

WMPA Competition Rules

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1.0 APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of the West Midlands Pétanque Association and are recommended for use in all Member Club competitions.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

2.1 To improve the standard of play by promoting events at a high level of competitiveness.

3.0 GENERAL

- 3.1 Where the term regional is used in these rules it applies to West Midlands Pétanque Association area, the Counties of West Midlands, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.
- 3.2 The number, dates and venues of the events will be determined by the Playing Sub-Committee, endorsed by Executive Committee and published in advance.
- 3.3 The Vice President Playing will be responsible for the organisation of the competitions and will appoint an Organiser for each event.
- 3.4 The Regional Umpire will appoint a qualified umpire to adjudicate at each event.
- 3.5 The Competition Organiser of each event will be the representative of the Executive Committee and can appoint a jury of at least three members should the need arise. The decision of such a jury will be final in the event of any dispute.
- 3.6 Regulations for play shall be the "Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque".
- 3.7 Teams of 3 players may enter and participate in triples events.
- 3.8 Any infringement of these "Regional Competition Rules" or of the "Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque" may invalidate entry or cause disqualification and/or necessitate the forfeiture of any position or prizes previously awarded.
- 3.9 Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the Association.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY for WMPA CLOSED COMPETITIONS

- 4.1 All WMPA members holding a valid licence/membership card are eligible to compete.
- 4.2 All players must produce their licence/membership card on registration at each event, if requested.
- 4.3 Any player failing to produce a valid licence/membership card can be excluded from the competition at the discretion of the Organiser.
- 4.7 Players may be required to produce evidence of eligibility/nationality and/or age to the Organiser and Umpire on the day.

5.0 ENTRIES

- 5.1 The Inter Regional Selection Competition must be entered in advance, in order to register a triple.
- 5.2 All other Regional Competitions may be entered on the day.
- 5.3 For all competitions, each team shall give itself a name by which it will be known throughout the competition or series of competitions.

5.4 At any particular competition, teams may be given a number by which they shall also be known.

6.0 REGISTRATION and the DRAW

6.1 Registration will open by 9am and close promptly at 9.30 am. Unless specified at different times

6.2 Team captains will register their teams by signing in at the control desk. All team members must be present at the venue at the time of registration. Only teams who have properly registered by the close of registration will be permitted to play.

6.3 The draw will take place in the presence of the umpire during or immediately after the close of registration.

6.4 Play will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the draw and announcements.

7.0 FINANCIAL

7.1 The fee for pre-entry to any competition is £3 for singles, £6 per doubles team and £9 per triples team.

7.2 Entry for Juniors at Regional Junior Competitions and Championships is £2.

8.0 COMPETITION ORGANISATION

8.1 The format of all Regional Competitions will be determined by the Playing Sub-Committee and made known to Member Clubs

8.2 The Organiser of the day has the right, subject to the entries and conditions, to alter the format of play.

8.3 Lunch Break of at least 30 minutes will be held at the discretion of the Organiser. The Umpire will blow a whistle to start break. The end in progress must be completed, with no players allowed on the terrain until the start of play.

9.0 STANDARD OF DRESS

9.1 In all competitions teams will be required to be clean and smart and are requested to wear Matching Tops

9.2 The Umpire is responsible for enforcing the standard of dress.

9.3 Any player failing to comply with the standard of dress will be fined or will be disqualified from the competition.

10.0 AUTHORITY

10.1 The Organiser of the day has the final say in the meaning of these Rules.

10.2 Where the competition is disrupted by teams or players being absent on the day or leaving before completing all their games the Organiser, in consultation with the Umpire, may call the Jury and request a change of the format of the competition and these Rules as appropriate.