



VICTORIA PÉTANQUE CLUBS INC.

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# Welcome!

## A Kit for New Member Clubs

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# VICTORIA PÉTANQUE CLUBS INC.

## Introduction

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc. (Pétanque Victoria) is the representative body of all PFA affiliated petanque clubs throughout Victoria. These clubs are our members.

We are here to look after our members' best interests and provide Victorian clubs with strong representation to the National body, Pétanque Federation Australia (PFA).

It is our role to manage and co-ordinate all Victorian petanque Calendar tournaments and to organise and conduct the various Victorian State Championship events.

### **Affiliation**

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc. is affiliated, through Pétanque Federation Australia (PFA), with the Federation Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP), the world governing body of Pétanque.

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to promote the game of Pétanque, to increase player participation and player development, to encourage inter-club activities and tournaments and to provide an environment and organised structure in which Pétanque can be enjoyed within Victoria.



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## Committee

**Aileen hebblethwaite**

President

Camberwell Petanque Club

**Jean Francois Veysiere**

Vice President

Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club

**Peter Wells** (North and West Region Coordinator)

Secretary

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

**Max Wright**

Treasurer

Mt Martha and Mornington Petanque Club

**Martial Leconte**

St Kilda Petanque Club

**David Shaw**

Ex officio as State Director of Woodend

Hanging Rock Petanque Club



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## **Umpires & Coaches**

### **Umpire**

**David Shaw,**

Ex officio as State Director of Umpiring

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Contact details: 0417 552 481, [umpires@petanquevictoria.com.au](mailto:umpires@petanquevictoria.com.au),

David Shaw should be contacted and can provide umpires to any PFA-sanctioned event in Victoria. David should be contacted at least 4 weeks prior to the event.

There are currently 13 accredited umpires in Victoria.

### **Coaches**

**Lindsay Kinghorn**

Level 2 Coach

Mt Macedon Petanque Club



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### Starting Your Own Club

#### **What do you need?**

The following list of resources and suggestions may assist you in setting up a new petanque club. If you require any further advice please get back to VPCI.

#### **Incorporated Association**

As you most certainly will be asking members to pay fees and thus handling other peoples' money it is best if you form an Incorporated Association. This can be done by applying to Consumer Affairs Victoria, in the Department of Justice. Their contact details are:

121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

GPO Box 4567, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

[www.consumer.vic.gov.au/associations](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/associations)

This will also require you to submit an Annual Report soon after your AGM and pay a modest fee (currently about \$56).

#### **Insurance**

Public liability insurance is almost certainly something you will require.

#### **Affiliation with PFA**

Becoming an affiliated member of Petanque Federation Australia, PFA, does have many advantages. Your club members will pay a portion of their club membership fee to PFA and in return all players and the club will be insured while playing petanque at any venue if the event is properly organised and conducted. This affiliation will also allow all your members to play in tournaments organised by VPCI and other state clubs, and in addition to play in PFA-organised National and International events in Australia. If your club is not affiliated with PFA then your members will have only very limited access (if any) to the tournaments conducted by VPCI.

## **Membership Process**

The process of applying for VPCI membership and to becoming an affiliated club with PFA has recently been simplified and is now done on-line.

You first need to contact PFA through their website and make contact (email or phone) the PFA Secretary. The PFA website is:

<http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com>

and the Secretaries details are available at:

<http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/pfa-board-of-directors>

After this initial contact affiliating with PFA and licencing your member players is completed on-line, and VPCI is then notified (by PFA) and will contact your club.

## **VPCI Membership Fees**

The annual club subscription as a member club in Victoria is currently \$50 payable to the VPCI on 1 July each year.

## **PFA Membership Fees**

The current annual club subscription by an affiliated club is \$100 which is payable to PFA on the 1 July each year. As stated previously, to be an affiliated club requires a minimum of six PFA-licenced players.

The annual player licence fee, also paid to PFA, is currently \$30 per year per adult player. So your own club membership fee, if you decide to affiliate with PFA, will be \$35 plus whatever you decide to retain from each club member. Many clubs have a total membership fee of between \$60 and \$80 per player per year, thus retaining between \$25 and \$45 per member for their own development and to cover their own costs.

From the above income from clubs and licensed players, PFA provides insurance and other benefits in terms of access to coaches and umpires, plus other support for players, clubs and state leagues.

## **A Playing Area**

The playing area for a game of petanque is usually referred to as a piste. A single piste should be a minimum of about 13 m long and 3 m wide. Tournament pistes should really be 14 m long and 4 m wide. The surface should be reasonably level and comprise a fairly fine gravel topping on a firm base. Advice on exactly how to prepare a playing area can be provided by discussing your requirements with VPCI.

## **Equipment and Resources**

Apart from a playing area it is a good idea to have the following additional resources:

- A few sets of social boules for visitors and intending players
- Some spare jacks (originally referred to as cochonettes, or coches)
- A rake to generally clean up and level the piste area
- Some chairs for players wishing to relax between games
- Some printed membership application forms
- Maybe a copy of the rules of petanque (see the VPCI website)
- A means to display the members in teams to play games (we can offer a few ideas on this if you wish)

As you can see, petanque is a relatively cheap sport! And small grants up to about \$150 are available from VPCI to member clubs for the purchase of equipment, computer software, resources, etc.

