

## COMPETITION RULES 2009

These rules apply to all competitions held under the auspices of the Scottish Petanque Association for 2009

### 1 GENERAL

- a The number, dates and venues of the events will be determined by the National Executive Committee (NEC) and published in advance.
- b The SPA Competition Committee will be responsible for the organisation of the competitions and will appoint a designated organiser for each event.
- c An umpire for the event will be appointed by the National Umpire or Competition Committee.
- d Regulations for play shall be the 'Official International Rules of the Game of Petanque' as approved by the FIPJP November 2008.
- e Teams of 3 or 4 players may enter and participate in triples events. A team may change no more than one player in the course of a game and then only between two ends after notifying the umpire.
- f Smoking on the terrain during a game is forbidden. Players who smoke are asked to consider others by not smoking near the terrain, other competitors or the control areas.
- g Any infringement of these Rules or of the International Rules of the Game of Petanque may invalidate entry or cause disqualification and/or necessitate the forfeiture of any position or prizes previously awarded.
- h Any event may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the NEC.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- a All members holding a valid SPA licence are eligible to compete in SPA events.
- b Players who accept an invitation to represent the SPA in international events must be eligible to represent Scotland, be able to travel and be available to play.
- c To be eligible to represent Scotland in international events players must satisfy the following:
  - d The player shall be a member of the SPA, holding a valid licence which shows a recent photograph and has been stamped by an SPA official AND
  - e The player will not represent another international team in the same year AND the player was born in Scotland OR
  - f The player has been resident in Scotland for the full calendar year prior to selection OR one parent or grandparent of the player was born in Scotland

- g Under circumstances where players are unavailable to play for a 3-person team during the Grand Prix and Masters events a substitute will be allowed. The substitute player must not have played for another team in previous rounds of the competition, ie GP 1, 2 and 3.
- h For a 4-player team all players must have registered and paid at Grand Prix 1. No substitutes will be allowed in 4-player teams.
- i Players may be required to produce evidence of eligibility to the NEC.

### 3 ENTRIES, REGISTRATION AND THE DRAW

- a Entry to all competitions will be on the day of competition unless otherwise communicated, advance entries will be permitted.
- b All players must be able to produce their licence at registration at each event.
- c Entry fees for each competition will be £6 per head (teams of 4 entering a triples event are therefore required to pay £24).
- d Registration will open at each competition at 0900 and will close at 0930 prompt.
- e Entries will not be accepted after registration has closed on the day of the competition.
- f Teams must provide a unique name by which they will be known for the duration of the event or series of events.
- g The draw will be made immediately upon closure of registration in the presence of the Umpire and play will commence immediately after the draw and announcements.

### 4 STANDARD OF DRESS

- a In all competitions teams will be requested to wear matching tops.
- b When playing in International competitions representing the SPA all teams must play in full International team kit comprising SPA tops and black/navy trousers or shorts.

### 5 INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION SERIES

- a The Grand Prix Series of competitions will qualify the top12 teams for the Masters competition.
- b The Masters is a round robin.
- c The Masters will be used to select teams for International competitions.

## 6 FORMAT OF PLAY

- a For National events the format of play will be determined on the day and will be announced to the players prior to the commencement of play.
- b The format of play for Grand Prix Series events will be as follows: six rounds of a snake drawn at random immediately after the close of registration.
- c The Competition Committee and National Umpire (or designated Umpire for the day) reserve the right to change the format of play during the event if they deem it necessary to do so (e.g. due to poor weather).
- d Announcements will be made at 0945 and play will commence immediately afterwards and at the latest by 1000.
- e Lunch will normally be from 1300 to 1400. In the event of one or more games being unfinished they will be played to a conclusion, and teams involved will be entitled to a lunch break of 40 minutes.
- f It should be noted that 3 games are to be played in the morning session. In addition play in competitions is CONTINUOUS. No breaks are allowed for refreshments, other than the designated lunch break, as detailed above. Penalties will be applied to teams ignoring this principle.
- g Play will re-commence at 1400 prompt.
- h Penalties for late arrival are detailed in the International Rules of Petanque.