

Womens Triples Qualifiers 1 & 2 combined results

Final Ranking

| Team | Player 1 | Player 2 | Player 3 | Player 4 | Region | Total Games | Total BHN | Total fBHN |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 7 | JAMIESON, Angela | WEBB, Vanessa | ELCOMBE, Deborah | | Kent/Eastern/Southern | 10 | 27 | 153 |
| 16 | FARROW, Liz | BECKETT, Julie | SILVESTER, Roz | | Southern | 7 | 30 | 132 |
| 4 | BEST, Christine | GAUGHAN, Angela | BICKNELL, Clare | | Northern | 6 | 32 | 129 |
| 14 | TREEND, Pamela | JONES, Emma | FANE, Sharon | CIANO, Lynne | Southern / Chiltern | 6 | 30 | 131 |
| 15 | LLOYD, Victoria | MARSHALL, Virginia | JAMES, Kirsty | BEADSMORE, Tanis | East Midlands | 6 | 28 | 133 |
| 10 | GOLDER, Fay | KING, Sheila | SHRIMPTON, Lynda | SHARRATT, Barbara | Kent | 6 | 28 | 127 |
| 20 | EDMONDSON, Lisa | LONGSTAFF, Emma | BROOKS, Kath | | East Midlands | 6 | 27 | 134 |
| 6 | HUNTLEY, Myra | HUNTLEY, Amy | HUNTLEY, Sarah | COOTER, Jennifer | Chiltern / Kent | 6 | 27 | 131 |
| 8 | MIDDLETON-SAMS, Vivien | RIDEHALGH, Wendy | COURTNEY, Clare | | Eastern | 6 | 23 | 118 |
| 17 | SULLIVAN, Merle | McDONALD, Mary | BAKER, Janet | | London | 5 | 23 | 123 |
| 9 | ELCOMBE, Tracey | ELCOMBE, Kim | SEVILLE, Lori | | Southern / East Midlands | 5 | 20 | 123 |
| 2 | NASH, Joyce | GIBBS, Irene | BRYANT, Diane | YATES, Margaret | Kent | 4 | 26 | 115 |
| 13 | TEALE, Hazel | FOWERS, Eileen | GRIFFITHS, Hilda | RUSH, Jenifer | Kent | 4 | 20 | 121 |
| 18 | TUFF, Emily | BINGHAM, Teresa | ROBERTS, Joan | STANDEN, Julie | West Midlands | 3 | 21 | 109 |
| 1 | NUNNS, Susan | O'ROURKE, Chris | STOCKTON, Jennifer | | Northern | 3 | 12 | 59 |
| 5 | HOY, Caroline | HOY, Lisa | ROWLANDS, Patricia | | Northern | 2 | 29 | 104 |
| 11 | HENRY, Shirley | BLACKMORE, Jan | MASSEY, Rachael | | Isle of Wight | 2 | 13 | 65 |
| 3 | FLETCHER, Angela | GATENBY, Deborah | KIRBY, Susan | CANN, Christine | Northern | 1 | 11 | 53 |
| 12 | HISCOCK, Shirley | STOCKBRIDGE, Emma | STOCKBRIDGE, Pauline | STOCKBRIDGE, Heather | Isle of Wight | 1 | 10 | 57 |
| 19 | POWELL, Caroline | GARDINER, Geraldine | BRITAIN, Wendy | | West Midlands | 1 | 8 | 50 |

The top 8 teams from this series of qualifiers will now play a one day event to decide which team will be invited to represent the English Pétanque Association at the 2009 Women's World Championship. The format for the EPA's Women's Top 8 will be "Rolling Barrage" followed by a playoff between 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th.

Women's Triples Qualifiers 1 & 2

The EPA has used the SWISS LADDER and the Buchholz (BHN, fBHN) Ranking System

The "Swiss system" format was first introduced for the game of Chess however, using the basic system especially if Wins, Points for, Against etc is used for ranking favours the team that lost its first game over a team that lost its last game (both having won all other games).

The reason is if you loose your first game you will play against other teams that have done the same, potentially weaker teams. If you win your first game you play against others that have done the same, potentially stronger teams.

By the last round two teams will have the same number of wins (1 loss + 4 wins and 4 wins + 1 loss). The team that had the "easier opponents" could beat the team that had the "harder opponents" without playing against them due to points for, against, difference being used to rank them.

So a ranking system was needed (Buchholz) that rewarded consistency and strength of opponent. BHN stands for Buchholz number and fBHN fine Buchholz number

Now we come to the complicated part, explaining how this ranking system works:

Buchholz number (BHN)

The Buchholz number or number of indirect points for a team is the sum of points of all that teams opponents.

It is a measure for the strength of the opponents: a high BHN indicates that the team has played against strong players.

When two or more teams have the same number of wins, the entry with the higher Buchholz number is ahead in the ranking.

An entry with a bye in a round receives the last entry's number of points for this round.

Fine-Buchholz number (fBHN)

The Fine-Buchholz number of an entry is the sum of Buchholz numbers of all his opponents.