



## **EPA European Cup for Club Teams 2009/10 Knockout Competition**

The EPA European Cup for Club Team Competition is a knockout tournament to find the top 4 teams. The 4 teams will then play off in a separate event, the overall winning club will represent the EPA at the Confédération de Européenne Pétanque (CEP) 2010 European Cup for Club Teams competition.

### **RULES**

#### **1. Entry**

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with the EPA by the 31<sup>st</sup> May which has a minimum of six EPA members, of which one must be of the opposite gender to the other five, will be eligible to take part and will automatically be entered in the draw.
- 1.2 Each club is allowed one team only.

#### **2. Players**

- 2.1 All players must be individual members of the EPA for the current year.
- 2.2 All players must be individual members of the club and with which they hold their EPA membership card.
- 2.3 Players can only play for one club in any year.
- 2.4 Any team playing a non-member will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) took part.

#### **3. Structure**

- 3.1 The Draw will be conducted by the EPA Management Committee.
- 3.2 Each team will be drawn into a knockout grid based on 128 teams.
- 3.3 Round 1 and 3 will be drawn geographically so as to limit the travel requirements.
- 3.4 Round 4 onwards will be re-drawn nationally.
- 3.5 The required dates by which each round must be completed are:  
Round 1 September 30<sup>th</sup>, Round 2 October 31<sup>st</sup>, Round 3 November 30<sup>th</sup>,  
Round 4 January 31<sup>st</sup>, Round 5 February 28<sup>th</sup>
- 3.6 The semi-finals and final will be held at a suitable venue in March after which the overall winner will represent the EPA at the CEP 2010 tournament.

#### **4. Matches**

- 4.1 The "Home" Club Team is responsible for liaising with their opponents and agreeing a mutual convenient time and date to play.
- 4.2 The actual date of the fixture must be communicated to the EPA Competition Organiser by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which the match must take place.
- 4.3 In the event of a club withdrawing or declining to play then their opponents will win by a walkover.
- 4.4 In the event of clubs not being able to agree a date the EPA Management Committee will arbitrate, their decision will be without appeal.
- 4.5 An umpire may be appointed by the National Umpire for any round of the competition.
- 4.6 The Home Club is responsible for organisation on the day and will submit the official score sheet to the organiser but each team is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the sheet before they sign it.

#### **5. Form of Play**

- 5.1 This EPA event is played according to the rules established by the CEP Board of Directors and adopted by the EPA.
- 5.2 For each match, each team may consist of six, seven or eight players. Teams of six players must include one player of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team; Teams of seven and eight players must include two players of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. The Teams form into one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double. Each match consists of seven games played over three (3) rounds.
- 5.3 In the first and third rounds two triple games will be played, when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open v open, mixed v mixed.
- 5.4 In the second round three doubles games will be played when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open v open, mixed v mixed.
- 5.5 The teams are awarded 1 point for each game won. Each club meeting may therefore end in 7-0, 6-1, 5-2 or 4-3.

#### **6 Conventions**

- 6.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.
- 6.2 Host (Home) 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.
- 6.3 If teams travelling long distances need overnight accommodation hosts clubs should do all they can to facilitate arrangements.
- 6.4 Players should be smartly attired in their club strip.