

Pétanque England



Statement regarding the 2018 AGM proposal to increase fees from January 1st 2019.

"The EPA took a decision not to increase membership fees in 2018 and the last increase was 2017. The proposed increase by £2 in 2019 reflects the need to ensure that we can fund both increased costs but also further increase our coaching, umpiring and playing support (both domestically and internationally). We are largely reliant on membership fees to fund our work and ensure that we can provide the services that we do. We are extremely careful with the management of our limited financial resources and always ensure that we get value for money. All of our national officials are volunteers and we only meet reasonable expenses incurred in organising events or attending them in official capacities to support our members/players. Our accounts are completely transparent and available to all our members so they can see how we spend our money.

Much has been achieved over the past few years and with the creation of the new Pétanque England, we have plans to expand and improve our activities as well as in terms of improved member communications (such as a new, improved website) and promotion of the sport. We remain optimistic about pétanque becoming an Olympic discipline in 2024 and need to be prepared organisationally for that. In comparison with other national sporting bodies we believe that our national membership fees are modest and represent very good value for money. We hope that our members will vote to support the small increase – less than 4p a week, but ultimately as a democratic membership organisation, it is our members who can decide this through a vote at our AGM."

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