



# Coronavirus: 15 March 2020

## Cancellations

In light of the growing health risks associated with the coronavirus outbreak, the SPA National Executive Committee (NEC) has decided to cancel all SPA events scheduled from 16 March until further notice. We also recommend that all inter-club and club competitions are cancelled too.

In addition, the world governing body for petanque, the Fédération Internationale de Pétaque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP), has asked that all member associations close all petanque facilities and suspend all training.

Our decision has not been taken lightly and is based on the UK Government's announcement that the outbreak is likely to reach its peak in 10-14 weeks and that additional social distancing measures will be introduced over the next few weeks.

Contingency plans for the season have been developed and will be made available once we have further clarity about when the season can commence. Our current assessment is that it could be as late as August. There is also a possibility there will be no competitions in 2020.

We apologise for any impact this has on players and teams who have already made travel and accommodation arrangements for events.

We appreciate this is a difficult time for all of our members. We therefore ask you to regularly check guidance and advice provided on NHS Inform and to take all necessary precautions to remain safe.

## Bonne chance