



Competition Rules

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1. These Rules apply to all one day events organised by the Southern Counties Petanque Association (SCPA).

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. To improve the standard of play by promoting events at a high level of competitiveness.

3. GENERAL

- 3.1. The number, dates and venues of the events will be determined by the Executive Committee and published in advance.
- 3.2. The SCPA Competitions Secretary will normally be responsible for the organization of the competitions and will either organise the event or appoint an Organiser for each event. The Mixed Doubles Competitions and Summer Doubles Competitions and Winter Doubles Competitions are organised by Cobbetts Boules Club on behalf of the SCPA. The Secretary's Cup is organised by the SCPA Secretary.
- 3.3. Whenever possible the Competitions Secretary, in consultation with the SCPA Playing Committee will appoint a qualified Umpire to adjudicate at each event when possible.
- 3.4. In the event of a dispute the Organiser, after consultation with the Umpire and, if present, members of the Playing Committee, will make a decision to resolve the dispute. That decision will be final.
- 3.5. Regulations for play shall be the "Official International Rules of the Game of Petanque" and any variations set out in these "Competition Rules".
- 3.6. Teams of 4 players may enter and participate in a triples event. A team may change no more than one player in a game and then only between two ends after notifying the umpire or in their absence the Organizer. Any infringement of these "Competition Rules" or of the "International Rules of the Games of Petanque" may invalidate entry or cause disqualification and/or necessitate the forfeiture of any position or prizes previously awarded.
- 3.7. Any event may be cancelled at the discretion of the SCPA Playing Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. All players must hold SCPA Membership through a valid EPA licence, with a recent photograph attached.
- 4.2. All players must produce their licence on registration at each event.
- 4.3. Any player failing to produce a valid licence will be fined £5 at registration.
- 4.4. Players entering the SCPA Junior Championship must be aged 17 or under in the full calendar year of the event.
- 4.5. Players competing to represent the SCPA in National events must be eligible to represent the SCPA, be able to travel and be available to play, and will be required to have a recent embossed photograph on their licence.
- 4.6. Only the winners and runners up of the SCPA Triples, Doubles and Shooting Championships will be eligible to play in the EPA Champion of Champion events, and will be required to have a recent embossed photograph on their EPA licence.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. SCPA Competitions must be entered in advanced. Entry may be limited by the size of venue so cannot be guaranteed. Entry on the day is not permitted.
- 5.2. Entry forms must be complete with the team captain's name, telephone number, contact address and an email address. All players' names and licence numbers must be included.
- 5.3. Entries accompanied by a cheque, payable to the SCPA, for the correct entry fee are to be sent to the address published on the entry form. No allowance will be made for delays in the postal service. We accept entries without payment but entry fee will be higher for those paying on the day.
- 5.4. The last date for guaranteed entry to a competition is the preceding Wednesday, or as published on the entry form.
- 5.5. Teams requiring confirmation of entry must include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their entry form, an email address or contact number.
- 5.6. The SCPA retains the right to refuse entry into any of its events.

- 5.7. Any Player or Team that leaves an SCPA Competition without completing all of their scheduled Games for that competition may, at the discretion of the Playing Committee, be excluded from future SCPA competitions

6. REGISTRATION and DRAW

- 6.1. Registration will be open at approximately 0900am and close promptly at 0945am.
- 6.2. The team captains will register the complete team at the control desk by handing in their licences. Only players who have properly registered in this way by the close of registration will be permitted to take part in the competition.
- 6.3. Play will commence as soon as possible after the competition of the draw and announcements.

7. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

- 7.1. The Organiser , after consultation with the Umpire and , if present , members of the Playing Committee has the right, subject to the number of entries, to alter the format of play, which may include timed games .
- 7.2. A lunch break of a minimum of 20 minutes will be allowed.
- 7.3. The format for the SCPA Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Triples Championships will be morning leagues and afternoon knock-out. The morning leagues in the Singles Championships will normally have at least six players.
- 7.4. The format for the SCPA Juniors Championship, SCPA Adult/Junior Championships and the 9-a-side Salver Competition will be dependent on the number of entries. League and knock-out or 'Round Robin' are the preferred format.
- 7.5. The format of the Shooting Championship will be dependent on entries but should comprise at least one qualifying round and a final round to determine the top shooter.
- 7.6. There is a separate set of rules for the SCPA Qualifying Series and Masters.

8. STANDARDS

- 8.1. In all SCPA competitions teams are encouraged to wear clean and smart matching tops. A 'Top' may be a shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt or any similar garment. "Matching "is defined as of the same colour and design fleece, jacket, blouson, jumper or any similar garment. 'Matching' is defined as of the same colour and design.
- 8.2. Matching tops are required for the SCPA Masters Competition with a £15 fine (£20 for a 4 player team) for the team if not in matching tops (see Qualifying Series Rules). To further clarify this rule, it is not necessary, for example, for a polo shirt to be the same colour as a sweatshirt, polo shirts within the team must match and sweatshirts (if worn) must also match but not necessarily with the polo shirts.
- 8.3. At the EPA Champion of Champion Doubles, Triples and Shooting Competitions all teams must play in full SCPA team kit comprising of clean and smart SCPA tops and plain black bottoms.
- 8.4. All players are to wear enclosed footwear.
- 8.5. At all SCPA competitions drinking alcohol or smoking by players and spectators is forbidden at all times both on and around the playing area as described by the Organiser before the start of play.
- 8.6. Anyone found to be using or taking Illegal substances at any time at an SCPA Competition will be Immediately disqualified, together with their Team from the competition. This Rule will apply from arrival to departure from the competition venue.

9. AUTHORITY

- 9.1. Where a competition is disrupted by teams or players being absent on the day or leaving Before completing all of their games the Organizer, in consultation with the Umpire and, if present, members of the Playing Committee may agree to a change of the format of the competition and these Rules as appropriate and in any case must make a full report to the SCPA Executive Committee within 48 hours.
- 9.2. During any event the Organiser and Umpire of the day are responsible of the interpretation of these rules.