



## VPCI Statement

There have been some discussions lately around Insurance and eligibility conditions in Victorian Championship Tournaments. The VPCI Committee has decided on the following statement in order to clarify some of these issues.

### Licences

The VPCI Committee encourages all regular Players to have a PFA (Petanque Federation Australia) licence.

### Insurance

All Club organised Events, all Victorian Club-Hosted Calendar Events and all Victorian Championship Events are, by definition, PFA-sanctioned, and hence are covered by the PFA Insurance in the following manner, noting that there are broadly 2 aspects to PFA Insurance; cover for Clubs and cover for Players.

The Clubs, and State Leagues, that host PFA-sanctioned Tournaments are fully covered by the PFA Public Liability Insurance. Players are covered by the Personal Accident Insurance but only if they hold a current PFA Licence. Non-licenced Players and Players holding licences from a Federation other than PFA are not covered by the PFA Insurance Policy. For full details on PFA Insurance, VPCI recommends that you go to: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/petanqueaus/files/lkk1tphb8etxpfyf.pdf>

### Victorian Calendar Events

VPCI strongly recommends that all Players in VPCI Member Clubs hold a current PFA-Licence. At any Victorian Calendar Event, Players that hold a current licence from any FIPJP Federation may register and play. In these Events a Player is not obliged to hold a PFA Licence, but if they don't, they may not be covered by the PFA Personal Accident Insurance.

If a Player is un-licenced they are allowed, under the current PFA Licence Policy, to request a PFA Day Licence from the host Club. The host Club may charge an additional registration fee of no more than \$10 for a Day Licence. The condition here is that any Player may only ever receive 2 Day Licences (and please note, this is 2 Day Licences only, not 2 every calendar year). Exceptions to this strict 2 Day Licences rule may be waived in exceptional cases. A Player holding a PFA Day Licence is then covered by the Personal Accident Insurance.

### Victorian Championship Events

For Victorian Championship Events, conducted by VPCI, there are further restrictions. Each Player must be a paid up member of a VPCI Member Club and hold a current licence (from PFA or another FIPJP Federation), and must also hold permanent residence status in Australia, and their place of residence must be in the state of Victoria.

For all Victorian Championship Tournaments, no Event will take place unless there are at least 6 Teams present for an Event on the day, but no Player (subject to the above licence and residence conditions) will be denied the opportunity to register, and play in, a Team. In order to ensure this, during the initial registration period there will only be 2 Divisions available for registration, and they are **Men** (with no age limits at all) and **Women** (with no age limits at all).

If, at any later stage during the registration process, there are sufficient Teams registered to allow both at least 6 Teams for an Open (age unrestricted) Event plus at least a further 6 Teams for a 60+ Event (all Players in each of these Teams must be 60 years of age or older at the date specified by the PFA) then the registration conditions will be changed to show these as 2 separate Events, Open and 60+, and allow additional Teams for both these Open and 60+ Events to register.

If you have any further questions on these topics please get back to the VPCI Committee.