



## EPA Club Team Tournament

The EPA Club Team Tournament is a competition to find the top 4 Club teams. These 4 Club teams will then play off in a Final (article 7), the overall winning Club may be invited to represent the EPA at the Confédération de Européenne Pétanque (CEP) 2015 EuroCup.

### 1. Entry

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with the EPA by the 31 May 2014 having a minimum of 6 members (with at least one of the opposite gender to the others) will be eligible to take part and will be invited to register for the tournament. The winning Club progressing through to the European stage must be registered with the EPA for the calendar year of the European Championship
- 1.2 Each Club is allowed to enter one team only.
- 1.3 Clubs will be excluded from the draw if they registered with the EPA after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014, have less than 6 members, have members all of one gender, have opted to not participate or have failed to register their participation on time.

### 2. Players

- 2.1 All players must hold a valid EPA licence registered with the Club they are representing complete with a recent photograph, signed by the player and not defaced in any way.
- 2.2 Players can only play for one Club during the Tournament.
- 2.3 Any Club fielding a player(s) other than the EPA members registered to their Club 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 Club will be drawn into a knockout grid for the first 3 rounds.
- 3.3 Rounds 1, 2 & 3 will be drawn (where possible) geographically so as to limit the travel requirements.
- 3.4 Round 4 onwards will be re-drawn nationally.
- 3.5 In Round 4 the 16 Clubs will be drawn into one of 4 groups each consisting of 4 Clubs.

3.6 The required dates by which each round must be completed are:

- Round 1 – August 31<sup>st</sup> 2014
- Round 2 - September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014
- Round 3 – October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014
- Round 4 Group Heats – November 2014 (dates to be confirmed)
- Final (date to be confirmed)

3.7 The Finals day will be held at a suitable venue in March 2015 after which the overall winner will be invited to represent the EPA at the CEP 2015 tournament.

#### 4. Matches

4.1 For the first 3 rounds the “Home” Club Team is responsible for liaising with their opponents and agreeing a mutual convenient time and date to play

4.2 For the first 3 rounds 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. The withdrawing Club must inform their opponents and the EPA Competition Organiser by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

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 For the first 3 rounds the matches will be self-governed by the Clubs and it is the responsibility of the Club Team Captains to ensure that their team members hold valid EPA licences for their Club. However the Umpire’s Commission may appoint an umpire for any match in the competition.

4.6 The Home Club is responsible for the organisation on the day and for sending the home and away scorecards to be received by the EPA Competition Organiser within 7 days but each Club Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the scorecard before they sign it.

4.7 For Round 4 and the Finals the Umpire’s Commission will appoint an umpire.

4.8 For Round 4 and the Finals the EPA Management Committee will appoint an Organiser and decide the venues and dates.

#### 5. Form of Play

5.1 This EPA event is played according to the rules of the EuroCup established by the CEP Board of Directors and adopted by the EPA.

- 5.2 Each Club can enter one team consisting of a squad of six, seven or eight players for each match. In a squad of six, at least one player must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. In a squad of seven or eight, at least two players must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. The Club Teams form into one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double.
- 5.3 Each match will consist of five games played over two rounds. Round 1 -  
Triples – two games (one Mixed & one Open)  
Round 2 - Doubles – three games (one Mixed & two Open)
- 5.4 In Round 1 the two triple games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open v Open and Mixed v Mixed.
- 5.5 In Round 2 the three doubles games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open 1 v Open 1, Open 2 v Open 2 and Mixed v Mixed.
- 5.6 Players May not be changed during a game.
- 5.7 The Club is awarded 1 Game Point for each game won. Each Club Match may therefore end in 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2.
6. Round 4
- 6.1 The 16 Clubs qualifying to Round 4 will be allocated to one of 4 groups as determined by the draw. Each group will consist of 4 Clubs.
- 6.2 Each Club will play against each other in a Round Robin format within each Group.
- 6.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 5.2 to 5.7 above. The club winning each Club vs Club match is awarded **1 Match Point**.
- 6.4 The Clubs must play all of their games, as their average score may prove important in a case of equal results.
- 6.5 The players (male and female) of the same Club must be clothed in matching strip and wear the Club badge, of the Club that they represent, on the front of their shirt.
- 6.6 In the event of a tie the following formula will be applied to decide the result:
- The Number of Match Points
- And if two or more teams are tied:
- Game Points between the tied Clubs
  - Points Difference between the tied Clubs
  - Points Difference between all the Clubs in the Group
- 6.7 The winning Club from each of the four groups will go through to the Final.

## 7. Final

7.1 The Final of the EPA EuroCup will be between the top 4 Clubs from the EPA EuroCup Qualifier Tournament.

7.2 All participants must have played for their Club in at least one game in any of the qualifying rounds (1-4) of this EPA EuroCup

7.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 6.2 to 6.7 above

## 8. Conventions

8.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.

8.2 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.

8.3 If Clubs travelling long distances need overnight accommodation hosts Clubs should do all they can to facilitate arrangements.

## 9. Rules

9.1 All games will be subject to the Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque and EPA Competition Rules of which these form a part.