competition rules or the Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque must be submitted to the umpire who may refer it to the competition's jury.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be eligible to play for a Region, all participants must be Pétanque England licence holders in the Region they are representing. (With the exception of the "Combined" squad/team.)
- 2.2 Any player indebted to PE will not be eligible.
- 2.3 Eligibility of all participants will be checked before the event.
- 2.4 Regions are responsible for registering all squad managers/coaches and players in their respective teams on the appropriate registration form and importantly, for ensuring all their players/team managers' licences are valid.
Teams may be registered with 3 or 4 players.
- 2.5 Where a team consist of four players, they are permitted to change one player during a game, but only the once and then only between two ends after informing the opposing team.
The change of a player must be recorded on the scorecard for that game.
- 2.6 Substitutions (other than the registered fourth player) will be permitted only in extreme circumstances (such as injury), by permission of the competition jury.

3. SQUADS

- 3.1 For the Inter-Regional Championship each Regional squad will comprise of 8 open triple teams.

- 3.2 For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship each Region will comprise of 1 open triple team.
- 3.3 For the Challenge Tournament each Regional squad will comprise of 4 open triple teams

4. COMBINED SQUAD

- 4.1 When required, a combined squad may be formed for the Inter-Regional Championship, Junior Inter-Regional Championship and/or Challenge Tournament.
- 4.2 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.
This squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.
- 4.3 For the Inter-Regional Junior Championship, the team will be composed of 4 players 2 each from the previous year's Championship winning and second placed Regions. This team will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.
- 4.4 For the Challenge Tournament, the squad will be composed of 4 teams, 2 each from the previous year's Challenge winning and second placed Regions. This squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.
- 4.5 In each case, if any of these Regions are unable to field the additional teams, the vacancies will be filled by the next finishing Region/s.
- 4.6 A Combined squad will not be eligible for promotion.

5. SQUAD MANAGERS

- 5.1 Each squad must have a manager, who is not a player in the squad, but has a valid PE Licence.
- 5.2 The Squad manager is responsible for each team in the squad and in particular their good sportsmanship and appearance as described within these rules.
- 5.3 The Squad manager must respond to any appeal or request from the control table and participate in any random draw for their squad.
- 5.4 Throughout the competition, the Squad manager must be with the squad at the playing area assigned to them by the control table or umpire.
- 5.5 The Squad manager may not move or gesticulate during play, and under no circumstances are they allowed to intervene on the terrain. However, at the players' request, the Squad manager may give advice, provided that this does not lead to extending the time prescribed for throwing the jack or a boule.
- 5.6 The Junior Team managers, must be DBS screened.

6. Squad (Team) Clothing

- 6.1 All participants must wear clothing which is clean, designed and worn so as not to be objectionable or cause offence.
- 6.2 The players of a squad must wear their current, official regional matching team kit, tops (jackets, shirts etc.), and trousers or shorts of the same colour (the length may not be shorter than the player's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the player's side), jeans are not permitted.
- 6.3 The tops, with at least short sleeves, do not have to be identical in layer (Jacket, Jumper, Shirt) but all the players of a team must be easily identifiable as the team and squad in question.
- 6.4 Enclosed footwear must be worn, any form of sandal is not permitted.
- 6.5 In the event of wet weather, waterproof tops and bottoms may be worn and will not need to be matching.

7. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

- 7.1 The format for the Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament is set by the Events Group.
- 7.2 Where possible the Inter Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament (with Wales by invitation) will comprise two divisions of 8 Regions each.
- 7.3 Relegation of the bottom two squads in division one and promotion of the top two squads in division 2 will be declared at the conclusion of each years event.
- 7.4 Any subsequent withdrawal of a squad from division 1 will be dealt with by promoting the next eligible squad.

8. DISCIPLINE

- 8.1 A player, or team, who after a warning from the umpire, does not respect the rules concerning (squad) team clothing, will be disqualified for the remainder of the event.
 - 8.2 Drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking or nicotine devices) by participants is forbidden during play, from the area of the terrains and is actively discouraged during other times.
 - 8.3 Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent during play.
 - 8.4 All participants must comply with venue regulations or maybe subject to an immediate disqualification from the event.
 - 8.5 Any player or team violating the published Rules and Regulations may be disqualified from the tournament and reported to the Umpiring Commission Executive, who in turn may refer the report to PE.
 - 8.6 Photography and videography needs to be conducted according to the constraints of the PE Safeguarding Practice and Procedure which is published on the PE Website.
 - 8.7 PE reserves the right to exclude from the Inter-Regional Championships and Challenge Tournament, any member whose conduct is in breach, or multiple breaches of the published rules and regulations.
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APPENDIX 1
Article 6 / Article 8

