

ENGLISH PÉTANQUE ASSOCIATION

GREAT WESTERN REGION

COMPETITION RULES 2015 revised 2017

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of the English Pétanque Association (EPA) Great Western Region (GWR).

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 The number, dates, rules and venues of the events will be determined by the GWR Committee and published in advance.
- 2.2 The GWR Committee will be responsible for the overall organisation of the competitions and will appoint a specific Organiser for each event, usually the GWR current Playing Manager appointed by the GWR committee.
- 2.3 If available a qualified Umpire will be appointed for each event.
- 2.4 The Organiser of each event will be the representative of the GWR Committee and may, in the event of any dispute not covered by the rules, appoint a Jury of at least 3 EPA members. The decision of such a Jury will be final in the event of a dispute.
- 2.5 Regulations for play shall be the "Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque" and any variations thereto are set out in these Competition Rules
- 2.6 Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the GWR Committee
- 2.7 Events held at venues that are commercial, such as public houses and sports clubs, may only allow food and drink purchased at the venue to be consumed, except when there is no food or drink available. All players must respect this and comply with all or any venue regulations or may be subject to an immediate disqualification from the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 EPA members holding a valid licence, or a temporary EPA licence (valid for one month from the date of the issuing email), are eligible to compete subject to the additional eligibility conditions.
- 3.2 All teams entering in Inter-Regional triples qualifying events to adhere to the specific rules for that competition regarding team members.
- 3.3 Substitutions (other than the registered fourth player) will only be allowed in extreme circumstances (such as injury) by express permission of the competition Organiser.

- 3.4 A doubles team may register 3 players and substitution allowed as above in 3.3
 - 3.5 A team may change no more than one player in a game and then only between ends after notifying the Umpire. No additional player to a team will be allowed after registration has closed.
4. ENTRIES
 - 4.1 Competitions can only be entered in advance
 - 4.2 Entry forms must be completed with the team's contact details and all team players names.
 - 4.3 Entry forms and cheques, payable to Great Western Region EPA, for the correct entry fee are to be sent to the address published on the entry form to arrive by the published closing date. No allowance will be made for delays in the postal service.
 - 4.4 The EPA GWR retains the right to refuse entry into any of its competitions.
5. COMPETITION ORGANISATION
 - 5.1 The Organiser has the right, subject to the number of entries, to alter the format of play, which may include timed games.
 - 5.2 A lunch break may be held at the discretion of the Organiser.
6. STANDARDS
 - 6.1 All players are to wear enclosed footwear
 - 6.2 Drinking alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) by participants is forbidden during play
 - 6.3 Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent during play.
7. AUTHORITY
 - 7.1 Where the completion is disrupted by teams or players being absent or leaving before completing all their games, the Organisers may change the format of the competition and these Rules as appropriate and make a report to the GWR Committee.
 - 7.2 Any infringement of these Competition Rules or the Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque may be reported to the GWR committee and may invalidate entry, or cause disqualification. Additionally, any such infringement may lead to disciplinary action and/or necessitate the forfeiture of any position or prizes previously awarded.
 - 7.3 During any event, the Umpire and Organiser are responsible for the interpretation of these rules

