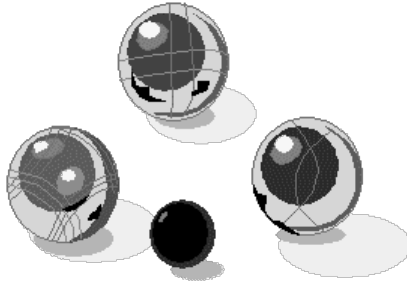


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## Pétanque League

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# CONSTITUTION

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# RULES

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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **1. TITLE**

The organisation shall be known as the Kent Pétanque League (the League).

## **2. OBJECTS**

The Objects of the League, which in no case shall conflict with the Objects of the Pétanque England (PE), shall be to promote the game of Pétanque in the County of Kent by all means at its disposal and particularly by: -

1. Organising and running leagues for the playing of Pétanque.
2. Organising and running competitions.
3. Encouraging good sportsmanship.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership of the League is at the discretion of the League's Officers.
2. Generally membership shall be open to any club in Kent which has current affiliation to PE and which, in the opinion of the Officers, meets the physical playing criteria and whose inclusion will enhance the enjoyment of the sport for current members.
3. Players must have, or have applied for, a current Pétanque England Club or Competitor membership with the Kent region before being permitted to play.
4. The final date for entries will be 1 March each year; after which a reference table of "KPL TEAMS" shall be posted on the KPA website giving details of: CLUB NAME, TEAM NAME, TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME and NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS and PLAYING DIVISION FOR THAT YEAR.

## **4. REGISTRATION**

Clubs must register each team annually on the form for the time being prescribed by the League Secretary.

## **5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1. The annual subscription, which shall be payable upon registration for the upcoming season, shall be determined by the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Any additional levy which may be recommended by the Officers shall become payable by the Members concerned only if accepted by at least two-thirds of those Members voting in a ballot in a form prescribed by the Officers.

## **6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any Club may terminate its membership at any time by giving not less than one calendar month's previous notice in writing to the Secretary.
2. Any Club not affiliated to PE shall cease to be a member.
3. Any Club not fulfilling the administrative requirements shall cease to be a member.
4. Membership of any Club, or the participation of any Team or Player, may be terminated in accordance with Clauses 9 or 10.

## **7. OFFICERS**

The Officers shall comprise a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such others as the Members in General Meeting may from time to time determine.

## **8. ELECTIONS**

1. All Officers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for a period not greater than 5 years and shall be eligible for re-election.
2. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the remaining officers and the nominated individual will serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

## **9. DISPUTES**

1. All disputes between teams or clubs should be resolved wherever possible by the parties to it.
2. If there is no resolution the dispute shall be referred to the Officers who will determine it according to a procedure selected to meet the particular need.
3. Subject to the right of appeal to the Kent Pétanque Association, the decision of the Officers is final and will be implemented by all parties concerned.

## **10. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

1. Any Club, Team or Player whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the objects of the League may be reported to the Officers.
2. The Officers may suspend or terminate League membership of any such Club, or of participation in the League of any such Team or Player.
3. Before such power is exercised on any occasion not less than fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given to the Club, Team or

Player concerned and an opportunity shall be accorded to them of showing cause before the Officers why such action is inappropriate.

4. Furthermore any such Club, Team or Player shall have the right of appeal to the Kent Pétanque Association against such decision.

## **11. MEETINGS**

### **1. General Meetings**

2. A General Meeting shall be held at least once a year.

### **3. Extraordinary meetings**

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the League may be called at any time within twenty-one days upon receipt of a requisition signed on behalf of not less than 30% of the Member Clubs or on instruction from the Secretary stating the reason for such meeting.
2. The number of Participants present at any meeting described in this Clause shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

## **12. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings called under Clause 11.
2. At all meetings called under Clause 11 voting shall be by show of hands. The result shall be declared by the chairman and shall be binding on the League unless the procedure set out in Clauses 3. hereof is applied.
3. A resolution calling for a ballot of all the Members concerned may be immediately put and if seconded and carried by a simple majority the result shall be binding on the League.

## **13. VOTING**

### **1. General Meetings**

1. The Officers of the League shall have voting rights by virtue of their Office and additionally the President may exercise a casting vote.
2. Each participating team present shall be entitled to one vote.

### **2. Other Meetings**

3. Each participant shall be entitled to one vote and additionally the chairman may exercise a casting vote.

## **14 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Any Officer may be removed from office by resolution carried at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with Clause 11.2.

## **15. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION**

Any proposal for the alteration of any Clause of the Constitution & Rules may be made by means of a resolution or resolutions included on the agenda of any General Meeting.

