

# HEART OF ENGLAND

## PETANQUE ASSOCIATION

### COMPETITION RULES

#### **1.0 APPLICATION**

- 1.1 These Rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of the Heart of England 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 Heart of England 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 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 (both of whom may be playing) to adjudicate at each event – (see also para 10.2).
- 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 officers 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 "International Rules of the Game of Pétanque".
- 3.7 Teams of 4 players may enter and participate in triples events. A team may change no more than one player in a game and then only between two ends after notifying the umpire.
- 3.8 Any infringement of these "Regional Competition Rules" or of the "International 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 Between 1 October and 31 March the following local rule will apply:  
3.9.1 Only 30 seconds rather than one minute will be allowed for each throw
- 3.10 When placing the jack, after an invalid throw, players are required to always try to ensure that there is 2 meters between the jack and jacks/circles on adjacent lanes
- 3.11 Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the Association.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY for HoE CLOSED COMPETITIONS**

- 4.1 All HoE 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.
- 4.4 Unlicensed players will be allowed to participate in up to three rounds of the Winter Pairs prior to Christmas.

## **5.0 ENTRIES**

### **5.1 Regional Qualifiers**

- 5.1.1 The Inter Regional Qualification Competition must be entered in advance.
- 5.1.2 Entry forms must be completed with the team captain's name, licence number and daytime telephone number and each other player's name and licence number.
- 5.1.3 Entries by cheque, if required, payable to the Heart of England Pétanque Association, with the correct entry fee are to be sent to the address published.

**5.2 All other Regional Competitions** may be entered on the day.

## **6.0 REGISTRATION and the DRAW**

- 6.1 Registration will open by 9am and close promptly at 9.30 am.
- 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 or a HoE Officer 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 Entry fees will be set by the Committee.
- 7.2 Entry for Juniors at Regional Competitions and Championships is free.

## **8.0 COMPETITION ORGANISATION**

- 8.1 The format of all Regional Competitions will be as follows.
  - 8.1.1 Where there are seven entries or fewer a round robin format <sup>1</sup>will be used.
  - 8.1.2 For eight entries or more a league and knockout format<sup>2</sup> will be used.
- 8.1 The Organiser of the day has the right, subject to the entries and conditions, to alter the format of play.
- 8.2 Lunch Break of at least 20 minutes will be held at the discretion of the Organiser.

## **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 and must wear closed shoes
- 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 The Regional Umpire or his nominee will be empowered to act even when playing in a competition organised by HoE Petanque
- 10.3 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.

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1 Round Robin results determined by wins and head to head result

2 League winners and best runners up will go forward to the 'main'