

## Junior Petanque Talent Shines at Whitnash Club Competition

Saturday, 14th June – Whitnash, Warwickshire

In unexpectedly brilliant weather, the Whitnash Petanque Club hosted the Junior Triples Competition on Saturday, drawing a record number of young competitors and showcasing the growing strength of youth Petanque across the country.

A total of 30 juniors, forming 10 teams, took part in the event — an increase from the previous year and representing nearly 44% of all Petanque England licensed juniors of competitive age. The field included a mix of experienced players and newcomers to the sport, reflecting the inclusive and developmental spirit of the competition.

Despite some teams playing together for the time, the event was marked by excellent communication and camaraderie among participants, with players supporting and encouraging each other throughout the day.

The morning session featured a three-round Swiss format to determine rankings. Two teams emerged undefeated with three wins, and two more teams advanced to the gold competition with two victories each. The next four teams competed in the silver bracket, while the remaining two vied for the bronze final.

The afternoon saw a rolling knockout format, with most teams playing two additional matches to determine final placements.

### Junior Triples Champions:

- *Aimee Rickman, Amy Geddes, and Tegan Finley*

### Runners-up:

- *Charlie Cason, Oscar Rypien, and Thomas Wells*



The event would not have been possible without the dedication of parents, carers, and coaches who continue to support the development of Junior Petanque. Special thanks were given to umpire Bob, whose guidance and words of wisdom were greatly appreciated by players, and to Michelle, who ensured the day ran smoothly from start to finish.

Gratitude was also extended to hosts Whitnash PC, known for their warm hospitality, and to Carol and Glen for their ongoing support of Junior Petanque in the Heart of England region.

Most of all, thanks went to the players themselves. Despite coming from different parts of the country and not always knowing each other beforehand, the juniors demonstrated a strong sense of teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship — values that made everyone involved proud.

Hopefully see many of you at the Junior Singles competition in a couple of weeks.



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