

***Men's Rankings Update* 19th February 2017**

The MC would like to thank all of our members who have provided us with feedback on the new Men's Rankings system which will operate in 2017.

As a result of the suggestions, we have reviewed the plans at our meeting yesterday and propose to make the following revisions:

[1] The introduction of a further Triples Ranking Competition in 2017. This will take place at the already diarised Festival of Pétanque, which will take place over the weekend of 29th & 30th of July at The Gardens of Hanbury in Eastern Region. There will be a dedicated men's and women's triples at this event and the women's triples will also feature in the women's rankings.

This will mean that there will be 8 rankings competitions* for both men and women in 2017, and we have decided that the best 5 results in these 8 competitions will count in deciding the final rankings;

* 14 May (2 comps: singles and precision shooting); 27-29 May Titles w/e (3 comps: singles, doubles mixed doubles); 2 July (1 comp doubles); 23 July (1 comp triples); 30 July (1 comp triples).

and

[2] Due to the new CEP/FIPJP formats in international competitions such as Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, the results of our three National Titles weekend competitions will still be part of making selections for specific international representation as well as offering opportunities to gain rankings points. The use of National Titles weekend to help determine specific international representation in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles formats is not new. This is an important competition weekend on our calendar.

There have been a number of entirely legitimate questions regarding selection criteria and the process that will be followed in making a decision on the team that will represent our country at the Men's World Championships in 2018. Further work is underway on this in preparation for working with the squad that will be formed as a result of the 2017 rankings system.

Please continue to provide your feedback and reflections on the process as the season unfolds so that we can build a successful squad system together.