



Inter-Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament Competition Rules 2016

1. GENERAL

These Rules apply to the Inter Regional Championships, Junior Inter-Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament.

Regulations for play shall be The Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque but with a modification to Article 31 - Penalties for absent teams or players. For this event the time limit before penalties are imposed has been reduced from 15 minutes to 5 minutes.

Squads

- For the Inter-Regional Championship each Regional squad will comprise 8 open triple teams.
- For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship each Region will comprise 1 open triple team.
- For the Challenge Tournament each Regional squad will comprise 4 open triple teams.

Format

- Where possible the Inter Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament (with Wales by invitation) will comprise two divisions of 8 Regions each. Each division will play a Round Robin of 7 games on the Saturday after which the Regions in each division will be seeded for a further 5 rounds on the Sunday. This may be subject to change when a division does not comprise of 8 Regions.
- The format for the Junior Inter-Regional Championship (with Wales by invitation) will be subject to the number of Regions entering a junior team.

Combined Squad

When required a Combined squad will be formed.

- For the Inter-Regional Championship the squad will be composed of: 4 teams from the previous year's winning Region and two teams each from the previous year's second and third placed Regions. The squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.
- For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship the team will comprise of 4 players, 2 each from the previous year's winning and second placed Regions. The team will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.
- For the Challenge Tournament the squad will be composed of: 4 teams, 2 each from the previous year's winning and second placed Regions. The squad will be managed by the previous year's winning Region.

In either case if any of these Regions are unable to field the additional teams then the vacancies will be filled by the next finishing Region/s.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play for a Region players must be English Pétanque Association license holders in the Region they are representing. (With the exception of the “Combined” squad/team.)

Regions are responsible for registering all managers/coaches and players in their respective teams on the appropriate registration form and for ensuring all their players/team managers licenses are valid.

Eligibility of all participant's will be checked.

Umpires may inspect a participant's licence at any time.

For each Regional squad member that fails to produce a valid licence their Region will be fined £20 (Juniors £5).

Teams may be registered with 3 or 4 players.

Substitutions (other than the registered fourth player) will only be allowed in extreme circumstances (such as injury) by express permission of the competition jury.

Junior Team Managers must be DBS Screened.

3. STANDARD OF DRESS

All players will be required to wear clean and smart Regional uniform (tops and bottoms).

A top may be a shirt, polo shirt, tee shirt, fleece, jacket, blouson, sweatshirt, sweater or any similar garment. Bottoms may be short or long trousers, as the individual prefers. Matching tops and bottoms means the same colour and design.

To further clarify this rule, it is not necessary, for example, for a polo shirt to be the same colour as a jumper; polo shirts within the team must match and jumpers (if worn) must also match but not necessarily with the polo shirts. Clothing should fit and be clean, decent and appropriate for purpose.

In the case of inclement weather, waterproofs may be worn and will not have to match.

Enclosed footwear must be worn, any form of sandal is not permitted.

4. PLAYING AREA

The playing area will be clearly defined.

Alcohol and or smoking (including electronic smoking devices) is not permitted inside the defined playing area.

Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent inside the playing area at all times.