



## **Pétanque** **ENGLAND**

# **Men's and Women's 2018 Playing Programme**

### **Calendar and format**

The competitions that will form part of the national rankings will be:

- Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Singles (Rankings) and Precision Shooting (Rankings);
- Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 – National Singles;
- Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 – National Doubles;
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Doubles (Rankings)
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Triples (Rankings)
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – Triples (Rankings)

The full list of venues will be confirmed shortly.

The National Mixed Doubles has been removed as a ranking competition in 2018, but the results will be considered to aid the final selection for the World Mixed Doubles Championship in 2019 if this takes place as expected (venue unknown).

In the case of the two Triples (Rankings) competitions, teams can only play as a three. This has been introduced to eliminate the possibility of a player gaining ranking points in a team of four while not actually playing in the competition or only in a limited fashion.

As with the 2017 Rankings, Juniors will be allowed to compete in all these competitions. The format for the competitions will depend on the entries received, but the default approach will be to combine poules and knockout, with seeding for the poules used based on previous results in relevant national competitions. Seedings in the knockout stage will be based on the results of the poules.

This year we will be using timed games in the poules as this is consistent with what our teams experience at international tournaments. In doubles and triples, it will be 1 hour plus two ends. We do not propose to use timed games in singles. If the scores are equal at the end of the extra ends, there will be a further scoring end (i.e. not a dead end) to determine a winner.

The top 4 in the Precision Shooting in both the Men's and Women's formats will gain automatic entry into the Precision Shooting competition at Hayling.

## **Ranking points**

Ranking points will be allocated to those players that finish in the Top 16 of the competitions as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 30pts
- R/u - 24pts
- Losing semi-finalists x2 – 16pts
- Losing quarter finalists x4 – 8pts
- Losing Top 16 x 8 – 4pts

All the competitions in the rankings will be standalone and players can choose which ones they wish to participate in. All entry fees for these competitions will be returned in cash prizes. The competitions provide the opportunity for the best players in the country to compete against each other in all formats of the sport. All 7 competitions will count so the only way to maximise points will be to attend and compete in all competitions.

## **Selection**

A decision on the Men's representation in the FIPJP World Championships in 2018 will be made once the 2018 rankings competitions have been completed on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The World Championships will take place in Canada from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (clashes with Hayling, so any players involved in qualifying to represent their region need to be mindful of that).

A decision on the Women's representation in the CEP European Championships in 2018 will be made once the 2018 rankings competitions have been completed on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The European Championships will take place in France from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

In both instances the results achieved by players in both 2017 and 2018 will be reviewed to identify consistent performers, but particular weight will be given to 2018 performance to establish which players are in form and performing the best at the point closest to the relevant international championship. The qualities, experience, personal & team mentality, fitness, tactical ability and individual speciality that players can bring to the team will be assessed.

The CEP European Singles Championships (both Men's and Women's) will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October in Italy. Results in the Singles (Rankings) and the National Singles will be used alongside the overall rankings to decide on the selection.

Final selections for all international championships will be made as soon as possible after the final rankings competition on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 by a panel of three people appointed to undertake the task. The panel will be confirmed by the Management Committee prior to the commencement of the playing programme and steps will be taken to ensure that panel members are fully apprised of the performance levels of individual players and the qualities that they can bring to English representation.

## **European Pétanque Confederation (CEP) - Eligibility**

The CEP has taken a decision on non-nationals at its Congress in France in 2017 and this clearly prevents us from entering non-nationals as our players in any CEP tournaments. Any players seeking to represent England in the Women's European Championships and the Men's and Women's Singles must be UK nationals.

## **World Pétanque Federation (FIPJP) - Eligibility**

The FIPJP at its recent Congress in China in December indicated that it intends to maintain the following rule for the time being:

### ***Article 10***

*Participating teams shall consist only of players of the nationality of the country represented. However, derogations linked to international agreements between states may be allowed by the Executive Committee and, so long as the International Congress does not decide otherwise, one foreigner per team may be tolerated.*

*Any player selected must have been a member of the federation that he or she is representing for at least six months.*

*This period may be extended to 3 (three) years for a foreign player and to 5 (five) years if he or she has already played for another country in an international competition, such as a world championship, a confederations world cup, a continental championship, world games, or a multisports event.*

It is important to bear in mind that the FIPJP does not as a matter of course allow one non-national (foreigner) to play in a national team. It must be linked to international agreements between states and is subject to agreement by the FIPJP Executive Committee.

We welcome non-nationals competing in our national ranking competitions if they hold an EPA licence. Non-nationals can win competitions and prize money and are also eligible for selection (if having achieved the requisite top 16 ranking) to participate in international trips to compete in tournaments not governed by CEP /FIPJP international tournament rules.

Should we decide that we would like to select a non-national for the World Championships, then we would have to approach the FIPJP to see if we would be allowed to do this, but it would be very difficult to make a case out for a non-national whose status is not linked to an inter-state international agreement.

Player contributions to international representation in CEP/FIPJP tournaments are set at £250 if the venue is in continental Europe and £500 for outside of continental Europe. Player contributions are payable within 30 days of selection. Staged equal monthly payments are available (a maximum of three months for £250 and a maximum of six months for £500), but the first monthly payment must be made within 30 days of selection. Failure to maintain staged monthly payments may lead to withdrawal from the team unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Players selected for international representation and liable for player contributions will have their contributions refunded if they participate in a day's approved coaching activity outside of the region in which their license is based. Any planned or potential activity should be discussed with the Head of the Coaching Commission (Colin Roper).

### **Top 16 ranked senior players 2017**

Rankings are shown on our website. The following players were ranked in the Top 16 in 2017:

#### **Men**

- 1 Dean SEVILLE
- 2 Jack BLOWS
- 3 Scott ASHBY
- 4 Sean PRENDERGAST
- 5 Stuart FLOYD
- 6= Callum LOMBARD
- 6= Ross JONES
- 8 Jeremy HUNTLEY
- 9 Sofiane LACHANI
- 10 Sam BLAKEY
- 11 Rowland JONES
- 12 Kevin SPILLET
- 13 Oscar PANADERO-GIMENO
- 14= David FRANCO-CRUZ
- 14= Mathew EVERS DEN
- 16= David PLUMHOFF
- 16= Reece GOULD

#### **Women**

- 1 Sarah HUNTLEY
- 2 Emma LONGSTAFF
- 3 Kaylee THATCHER
- 4 Samantha THATCHER
- 5 Karen LOMBARD
- 5 Sabrina SEVILLE
- 7= Alex SPILLET
- 7= Tracy SPILLET
- 9 Christina NORRIS
- 10 Fay GOLDER
- 11 Stephanie MOULDEN
- 12 Christine SPRAY
- 13 Hassi LEVERETT
- 14 Janice KEEMER-RICHARDS
- 15 Rachel SHAW
- 16 Hannah GRIFFIN

These players will be invited to participate in an international playing opportunity in Belgium on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (The Maaseiker Petanque Weekend), which combines Singles, Doubles and Triples in both Men's and Women's formats. Unlike last year, the Home Nations does not clash with Maaseik, so it is a matter for individual players to decide whether they wish to participate in the Home Nations tournament which will take place this year in Jersey on the 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Other international playing opportunities will be identified for the teams selected for the European and World Championships.

We wish all our members a highly successful and enjoyable playing experience in 2018.