



Competition Rules 2017

1. APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of the English Pétanque Association (EPA). 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 EPA Management Committee and published in advance.

2.2 The EPA Management Committee 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 EPA Management Committee 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 EPA 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 The Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament, the EPA Club Team Tournament and Champion of Champions (Doubles, Triples, Shooting and Over 50's) will be conducted under the published rules issued specifically for each event.

2.7 Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the EPA Management Committee.

2.8 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.

2.9 These Competition Rules should be read in conjunction with the Playing Programme 2017.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 EPA members holding a valid EPA licence, are eligible to compete subject to the additional eligibility conditions.

3.2 At registration players must present either an EPA licence with photograph attached or a EPA licence and government issued photo ID (photo driving licence or passport)

3.3 Players entering the Men's National Singles Championship must be male.

3.4 Players entering the Women's National Singles Championship must be female.

3.5 Players entering the Women's National Doubles Championship must be female.



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- 3.6 Players entering the Men's National Doubles Championship must be male.
- 3.7 Players entering the Men's National Rankings Tournaments must be male.
- 3.8 Players entering the Women's National Rankings Tournaments must be female.
- 3.9 Players entering the Over 50's Doubles Championship must be aged 50 years or over at the time of the event.
- 3.10 Players entering the Veterans Championship must be aged 55 years or over on the first day of the Championship.
- 3.11 A Triples team may change no more than one player in a game and then only in accordance with the regulations covered in art. 2.5. No additional player to a team will be allowed after registration has closed.
- 3.12 Players competing to represent the EPA in international events must be eligible to represent England according to the relevant CEP/FIPJP rules, be able to travel, have a valid passport, and be available to play. Players may be required to produce evidence of eligibility, nationality and age to the EPA at any time.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 National competitions can only be entered in advance.
- 4.2 Entry forms must be completed with the team's contact details and all team player's names and EPA licence numbers must be included.
- 4.3 Entries can be made by the following means:
By Post - forms and cheques, payable to the English Petanque Association, for the correct entry fee are to be sent to the address published on the entry form to arrive by the published closing date.
No allowance will be made for delays in the postal service.
By Electronic Entry & Payment – pay for your EPA competition entry by online banking and submit your entry form via email to events@englishpetanque.org.uk
Payments should be made to the following account:
English Pétanque Association
Sort Code 40-18-57
Account Number 40239208
Payments must have the member's name as part of the reference and if possible their EPA licence number. Where possible a screenshot or similar of the payment should be sent with the entry email.
Entry emails must have the subject line – COMPETITION ENTRY and must make clear the event / events being entered. The names of all players and relevant EPA licence numbers must be included along with contact telephone details for at least one player.
For an entry to be valid the funds must be in the EPA bank account by the published deadline for the event AND a completed entry form email must have been received by events@englishpetanque.org.uk
For clarification, the deadline for entries is as follows:
- Postal entries this is first post on the closing date;
- Electronic entries this is midnight on the closing date.
Confirmation emails will be sent when entries have been processed.
- 4.4 At all competitions, teams will be given a number by which they will be known throughout the competition or series.



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4.5 The EPA retains the right to refuse entry into any of its competitions.

5. REGISTRATION and DRAW

5.1 Registration will open by 8.45 am and close promptly at 9.15 am.

5.2 All players will register, as a team, at the control desk by handing in their EPA licence. Only players who have properly registered in this way by the close of registration will be permitted to take part in the competition.

5.3 Any player failing to produce a valid (see art. 3 Eligibility) EPA licence will be fined £20 and may be refused entry to the event. The fine must be paid before play commences.

5.4 The draw will take place in the presence of the Umpire.

5.5 Play will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the draw and announcements.

6. FINANCIAL

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

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 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.

7.3 The National Singles (Men's & Women's), Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Over 50's Doubles format will be, subject to the number of entries, League and Knock Out and may include a Plate competition.

7.4 The Men's & Women's National Rankings Tournaments will consist of 8 competitions in 2017. Points will be awarded for the final position at each tournament and the individuals top 5 results from these competitions will count as the individuals overall ranking score.

7.5 The 8 Ranking Tournaments are:

- 14 May (2 comps singles and shooting);
- 27-29 May EPA Titles Weekend (3 comps singles doubles mixed doubles);
- 2 July (1 comp doubles);
- 23 July (1 comp triples);
- 30 July (1 comp Festival of Pétanque triples)

The best 5 results will count in the ranking table.

7.6 The Home Nations Championship Qualifier format will be a 5 round Swiss system to find the top 8 teams.

7.7 Seeding

Where a poule based format is used in national competitions, the organiser will apply a seeding system for the formation of the poules at the initial stages.

Seeding will be based on consideration of previous performance of players and



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teams in recent comparable national competitions and/or by reference to current ranking positions. Seeding will also be applied to the knockout stages and will be based on performance in the poules. Seeding for the poules will be carried out by the Chair of the Playing Commission in conjunction with the Competition Organiser.

7.8 Ranking Points

The top 16 places in ranking competitions will qualify for ranking points.

In the case of League and knockout format the allocation will be;-

Winner - 30 pts
 Runner up - 24 pts
 Losing Semi - 16 pts
 Losing Quarter - 8 pts
 Losing top 16 - 4 pts

In the case of a fully ranked event such as shooting or Swiss the allocation will be;-

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	30	9	10
2	24	10	9
3	22	11	8
4	20	12	7
5	18	13	6
6	16	14	5
7	14	15	4
8	12	16	3

8 REPRESENTATION

8.1 The objective of the Men's Ranking Tournaments is to find a squad of 16 players who will be considered for 2018 international representation opportunities. Players can enter as many of the rankings tournaments as they like as they are stand alone competitions. Junior members are permitted to enter.

8.2 The objective of the Women's Ranking Tournaments is to find a squad of 16 players who will be considered for 2018 international representation opportunities. Players can enter as many of the rankings tournaments as they like as they are stand alone competitions. Junior members are permitted to enter.

8.3 The top 8 placed teams from the Home Nations Qualifier may be invited to represent the EPA at the 2017 Home Nations Championship.

9. STANDARDS

9.1 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



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(if worn) must also match but not necessarily with the polo shirts.

9.2 In the event of inclement weather, waterproof tops may be worn and will not need to be matching.

9.3 All players are to wear enclosed footwear.

9.4 Any player failing to comply with the standard of dress will be fined £10 and may be disqualified from the competition.

9.5 At all EPA Competitions, drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by participants is forbidden during play and actively discouraged during other times.

9.6 Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent during play.

10 AUTHORITY

10.1 Where the competition is disrupted by teams or players being absent on the day or leaving before completing all their games, the Organiser, in consultation with the Umpire, may call the Jury and request a change of the format of the competition and these Rules as appropriate, and in any case the Umpire and Organiser must make a full report to the MC within 24 hours.

10.2 Any infringement of these Competition Rules or the Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque will be reported to the EPA Management Committee and may invalidate entry, cause disqualification, may lead to disciplinary action and/or necessitate the forfeiture of any position or prizes previously awarded.

10.3 During any event, the Umpire and Organiser are responsible for the interpretation of these rules.

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