## **16. DISCRETION**

The Officers of the League shall have the absolute discretion to determine any issue not covered by this Constitution.

## **17. DISSOLUTION**

1. The League may be dissolved at any time by a resolution at a General Meeting called for that purpose confirmed by at least two-thirds of those Members of the Association voting in a ballot held by the Secretary. In that event the Officers shall remain in office until all the affairs of the League shall have been wound up.
2. When dissolution of the League shall have been decided on its surplus funds after providing for all liabilities shall be dealt with in such manner as the Officers in their own absolute discretion shall determine.
3. In the event of a deficit being revealed this shall be met by means of a levy on all the Members of the Association and such levy shall not be subject to the provisions under Clause 5.2).

## **PLAYING RULES**

### **1. PLAYERS' LICENCES**

1. Players must have, or have applied for, a current Pétanque England Club or Competitor membership with the Kent region before being permitted to play.
2. Any team playing an ineligible player will be penalised by awarding a 13-0 win to their opponents for any game in which an ineligible player has taken part.
3. Teams persistently contravening this rule will be dealt with by the League Officers and may risk disqualification from the league. A player may hold a licence for any club in the Kent Pétanque Association but once he has played for a club he will be club-tied for that season.

### **2. LATE ARRIVALS**

1. Games will normally be played on Wednesday evenings commencing at 8pm. At 8:05pm any triple or double which is absent from the pitch may be penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents. After this they will forfeit one point for every two minutes continued absence. Any triple or double not present after a half hour (by 8:30pm) will forfeit their game. If no player from a team has arrived by 8:30pm the team may be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) result awarded to their opposition.

Either team may request an earlier start, which would have to be agreed by the other team. Without agreement, the default time would be 8 pm. Only three players need to be present by an agreed earlier start time but all players who are going to be taking part in the match will need to be available by 8 pm subject to 2.1 above and 2.2 below.

2, Any incomplete team may start without waiting for their partner but may not use his/her boules. If after an end has started, the missing player arrives, he/she may not take part in that end, but is only allowed to participate as from the following end. If the missing player arrives more than one hour after the game has started he/she loses all right to participate in that game. He/she may take part in the following game.

### 3. REARRANGEMENT

1. Except in respect of exceptional circumstances accepted by the League Secretary as such, rearrangement will not be allowed if less than 48 hours notice is given to the club contact and League Officers i.e. 8pm on the preceding Monday evening. The non-arrival of a team will be treated as in Rules 2.1 above.
2. Any team failing to arrive for an arranged fixture without giving adequate notice (as per rule 3.1) to their opponents will be fined £5.00. Failure to pay the fine will result in it being added onto the offending clubs registration fee for the following season. Should the team still fail to pay they will be expelled from the league. The money will be returned to the non-offenders as a contribution to their food or travel costs. Teams should make a note on the scorecard if they are not given sufficient notice.
3. Rearrangement of a fixture will be allowed by mutual agreement. All matches must be played on or before the last day of the season as advised in the fixture list. Notification must be given to the organisers as per rule
4. If rearrangement cannot take place the team who could not fulfil the original fixture will be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) awarded to their opposition, **and in addition to this, a -5 games won penalty will be carried forward to the following Summer League season.** Should both teams decide to cancel the games shall be void with no penalties. Knockout Cup - Rearranged cup games must be played within 48 hours of the original fixture. There will be no rearrangement of semi-finals and finals.”
5. Where a match is suspended incomplete, the completed games will stand and any remaining games replayed. The suspension must be reported, by both teams, to the League Secretary together with reasons why the match was suspended within 48 hours of the suspension.
6. The Officers of the League shall have absolute discretion to determine any issue not covered by these rules.

### 4. BOULES

Boule used must be competition boules. 'Dog' or leisure boules are strictly forbidden.

### 5. SCORECARDS

1. The official scorecard will be in such format as the League Secretary may from time to time determine.
2. The home team will submit the official score card to the League Secretary using the Kent League eScorecard on the web site.
3. Each captain is responsible for ensuring the correct details are on the card when he/she receives his/her email copy of the score.



4. eScorecards must be with the League Secretary within forty-eight hours of the fixture played and non-receipt of scorecards within the required timescale will result in the home team not receiving any score. The away team will receive their score where this can be established.
5. The League Secretary accepts no responsibility for non-receipt of eScorecards.

