



VICTORIA PÉTANQUE CLUBS INC.

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VPCI Policy on Conducting Victorian Championship Petanque Tournaments

1. Definitions

- 1.1. A Victorian Championship Petanque Tournament (referred to simply as 'Tournament' from now on) is one approved by VPCI, listed on the VPCI Victorian State Calendar, and is an activity open to all PFA-licenced Players in Victoria, who are members of a Victorian Petanque Club and are normally resident in Victoria.
- 1.2. PFA Day licences may not be used by Players for these Tournaments. Each Player must hold a full PFA licence, and be a resident in the State of Victoria.
- 1.3. These Tournaments may comprise Events that are Gender and/or Age restricted, but all Victorian PFA-licenced Players must be afforded the opportunity to Register for the Tournament.
- 1.4. Each year Victorian PFA-affiliated Clubs (as Member Clubs of VPCI) are invited to host these Tournaments through a poll conducted around the previous August in order to draw up the Calendar of Victorian Championship Tournaments applicable to the following calendar year.

2. Overarching Condition

- 2.1. All Tournaments are to be conducted strictly under the FIPJP Rules of Petanque as adopted by the PFA, plus any additional Local Rules stipulated by PFA.

3. General Conditions - VPCI

- 3.1. The VPCI Committee is the Organiser for all Tournaments.
- 3.2. The VPCI Committee appoints the Tournament Director for a Tournament.
- 3.3. The VPCI Committee appoints the Scorer for a Tournament.
- 3.4. The VPCI Committee, through the State Director of Umpiring, arranges the Umpire(s) for a Tournament.

- 3.5. VPCI may request the Host Club displays one banner, or similar (provided by VPCI), indicating that the Event is a Victorian State Championship Tournament conducted by VPCI, and one banner, or similar, indicating the major VPCI sponsor (if any) of the event. VPCI undertakes to advise the Host Club as to the type and size of the banner(s) and the identity of the major sponsor at least 1 month prior to the date of the Tournament. The major sponsorship should avoid direct advertising of Alcohol, Cigarettes or Gambling.
- 3.6. The VPCI Committee is responsible for the promotional flyer for these kinds of Tournaments along with appropriate contact details.
- 3.7. VPCI is responsible for advertising these types of Tournaments to all VPCI Member Clubs and undertakes to email all those Clubs with details of the Tournament at least 1 month prior to the date of the Tournament.
- 3.8. VPCI also undertakes to promote these types of Tournaments on MyPetanque (or similar on-line sites that may be developed by VPCI or PFA).
- 3.9. The promotional flyer for the Tournament must include the following details:
 - (a) Date, venue and starting time for the Tournament
 - (b) The specific titles of the various Events that comprise the Tournament
 - (c) The Gender and Age restrictions, if any, for the various Events that comprise the Tournament
 - (d) The Player or Team registration fee, and the manner in which it is to be paid (the default is that Players may pay on the day of the Tournament)
 - (e) Broadly outline the type of Events that Players will take part in, including Draw details and use of Seeding to the initial games and any Ranking conditions from Qualifying games for entry to the Finals (if any)
- 3.10. All Players who wish to do so must Register for a Tournament by the date specified on the flyer as the Close of Registration Date. No Player may Register to play on the day of the Tournament unless they have received special permission to do so by the Tournament Director.
- 3.11. The Tournament Director is responsible for arranging that all Conditions of Play (as outlined in the Flyer) are available for Players to read on the day.
- 3.12. In addition, the displayed Conditions of Play must include information as to the prizes and awards on offer for the Tournament, and for every Event separately if more than one Event is to be held.
- 3.13. Conditions of Play outlined on the Flyer must not be altered unless clearly announced to all Players on the day of the Tournament.

- 3.14. The Umpire shall not be a Player in a Tournament.
- 3.15. The Umpire is to provide the VPCI Committee with a report as soon as possible after the Tournament is concluded.
- 3.16. VPCI is responsible for collecting the Player Registration fees on the day of the Tournament.
- 3.17. At the conclusion of the Tournament (usually within 3 working days) VPCI will forward to the Host Club an amount being the greater of \$200 or 10% of the total Registration fees of all adult Players that participated in the Tournament in recognition of the use of their playing terrain and other facilities.
- 3.18. VPCI will make a payment of \$100 per day to the Tournament Umpire upon receiving a report from the State Director of Umpiring

4. General Conditions – Host Club

- 4.1. The Host Club is responsible for the preparation of the lanes and their markings, and VPCI would encourage all lanes to be as near as possible in size to 4 m wide and 15 m long.
- 4.2. All lanes for a Tournament must be at least 3.5 m wide and 12 m long (anything less is not acceptable and will lead to the hosting offer being withdrawn).
- 4.3. It is required that the Host Club can provide at least 15 lanes, but preferably 20 or more lanes for a Tournament.
- 4.4. Each lane used for a Tournament must be viewable by the Umpire in direct line-of-sight from all other lanes. Lanes must not be obscured by permanent buildings or structures from other pistes.
- 4.5. VPCI would prefer to see throwing circles used and score posts available for all lanes, and to be provided by the Host Club, but appreciate this may not be possible in all cases.
- 4.6. The Host Club is responsible for providing adequate shelter and mains power for the Scorer.
- 4.7. The Host Club is responsible for providing adequate potable water and toilet facilities.
- 4.8. The Host Club is responsible for providing SPF 50+ Sunscreen.
- 4.9. The Host Club is requested to provide a Notice Board.

