



## **VPCI Step 3+ Playing Conditions for Victorian Petanque Clubs**

**Effective as of Monday morning, 9 November, until 22 November 2020.**

**These conditions take effect on Monday morning 9 November for any PFA-affiliated Petanque Club in Victoria, and limits the maximum number of Players at Club at any time to 60. For a typical Petanque Event this means a maximum of 20 Triples Teams or 30 Doubles Teams, but you must still only use alternate pistes to ensure adequate social distancing during games.**

**Also, please be aware that in order to open and play Petanque Events at your Club, you must allow, on average, an outdoor space of at least 2 square metres per Player. This space requirement must be available at all times for Players when playing, or between games for relaxing and for eating. If you are in any doubt, please discuss this with the relevant person at your Local Government Authority.**

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. There are now no limits on how far you may travel from home so a Petanque Club may invite Players from their own Club or from any other Club in Victoria. The remaining 2020 Victorian Calendar Events are now open.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Clubs must retain records, including date and names and contact details, of all people/Players attending each playing session.
7. Petanque Club Rooms/Facilities can be opened but with no more than 10 people inside. You are also strictly limited, inside, to a space requirement of at least 4 square metres per person.
8. The outdoor area of a Petanque Club may be used for gathering and seating up to a limit, on average, of 1 person per 2 square metres. A group sitting around a single table should be limited to 10 people.
9. 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.

10. Use of throwing rings should be avoided if at all possible. If throwing rings are used, each ring must be handled by only one Player throughout a game and cleaned between games.
11. 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.
12. Social distancing of at least 1.5 m between all people/Players in attendance at a Club must be adhered to at all times.
13. 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”. However, Players who cannot wear a mask as the result of a medical condition may play, but must provide a note from their doctor as to this situation.
14. Clubs are encouraged to provide tissues and hand sterilising liquid during playing sessions.
15. VPCI requires the use of alternate pistes to ensure social distancing during play, and no more than 60 Players.
16. Also please designate 1 Player per Team to liaise with Organisers and Umpires throughout an Event. Please also ensure social distancing particularly around Score Tables and around Umpires or Players undertaking measurements.
17. VPCI recommends that you limit the number of spectators and visitors to a Club to an absolute minimum, but if you allow these additional people to attend the Petanque Club, they must be included in the maximum of 60 allowed to attend the Club at any one time.
18. However, a Petanque Club may have up to 4 (but no more) additional Officials/Committee Members present to organise Events, and act as an Umpire and/or Scorer, etc.
19. Club kitchen facilities for food and drink preparation may be used, subject to the requirements listed in Point 7 above, but food and drink must be prepared by kitchen staff; players are not to ‘help themselves’.
20. 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.

**Finally, if your Club intends Hosting any remaining Events on the 2020 Calendar, then please tell VPCI so we can inform all other Clubs in the State.**

Date: 9 November 2020