

Competition Rules 2018

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1. APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of Pétanque England (PE). 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 PE Management and published in advance.

2.2 PE Management 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 PE Management 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 PE 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, PE Club Team Tournament and Champion of Champions (Doubles, Triples 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 PE Management.

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 2018.

3. ELIGIBILITY

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

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

3.3 Petanque England follows International Olympic Committee (IOC) guidelines on gender reassignment.



- 3.4 Players entering the Men's National Singles Championship must be male or identify as male.
- 3.5 Players entering the Women's National Singles Championship must be female or identify as female.
- 3.6 Players entering the Women's National Doubles Championship must be female or identify as female.
- 3.7 Players entering the Men's National Doubles Championship must be male or identify as male.
- 3.8 Players entering the Men's National Rankings Tournaments must be male or identify as male.
- 3.9 Players entering the Women's National Rankings Tournaments must be female or identify as female.
- 3.10 Players entering the Mixed Doubles Championship must be different genders.
- 3.11 Players entering the Over 50's Doubles Championship must be aged 50 years or over at the time of the event.
- 3.12 Players entering the Veterans Championship must be aged 55 years or over on the first day of the CEP Veteran's Championship.
- 3.13 In events allowing triples teams to consist of four players, a 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.
- 3.14 Players competing to represent PE 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 PE at any time. Further information on the CEP/FIPJP rules can be obtained from the Head of the Performance Panel if required.

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 PE licence numbers must be included.
- 4.3 Entries can be made by the following means:
By Post - forms and cheques, payable to Petanque England, 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 PE competition entry by online banking and submit your entry form via email to events@englishpetanque.org.uk

***** Due to the change in structure electronic payment is temporarily unavailable. New bank details will be provided as soon as possible *****

Payments must have the member's name as part of the reference and if possible their PE 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 /



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events being entered. The names of all players and relevant PE 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 PE 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.

4.5 PE 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 PE 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) PE 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.

6.2 The prize "pot" for each event will be the entry fees for the competitions on each of the competition days and will be split evenly across both genders.

6.3 The entry fees for the Home Nations Qualifier will be divided equally among the top 8 sides to be used towards their travel and accommodation costs.

6.4 The entry fees for the National Titles events (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) will be paid out across all levels of competition due to the generally high numbers of entrants. The exact split will depend on the number of entrants and number of "plate" competitions.

6.5 The entry fees for Ranking Doubles and Triples will be paid out in prizes only to teams in the main afternoon competition. There will be no prizes for the plate.

6.6 The entry fees for the Over 50s Doubles and Veterans Championships will be paid out in prizes. The number of entrants will determine whether there is a prize for any plate competition.

6.7 As the various Champion of Champions competitions do not require the payment of an entry fee there is no prize fund.

6.8 All competition prizes will be paid via electronic banking to each individual player. The Treasurer



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will contact players for their bank details following the event.

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 The following competitions will be played with timed games as indicated

- National Titles – Doubles (men, women and mixed) – poule rounds
- Ranking Doubles – poule rounds
- Ranking Triples – poule rounds
- Home Nations Qualifier - all rounds (Swiss System)

7.3 Timed games will be 1 hour plus 2 ends (except in the case of the Home Nations Qualifier, where it will be 1 hour 15 minutes plus 2 ends). If there is a tie at the end of the 2nd extra end an additional scoring end will be played.

7.4 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.

7.5 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.

7.6 The Men's & Women's National Rankings Tournaments will consist of 7 competitions in 2018. Points will be awarded for the final position at each tournament and all results from these competitions will count as the individual's overall ranking score.

7.7 The 7 Ranking Tournaments are:

- 12 May (2 comps singles and shooting);
- 26-27 May PE Titles Weekend (2 comps singles & doubles);
- 16 June (1 comp doubles);
- 17 June (1 comp triples);
- 1 July (1 comp triples)

7.8 The Home Nations Championship Qualifier format will be a 5 round Swiss system to find the top 8 teams. Teams may be 4 player teams for this event.

7.9 In the case of the two Triples (Rankings) competitions only, teams can only play as a three.

7.10 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 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 Performance Panel in conjunction with the Competition Organiser.

7.11 Ranking Points

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



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

Winner	30 pts	Losing Quarter	8 pts
Runner up	24 pts	Losing top 16	4 pts
Losing Semi	16 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 standalone 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 standalone competitions. Junior members are permitted to enter.

8.3 The top 8 placed teams from the Home Nations Qualifier will be invited to represent PE at the 2018 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 (if worn) must also match but not necessarily with the polo shirts. All tops must be matching at a point in time, for example if polo shirts and sweatshirts are not the same colour and design all players must be wearing the same garment.

There is further clarification available in the document "Acceptable Kit In Pictures"

9.2 Teams must wear bottoms – trousers, shorts, skirts – of the same colour. Jeans may be worn but not ripped jeans.

9.3 In the event of wet weather, waterproof tops may be worn and will not need to be matching. The organiser on the day, in conjunction with the umpire, has final say on whether the conditions are wet.



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9.4 All players are to wear enclosed footwear.

9.5 Any team failing to comply with the standard of dress will not be allowed to play.

9.6 At all PE Competitions, drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by participants is forbidden during play and actively discouraged during other times. During 2018 there will be a trial of alcohol testing using simple saliva test strips. The purpose of this testing is to evaluate the process & procedures and will have no consequences for players during 2018. The process to be followed will be made available at each competition.

9.7 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 umpire or organiser must make a report to PE Management. A jury may be called to determine any appropriate change to the competition format as a result of the absence.

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

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