



VPCI Step 4 Playing Conditions for Victorian Petanque Clubs

These conditions take effect on Monday morning 23 November for all PFA-affiliated Petanque Clubs in Victoria and are in place until further notice.

- A. For organised Tournament Play under the control of a named Tournament Director and Umpire you are not restricted to the number of pistes you may use. But you may be constrained by the total area available at your Club – see points C and D below.**
- B. For Social play with no direct supervision of a Tournament Director and Umpire you are limited to a total of 50 people; so 48 Players and no more than 2 additional organisers.**

The main constraint to be addressed now is when Players take a break between games to relax, eat and drink. The restrictions are different here for outdoor and indoor gatherings.

- C. Outdoors: You are allowed a maximum of 50 people in a Group with a density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres. With more than 50 people, Groups must be separated by at least 10 m.**

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With more than 50 people, an alternative arrangement is to have them in small groupings (say up to 10 Players or 2-3 Teams) with these groupings spread out uniformly to ensure an overall density limit of no more than 1 person per 4 square metres.

and

- D. Indoors: In addition, you are allowed up to 20 people in a Room but with a density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres.**

The following distance and hygiene rules still apply.

1. No Player who feels unwell should visit their Petanque Club or any other Petanque Club under any circumstances. Any Player who tests positive to covid-19 must immediately inform their Club if they have attended any recent activities at the Club premises or at any other Club premises.
2. Any Player in a high-risk category is encouraged to obtain additional expert advice about playing Petanque under the conditions spelt out in this note.
3. Each Petanque Club should appoint a Compliance Officer with the responsibility of ensuring these conditions are adhered to. Each Petanque Club must put up a notice stating these conditions, and also send an email to all Players in their Club stating these conditions.
4. Players, PFA-licenced or otherwise, who are Members of a Petanque Club, who do not accept all these conditions are not allowed to attend any Club and play Petanque.

5. Clubs must retain records, including date and names and contact details, of all people/Players attending each playing session.
6. Petanque Club Rooms/Facilities can be opened but with no more than 20 people inside per room. But you are also strictly limited, inside, to a space requirement of at least 4 square metres per person within any room.
7. Club kitchen facilities for food and drink preparation may be used, again having no more than 1 person per 4 square metres in the kitchen at any one time. Food and drink must be served; people may not “help themselves”.
8. VPCI requires that no equipment be shared or handled by others, and this includes boules, jacks and all measuring equipment. So, 1 jack per team in an event, and handled by just 1 Player in that team, please.
9. Use of throwing rings is discouraged. If throwing rings are used, each ring must be handled by only one Player only throughout a game and cleaned between games.
10. Social distancing of at least 1.5 m between all people/Players in attendance at a Club must be adhered to at all times.
11. Face masks do not have to worn outside, but must still be worn inside.
12. Clubs are encouraged to provide tissues and hand sterilising liquid during playing sessions.
13. Whether for official Tournaments or Social play, a Petanque Club must provide defined seating areas for all Players, spectators and Officials to relax, eat and drink between Rounds that must conform to the previous statements, C and D, about groups and density limits, both outdoors and indoors.
14. For Tournament play, the Organisers need to have some plan of action in the case of inclement weather, particularly if the Club has no effective useable indoor space for the Player numbers involved.
15. For Tournaments, please designate 1 Player per Team to liaise with Organisers, and the Director and Umpire(s) throughout an Event. Please also ensure social distancing occurs particularly at the Score Table and around Umpires or Players undertaking measurements.
16. A Petanque Club that is part of a larger Sporting Complex/Organisation must get permission from the overarching Committee of that Organisation indicating that these restrictions are acceptable, and if not adjust them accordingly and advise VPCI.
17. If you have any concerns with these conditions and/or wish to vary them in any way you must first seek written approval from your Local Government Authority or the Owners of the Land on which you play.

Date: 22 November 2020