



Euro Cup Competition

The Euro Cup Competition is a competition to find:-

- (a) The top 4 Club teams who will then play off in a Final (article 7), to decide who will represent Petanque England at the Confédération de Européenne Pétanque (CEP) 2019 EuroCup and
- (b) The best club from those who do not qualify for the EuroCup qualification final, to be awarded the PE Cup for 2019 (article 8)

1. Entry

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with Petanque England will be invited to register one or two teams for the tournament. The winning Club progressing through to the European stage must be registered with Petanque England for the calendar year of the European Championship

2. Players

- 2.1 All players must hold a valid Petanque England licence registered with the Club they are representing, signed by the player and not defaced in any way. Players taking part in the Round 4 groups or subsequently must hold a valid Petanque England licence complete with a recent photograph or accompanied by suitable photographic I.D.
- 2.2 The Players (male and female) of the same club taking part in the Round 4 groups or subsequently must be clothed in matching strip with the badge or logo of the club they represent on the front of their shirt.
- 2.3 Players can only play for one Club during the Tournament.
- 2.4 Players from the same club can only transfer to another team from that club from round 4 onwards provided the other team from that club has been eliminated. If both teams reach round 4 or the finals no transfer will be allowed for that round.
- 2.5 Any Club fielding a player(s) other than the PETANQUE ENGLAND members registered to

their Club will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) took part.

3. Structure

- 3.1 The Draw will be conducted under the direction of the PETANQUE ENGLAND Events Group.
- 3.2 Each Club will be drawn into a knockout grid for the first 3 rounds.
- 3.3 Rounds 1, 2 & 3 will be drawn (where possible) geographically to limit the travel requirements. Fixtures in round 1 will be confined to clubs within the same region.
- 3.4 The finalists in the Euro Cup Competition in 2017/18 will be seeded and will receive byes in rounds 1 to 3.
- 3.5 Round 4 onwards will be re-drawn nationally.
- 3.6 In Round 4 the 16 Clubs will be drawn randomly into one of 4 groups each consisting of 4 Clubs. The seeded clubs will be placed into separate groups.
- 3.7 The required dates by which each round must be completed are:
 - Round 1 – 19th August 2018
 - Rounds 2 - 30th September 2018
 - Round 3 – 25th November 2018
 - Round 4 - Group Heats – To be played over the weekend of 6th and 7th April 2019.
- 3.8 The Euro Cup qualification Finals day will be held at a suitable venue on the weekend of 27th & 28th April 2019 after which the overall winner will be invited to represent PE at the CEP 2018 tournament.
- 3.9 The PE Cup final will be held at a suitable venue on the weekend of 27th & 28th April 2019.

4. Matches

- 4.1 For rounds 1,2 & 3 the “Home” Club Team is responsible for liaising with their opponents and agreeing a mutual convenient time and date to play. In the event of Clubs not being able to agree a date the Euro Cup organiser will arbitrate, their decision will be without appeal.
- 4.2 In the event of a Club Team withdrawing or declining to play then their opponents will win by a walkover.
- 4.3 For the first 3 rounds the matches will be self-governed by the Clubs and it is the responsibility of the Club Team Captains to ensure that their team members hold valid PETANQUE ENGLAND licences for their Club. However the Umpire’s Commission may appoint an umpire for any match in the competition.

- 4.4 The Host Club is responsible for the organisation on the day and the designated “Home Club Team” captain is responsible for submitting the match results online on the Petanque England website within 7 days but each Club Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the scorecard before they sign it. The Home Club Team Captain should retain the signed scorecards in case of query.
- 4.5 For Round 4 and subsequent stages the Umpire’s Commission will appoint an umpire.
- 4.6 For Round 4 and subsequent stages the Petanque England Playing Commission will appoint an Organiser and decide the venues and dates.

5. Form of Play

- 5.1 This Petanque England event is played according to the format of the EuroCup established by the CEP.
- 5.2 Each Club Team can enter a squad of six, seven or eight players for each match. In a squad of six, at least one player must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. In a squad of seven or eight, at least two players must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. The Club Teams form into one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double and (for round 4 onwards only) 6 singles at least one of which must be between the opposite gender players.
- 5.3 **(Rounds 1,2 and 3 only)** Each match will consist of five games played over two rounds:-
Round 1 - Triples – two games (one Mixed & one Open)
Round 2 - Doubles – three games (one Mixed & two Open)
- 5.4 The two triple games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open v Open and Mixed v Mixed.
- 5.5 The three doubles games will be played simultaneously, with the corresponding team combinations competing i.e. Open 1 v Open 1, Open 2 v Open 2 and Mixed v Mixed.
- 5.6 In the doubles and triples games, one player in each team may be replaced (from the squad for that round). For the mixed doubles and mixed triples the replacement shall not affect mixed composition of the team. The replacement can only be made between ends and must be reported to the captain of the opposing team and the umpire. A player that has competed their game or has been replaced cannot play in any other team in this round
- 5.7 The Club Team is awarded 1 Game Point for each game won. Each Club Team Match may therefore end in 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2.

6. Round 4

- 6.1 The 12 Club Teams qualifying to Round 4 will be allocated to one of 4 groups as determined

by a random draw. The 4 seeded clubs will each be allocated to a different group by a random draw. Each group will consist of 4 Clubs.

6.2 The playing format will be round robin.

6.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 5.2 to 5.6 plus the addition of a singles round comprising of 6 games, at least one of which will be minority gender players playing each other.

6.4 Club teams will be awarded game points as follows:

For each triples match won the team will receive 5 game points

For each doubles match won the team will receive 3 game points

For each singles match won the team will receive 2 game points

The team with the most game points will be awarded 1 match point for that round.

6.5 The Winner and Runner-Up of each group will be decided according to the number of match points scored

6.6 In the event of a tie the following formula will be applied to decide the result:-

- The number of game points
- The number of game points in the match between between the tied teams

6.7 The winners of each group will qualify to take part in the EuroCup qualification final and the runners-up in each group will qualify to take part in the PE Cup final.

α.i.7. EuroCup Qualification Final

7.1 The EuroCup Qualification Final will be between the top 4 Club Teams from round 4 of the competition as determined in accordance with article 6.7.

7.2 Each club will play against each other in a Round Robin format.

7.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 5.2 to 5.6 and 6.1 to 6.7 above.

7.4 The club with most match points will be the overall winner.

7.5 In the event of a tie the result will be decided according to the formula set out in article 6.6 above.

α.i.8. PE Cup Final

8.1 The PE Cup Final will be between the runners up in each round 4 groups determined in accordance with article 6.7.

8.2 Each club team will play against each other in a round robin format.

8.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 5.2 to 5.6 and 6.1 to 6.7 above.

8.4 Placings will be decided according to the number of match points scored. In the event of a tie the result will be decided according to the formula set out in article 6.6

a.i.9. **Conventions**

9.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.

9.2 Host Clubs will provide refreshments as appropriate; refreshments can vary depending on facilities. Hosts need to ensure that their visitors know what the refreshment arrangements are and of any costs.

9.3 If Clubs travelling long distances need overnight accommodation, host Clubs should do all they can to facilitate arrangements.

a.i.10. **Rules**

All games will be subject to the Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque and Petanque England Competition Rules of which these form a part.