- 4.10. The Host Club is asked to provide a PA system if at all possible, and if not able to do that, to advise VPCI at least one week in advance of the date of the Tournament.
- 4.11. The Host Club may not alter, or add to, the VPCI name of the Tournament in any advertising material from that specified by VPCI, but may seek sponsorship, and may provide food and drink for Players and officials as a means of fundraising.
- 4.12. The Host Club may display all information about its normal current sponsors (if any), and also display one additional banner, or similar, relating to a major sponsor for the day of the Tournament. Major sponsors should be advised to VPCI at least 1 month prior to the date of the Tournament, and should avoid direct advertising of Alcohol, Cigarettes or Gambling.
- 4.13. The placement of any signage related to the Host Club and/or their sponsors should be approved prior to the Tournament by VPCI (but will generally be approved unless it directly interferes with the name of the Tournament, or the uninterrupted view by the Umpire of all lanes).
- 4.14. The Host Club is responsible for any temporary shelter and/or seating that it wishes to provide for the Tournament.
- 4.15. The Host Club may make all reasonable decisions as to parking, access and matters of a similar nature that leads to the smooth operation of a Tournament.

5. General Conditions – Tournament Play

- 5.1. Prior to the start of play the Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Umpire, should appoint a Tournament Jury of at least 3 people. These 3 people, if possible, should be from 3 different Clubs, and while the Jury may call on the Umpire for advice, the Umpire is not to be a member of the Jury. Out of courtesy the Host Club is offered the opportunity to provide one Jury member.
- 5.2. The Umpire and Tournament Director, in conjunction with a designated Office-bearer of the Host Club, are to agree prior to the start of play that it is safe to commence play.
- 5.3. Play shall be suspended if the temperature exceeds 35 degrees Celsius.
- 5.4. Players shall only use competition boules in these types of Tournaments.
- 5.5. From the time that the Umpire is invited to present to the Players any specific instructions as to the Rules of Petanque and the Conditions of Play, the Umpire has total control of the Tournament until the time that the last game is finished. The Umpire is the only person at a Tournament allowed to interpret and/or apply the Rules of Petanque.

5.6. The Tournament Umpire and Tournament Scorer are to agree to the initial Draw and also to any specific condition as regards the Team Seeding that may be used and agree to the Team that shall have the first BYE in the event of an odd number of Teams.

5.7. Teams are encouraged to wear matching clothing; as a Team uniform or Team colours.

6. Complaints

6.1. In the event of any person or Player or Team wishing to make a complaint they must immediately inform the Umpire as to the issue involved.

6.2. If the complaint concerns the application of the Rules of Petanque, the Umpire only is allowed to make a decision, and that decision is final.

6.3. Complaints regarding matters not provided for in the Rules of Petanque shall also be made in the first instance to the Umpire who may refer it to the Jury at the earliest possible time – and no later than the conclusion of the game being played by any persons deemed to be involved in the complaint.

6.4. Complaints heard by the Jury should be held in private and an attempt made to limit any delay in play to the extent that the hearing may be held at a scheduled break in play or at the conclusion of play. The Jury hearing must take place, and a determination reached before the Players involved leave the Tournament.

6.5. The Jury may make any reasonable finding to resolve a Complaint but may not apply monetary fines. The Jury may seek apologies, suspend a Player or a Team for a single game, or alter a score to penalise a Player or a Team for one game. Penalties that extend beyond a single game are only to be used in extreme cases. Determinations by the Jury are final as they affect the continuation of play for the Tournament.

6.6. Juries who are involved in determining complaints during a Tournament must present a written report to VPCI, the Host Club Committee and the Umpire within 3 working days following the Tournament.

6.7. Players who have had a Jury determination made that involves them must accept the Jury decisions on the day of the Tournament (there is no appeal on the day), but, if they wish they may follow up on their Complaint, in writing, to the VPCI Complaints Officer within 3 working days. After that time interval no Complaint may be further raised concerning that Tournament with VPCI.

7. Other Matters

7.1. Any restrictions regarding bringing (particularly alcoholic) drinks to the Tournament must be clearly specified in the Tournament promotional Flyer after advice from the Host Club.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the first VPCI Committee Meeting of each calendar year, and any changes conveyed to the VPCI Member Clubs and posted on the VPCI website.

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