

Proposals to EPA Annual Congress of County Regions - 2010.

EPA MC Proposal

From 2011 onwards qualify Adult teams to represent the EPA the following year.

ADVANTAGES

1. This would avoid last minute rushing around booking flights and hotels.
2. Allow for qualified teams to practise together and if opportunities and budgets allow to attend invitational events.
3. Allow for team managers to be selected and work with their teams.
4. Allow players to plan their attendance to European, World and invitational events.
5. Allow qualifying series of events to start much later in the year avoiding having to play in the cold months of Spring.
6. If a player had to withdraw for any reason then there would be time to find a replacement

DISADVANTAGES

1. Teams would have to continue to play together for at least 12 months
 2. If players pulled out for any reasons then there would have to be a plan in place for replacements.
- This proposal was agreed by Congress to be presented at the AGM for ratification subject to more detail being added

Devon Region Proposal

To regionalise the International Qualifying Events (Men/Women) from 2011 onwards

To provide an opportunity for all members to enter a national event in their own or a neighbouring region with players from another region. These regionalised areas would be:

Group	Regions
1	Northern and East Midlands
2	Anglia and Eastern
3	West Midlands, Great Western
4	Devon and Kernow
5	Thames Valley, Chiltern
6	Sussex and London
7	Kent
8	Southern, and Isle of Wight

Each of these areas would hold a qualifying event for men's triples and women's triples on the same day and teams could be formed from any region as they are now. The format would be league KO organised and umpired by the region hosting the event.

The cost should be £10 per person on a once only payment for the 3 stages of the event. The numbers going through to the next stage could be decided on a percentage basis of numbers entered at each venue, e.g. if there are at each venue the following numbers then 20% will give us approximately:

Group	Entries	20%
1	20	4
2	20	4
3	30	6
4	10	2
5	30	6
6	30	6
7	40	8
8	30	6

This gives us c 42 teams for the next round. We then set 4 venues to cover: Groups 1 & 2 (8 teams), Groups 3 & 4 (8 teams), Groups 5 & 6 (12 teams), Groups 7 + 8 (14 Teams) (All numbers approx.) From this round we then take the top 16 (Approx 20% of each event) for a final in a central location.

Conclusion.

We need to allow all players in all regions to enter events leading to National level. That is the only way we can get new blood into the sport. This will also allow the EPA to:

1. Give all EPA members the opportunity to enter a National event.
2. Regionalise the qualifying series culminating in a final event
3. Set the playing Calendar by September/October the previous year.
4. Allow teams that are composed of players from different regions to choose an event central to their locations. This should hopefully cut down travelling expenses
5. Prizes for the first stage and expenses for the host region will need to be discussed further.

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London Proposal 1

In the view of the LPA the standard of accommodation (at Brean Sands) appears to be deteriorating, can the EPA Management Committee consider a different venue or seek assurances from Pontins that the accommodation will improve.

After debate the London President explained that this was a statement rather than a proposal

London Proposal 2

That a suitable National team Manager be appointed, it would be his/her job to select our representatives for non-domestic events by using results from designated competitions along with his/her own judgement. He / she would also be responsible for the training of these teams

After debate and vote motion failed

London Proposal 3

That the EPA should allocate a budget for the specific purpose of promoting Pétanque in the regions. The EPA should also be more involved in promoting the EPA at regional events.

After debate and vote motion failed

London Proposal 4

That the EPA should appoint a Promotions Officer, who has the necessary skills, to promote Pétanque and obtain sponsorship for selected regional and national events.

After debate motion was withdrawn as there is already a Director of Promotions

London Proposal 5

That the EPA membership should entitle free entry to the National Triples, the premier event of the EPA calendar for a one year trial

After debate the motion was amended and then taken to vote motion then failed

London Proposal 6

That the National Triples, along with other major Nationals, should be held as centrally as possible, around the junctions of the M25 with the M4 or M40, which are accessible easily by most of the membership

After debate and vote motion failed

London Proposal 7

That Pre-registration should be possible on the day of the event by text, with a later start; this, again, would encourage more entrants. The long travelling and possible overnight stays discourage participation

The motion failed as nobody seconded the motion

London Proposal 8

That the EPA should consider the cost of entry to their events, as £10 per person for no reward, does not encourage participation.

After debate and vote motion failed