## **Keeping Your Members Informed**

If you can afford it, a website is a good idea. This is a relatively easy way to keep your members informed of club activities, but it does take a bit of work to ensure that it is kept up to date. We can provide advice here if you require it. Alternatively, Google Sites provides a free website service.

In terms of events and tournaments throughout Victoria there is a comprehensive calendar on the VPCI website, and you and your members are encouraged to check this regularly.



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## Member Benefits

### **Membership of the VPCI**

Upon PFA affiliation, your club automatically becomes eligible to become a member of the VPCI. VPCI membership gives your club a say in the running of petanque in Victoria. VPCI has a financial year running from 1 July to 30 June and conducts an AGM a few months after the end of a financial year. Your club also has access to the following resources to assist you and your members in getting the best from playing petanque.

### **Dedicated Committee Member**

A dedicated Committee member is allocated to your region as a coordinator. This Committee member will be available to assist you in the following areas, and is your first point of contact with the VPCI.

### **Inter-Club Matches**

We will provide introductions to clubs in your region to promote inter-club matches.

### **Regional Meetings**

We will arrange Regional meetings to provide two-way communications between member clubs and VPCI.

### **Player development**

We will liaise with the State Director of Coaching to arrange training and coaching clinics from social play through to tournament level, state and international teams.

### **Holding a Tournament**

VPCI will also provide assistance in holding a tournament, including computer advice and training on the SPORT scoring software program.

### **Require an Umpire**

You can get free advice about umpiring by contacting VPCI. If you run a tournament then you can apply to have an umpire run the event. The host club often allows the umpire to play free of charge in the tournament. VPCI contributes towards the cost of the umpire's expenses.

### **Advice on Fundraising**

Here are a few ideas on fundraising

### **Bendigo Bank**

The VPCI banks with Bendigo Bank and encourages members to do likewise.

By opening a community account with Bendigo Bank it entitles to you to ask for sponsorship or money to purchase items, etc. This is usually between \$500 and \$1000. The Bendigo Bank may also provide Marquees free of charge for special occasions. They will require a copy of our Public Liability Insurance.

If we can get enough members banking with the Bendigo Bank then we will consider approaching them to sponsor our State Championships.

### **Bunning's BBQs**

By holding an annual fundraising BBQ with your local Bunning's store your club can generate between \$900 and \$2000 profit. A food handler's certificate is required, which can be done on-line, plus a copy of our Public Liability Insurance and 6-8 volunteers. You will probably have to book 12 months ahead.

### **Local Businesses**

By approaching local businesses you may be able to raise additional funds and vouchers. These are useful for club prizes.

### **Local Council**

If your club piste area is located on council land you can apply for funds through their annual works program or through your local ward councillor who may have a discretionary allowance.

### **Government Grants**

Various government agencies have grants from time to time to cover such things as uniforms (Dept. of Transport, Planning and local infrastructure – grants), protective Shade etc.



# VICTORIA PÉTANQUE CLUBS INC.

## Petanque Clubs in Victoria

### **South and Metropolitan Region (13 clubs)**

Camberwell

St. Kilda

Stella Clavisque

Caulfield

Weird Entertainers

Chamarel

Dove

Mornington Peninsula

Portsea

Flinders

Red Hill

Somers

St. Andrews Beach

### **Coordinating Committee member for this region**

Aileen Hebblethwaite

### **North and West Region (11 clubs)**

Maldon

Pyrenees

Apollo Bay

Mt Macedon

Sunbury

Smythesdale

Nagambie

Woodend Hanging Rock

Bellarine Peninsula

Benloch Boules of Steel

Grampians

### **Coordinating Committee member for this Region**

Peter Wells



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## Documents

Documents you may wish to access are:

- PFA Rules of Petanque
- PFA By-Laws
- PFA Insurance Certificate of Currency.

These are also on the Documents page of the VPCI Website.



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### Insurance & Day Licences

All petanque tournaments properly organised and/or hosted by PFA-affiliated clubs, the VPCI (or equivalent State Leagues) or the PFA are, by definition, PFA-sanctioned. All PFA-licensed players who play in PFA-sanctioned tournaments are insured through the PFA insurance policy.

PFA-licensed players who seek to represent their state and ultimately their country, and all licensed PFA Umpires and Coaches may not play in events organised or conducted by clubs that are not affiliated with the PFA.

Also, petanque players who do not hold a PFA license are not allowed to enter any tournament organised and/or conducted the PFA or the VPCI.

As of 1 July 2014 the PFA Day Licenses were abolished, so the only players who may register for PFA-sanctioned events are those holding a PFA license. However, PFA also encourages promotional and showcase events properly run by affiliated clubs. For these events PFA insurance will still apply as long as the names of all visitors are provided to the PFA upon request.

Day licences were re-introduced in 2019. They may be used for new players for a short peirod. They may also be issued for a sanctioned Tournament by the host club.

Affiliated clubs are also encouraged to allow new players to play for a short period of time at properly conducted club social days on a “Come and Try” basis, and again bona fide new comers are also covered by PFA insurance.

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