



## **EURO CUP FOR CLUBS**

### **PLATE COMPETITION**

The Plate Competition is open to all first and second round losing clubs in the Euro Cup for Clubs competition.

#### **1. Players**

- 1.1 All players must hold a valid PE licence registered with the Club they are representing, signed by the player and not defaced in any way.
- 1.2 Players can only play for one team during the Tournament. No transfers from another team from the same club will be permitted, even if they have been eliminated from the main competition.
- 1.3 Any team fielding a player(s) other than the PE members registered to their Club will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) took part.

#### **2. Structure**

- 2.1 The Draw will be conducted under the direction of the PE Events Group.
- 2.2 After round 2 of the main competition, all eliminated clubs will be drawn for matches in the Plate competition.
- 2.3 The country will be split into 5 areas; Area North (North West, Yorkshire, Mercia, East Midlands and Central regions, Area East (Chiltern, Anglia and Eastern Regions), Area South East (London, Kent and Sussex Regions), Area South (Southern Counties, Thames Valley and Isle of Wight Regions) and Area West (Heart of England, Great Western, Devon and Kernow Regions) Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be drawn (where possible) geographically so as to limit the travel requirements. Fixtures in round 1 will be confined to clubs within the same area..
- 2.4 In the final, the remaining 4 clubs will play a round robin tournament.

2.5 The required dates by which each round should be completed are:

- Round 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Round 2 – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024
- Round 3 – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Round 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

2.6 Please note that these dates are the latest that the match can be played. Extension to the published dates will only be made in exceptional circumstances (failure to agree a date will not be considered 'exceptional'). Do not leave it to the last minute!

2.7 The final will be held in August (date tbd) at a suitable venue.

### **3. Matches**

3.1 For rounds 1,2,3 and 4 the “Home” Club Team is responsible for liaising with their opponents and agreeing a mutual convenient time and date to play. In the event of Clubs not being able to agree a date the Euro Cup Organiser will arbitrate, their decision will be without appeal.

3.2 In the event of a Team withdrawing or declining to play then their opponents will win by a walkover.

3.3 For the first 4 rounds the matches will be self-governed by the Clubs and it is the responsibility of the Club Team Captains to ensure that their team members hold valid PE licences for their Club. However the Umpire's Commission may appoint an umpire for any match in the competition.

3.4 The Host Club is responsible for the organisation on the day and the designated “Home Club Team” captain is responsible for submitting the match results online on the PE website within 7 days but each Club Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the scorecard before they sign it. The Home Club Team Captain should retain the signed scorecards in case of query.

3.5 For the final the Umpire's Commission will appoint an umpire.

3.6 For the final PE events group will appoint an Organiser.

3.7 The final will be held at venue to be determined by the organisers.

### **4. Form of Play**

4.1 Each Club Team can enter a squad of six, seven or eight players for each match. In a squad of six, at least one player must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. In a squad of seven or eight, at least two players must be of the opposite

gender to the remainder of the team. The Club Teams form into one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double.

- 4.2 Each match will consist of five games played over two rounds:-  
Round 1 - Triples – two games (one Mixed & one Open)  
Round 2 - Doubles – three games (one Mixed & two Open)
- 4.3 The two triple games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open v Open and Mixed v Mixed.
- 4.4 The three doubles games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open 1 v Open 1, Open 2 v Open 2 and Mixed v Mixed.
- 4.5 In the doubles and triples games, one player in each team may be replaced (from the squad for that round). For the mixed doubles and mixed triples the replacement shall not affect mixed composition of the team. The replacement can only be made between ends and must be reported to the captain of the opposing team and the umpire. A player that has competed their game or has been replaced cannot play in any other team in this round.
- 4.6 The Club Team is awarded 1 Game Point for each game won. Each Club Team Match may therefore end in 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2.
- 4.7 The team with the most game points will be declared the winner.

## **1. Final**

- 5.1 The playing format will be round robin.
- 5.2 The form of play will be consistent with that of Section 4
- 5.3 The team with the most match points will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the game points will decide. If there is still a tie, the result between the tied teams will decide.

## **2. Conventions**

- 2.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.
- 2.2 Host Clubs will provide refreshments as appropriate; refreshments can vary depending on facilities. Hosts need to ensure that their visitors know what the refreshment arrangements are and of any costs.
- 2.3 If Clubs travelling long distances need overnight accommodation, host Clubs should do all they can to facilitate arrangements.

### **3. Rules**

All games will be subject to the Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque and PE Competition Rules of which these form a part.