

## VPCI Playing Conditions Under the Victorian Government Step 3 Restrictions

VPCI have now had time to consider in more detail the Step 3 restrictions for Regional Victoria and how they apply to adult, outdoor, non-contact sports like Petanque. We have, in part, been guided by the manner in which Bowls Clubs are interpreting these Step 3 restrictions. We also recognise the need for a complete set of well thought through guidelines for when the Metropolitan Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula Clubs move to Step 3.

These conditions, to operate from Monday 21 September, for any PFA-affiliated Petanque Club operating under Step 3 restrictions in Regional Victoria, now limits the maximum number of Players at a Club to 36, as follows:

1. Each Petanque Club must put up a notice outlining the conditions set out in this note, or send an email to all Players in their Club stating these conditions.
2. 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.
3. No Player who feels unwell should visit their Petanque Club or any other Petanque Club under any circumstances.
4. 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.
5. Petanque Club Rooms/Facilities are to be closed apart from allowing access to toilets and potable water.
6. No equipment may be shared or handled by others, and this includes boules, jacks and measuring tools.
7. No throwing rings are to be used.
8. Clubs must retain records, including date and the names and contact details, including mobile phone numbers, of all people/Players attending each playing session.
9. 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.
10. Clubs playing on terrain they do not own must get written permission from the owners of the land or from the Local Shire/Council, as appropriate.
11. Social distancing of at least 1.5 m between all people/Players in attendance at a Club must be adhered to at all times.
12. Face masks must be worn by all people/Players at the Club at all times. Clubs are to implement a strict “no masks – no play policy”.
13. Tissues and hand sterilising liquid must be made available by the Club during playing sessions.

14. For Petanque Clubs that have permanently marked pistes, the maximum number of Players allowed to attend any playing session, taking into consideration whether the games to be played will be Singles, Doubles or Triples, is limited to the number that can be accommodated on half the number of pistes available, and the games must be played on alternate pistes separated by a minimum of 3 m.
15. For Petanque Clubs that have free terrain, marks in the gravel must be made identifying the corners of 'marked' pistes no less than 3 m wide and 12 m long, and then the maximum number of Players, taking into consideration whether the games to be played will be Singles, Doubles or Triples, is limited to that number that can be accommodated on half the number of marked pistes available, and the games must be played on alternate pistes separated by a minimum of 3 m.
16. Regardless of the number of Players arrived at using Points 14 or 15 above, the maximum number of Players attending any playing session at a Petanque Club must not exceed 36 Players.
17. During an organised playing session at a Petanque Club operating under these restrictions, there may be no additional spectators or observers at all.
18. However, the Petanque Club may have up to 2 (but no more) additional Officials/Committee Members present to organise games, and act as an umpire and/or scorer.
19. Club premises should only be opened a few minutes prior to play, and the Club should then request all Players leave within 5 minutes of play ending.

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