## 6. SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Teams in a higher division may draw players from their club's teams in lower divisions for two matches only (subject to paragraph 4 below). A third match with a specific team will result in that player or players remaining in that specific team and its division for the remaining matches of the season.
2. No player can play for more than one team in the same division.
3. There may be no downwards movement of players e.g. from a team in division 1 to a team in division 2 after an individual has played in more than two matches in a higher team (subject to paragraph 4 below).
4. **League** – A player may only play for a maximum of two teams in the league in one season.
5. **Knockout Cup** - A player may play for only one team in the knockout cup and plate of any season.
6. One substitute is allowed in each triples game, **and one substitute is allowed in two of the doubles games**. A player can only play in one Triple and One Double game per match.  
**( For clarification, Administration and format rule 5 still applies, a total of 8 players are allowed per match)**

## 7. PE RULES

The rules of play are as published in the Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque as adopted by PE on 1st December 2017 and as amended from time to time. With the exception to articles 5 and 9, where for matches played in the Kent Pétanque League, all string lines are dead ball lines. Consistent with PE rules no smoking is allowed on the piste using either tobacco or electronic cigarettes.

## 8. MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Players should carry their membership cards with them at all games and be willing to show them on request. If there is any doubt as to the eligibility of a player this should be noted on the scorecard and queried with the League Secretary.

## 9. LANDLORDS

Public House landlords can play home matches for any of their teams. These landlords must hold a current Kent Pétanque Association licence and the League Secretary must be informed prior to the start of the season.

## 10. UMPIRES

Umpires will be appointed by the Officers for both the Cup and Plate semi- finals and finals and any other league event as deemed necessary.

## 11. PLATE

**Teams must compete in preliminary or first round of league cup to qualify for plate competition in the event of losing.**

### ***ADMINISTRATION & FORMAT***

1. Entry to the Kent League will only be accepted if the clubs fully conform to the Constitution & Rules.  
Any team which does not fully conform to this rule will not be accepted and may forfeit their entry fee.
2. The league shall be formed into divisions of 10 teams whenever possible. Each team must consist of a minimum of six licensed players.
3. The league will run from April until September approximately (dependent on the number of teams taking part).
4. The league is run on a home and away basis interspersed by the cup and plate competitions.
5. Each match consists of five games, two triples and three doubles.  
Up to 8 players may take part in each match. For each match, a player may play only in one triple. For each match, a player may play only in one double. **For league matches, the home side will decide on whether to play triple first or doubles first.**  
For cup and plate matches the triples will always be played first.  
The home side will nominate their players for the first round of games either triples or doubles and the pitches they will use, the away side will match up to this.  
Before the second round of games the home side will again nominate their players and the pitches they will use, the away side will match up to this.  
Result is in games played, points for and against.  
(For clarification if the selected players for a doubles game are available before one of the triples is finished, then to help with time management a doubles game can commence.)

In order to assist with time management, any home team which has the facility to play the three doubles games simultaneously should do so upon the request of the away team. For the avoidance of doubt, this will apply when one match is being played at any venue with three or more pitches; two matches are being played at a venue with six or more pitches; three matches are being played at a venue with nine or more pitches and so on. Any home team that fails to comply with this request will be penalised by having the third doubles game awarded 13-0 against them by the League Officers. At the end of each season two teams will automatically be

promoted and relegated from each division (subject to any variation in team numbers). The placing's will be decided by:

1. Games won
2. Points difference
3. Points for

If, at the end of the season, teams in contention for promotion or relegation are still equal after the above then the administrators will arrange a play off between the two teams.

6. Eight individual trophies will be presented to the winners and runners up in each division, in the knockout cup and in the plate competitions. In addition the winners shall also receive a trophy that will be held for a year. These "main" trophies must be returned to the Secretary before the presentation each year.
7. Any query with the Secretary should be put in writing, preferably by e- mail. In the event of any phone calls being necessary these should be made between the hours of 9.00am and 8.00pm.

## **Winter League**

### **Objective.**

To provide an opportunity for competitive play in a relaxed and open environment that will enable novices to get a taste for pétanque and experienced players the opportunity to play with a different mix of players from their usual.

### **Format.**

1. Matches will be 2 rounds of triples and the reverse triples.
2. There will be no strict eligibility requirements. New players will be able to experience league play using the balance of their 5 taster sessions (as defined by PE) before they are required to in Pétanque England. Their membership will last through the following summer until March of the subsequent year.
3. The KPL score card will be used but names will not be recorded.
4. A cup and plate competition will be included and in the event of ties (after games won, points difference, points for) each sides will nominate a triple consisting of any 3 players who have already taken part in the evenings' games to play a tie break game to 7 points.
5. Entry fees, at the current KPL rate, will be used to provide trophies and food on Semi-final, Final, and Presentation nights if sufficient.
6. Normal KPL playing rules will be followed.
7. Try to avoid rearrangements except for bad weather by being flexible. (e.g. Agree before hand to play 2 doubles if only 4 players available).
8. In the event of anything that the teams cannot resolve the Organisers decision will be final.