



# **CHILTERN REGION EPA**

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## **REGIONAL QUALIFIERS RULES**

### **APPLICATION**

These rules will apply for the selection of triples teams to represent the Chiltern Region at the Inter-Regional Championship/Challenge and other Regional Competitions where applicable.

### **GENERALLY**

1. The number, dates and venues of the events will be determined by the Regional Committee and will be published in advance.
2. The Regional Committee will be responsible for the organisation of the events.
3. The Regional Umpire or failing him/her another qualified umpire will, if possible, adjudicate at each event.
4. The organisers will appoint a jury of at least three persons for the Regional Qualifiers. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the jury will be final.
5. Regulations shall be the "official rules of the game of petanque" as adopted by the English Petanque Association subject to "any local rules as deemed necessary" by the committee in order to further and enhance the game of petanque.
6. Any event may be cancelled or modified at the discretion of the Regional Committee.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Entry to each event is open to the holders of a current EPA Licence. This will show that the holder is a member of Chiltern Region. It must be signed by the holder. Photo ID must be provided if requested by umpires. However, for a licence to be valid at international level it must have a photograph attached.
2. At registration of the Regional Qualifiers, at the first round only, the licence card will be handed in. Licences will be returned in exchange for kit forms fully completed by players.
3. Holders of Junior licenses will not be eligible to enter the Regional Qualifiers, unless they have been selected to be a member of the Regional Junior Team. However, they will be allowed to enter, if having made themselves available for selection at the Regional Junior Tryouts, prior to the commencement of the Regional Qualifiers, they were not successful in being selected as a member of the Regional Junior Team.

### **ENTRY**

1. Entry forms must be completed with the team name, the team captain's name and daytime telephone number, and each player's name.
2. Each team shall give itself a name by which it will be known throughout the competition or series of competitions. The name shall not be detrimental to the image of the game.
3. Postal entries are to be sent to the address as shown on the entry form. Only those entries received, correctly completed with fees enclosed by the published closing date will be accepted. Email returns of the form will be accepted. Entries via the Region's website will also be accepted. All entrants must pay the relevant fees before the deadline set out by the organisers.

### **ENTRY FEES**

1. The Regional Committee shall determine the entry fee to each of the events.
2. All entry fees must be received prior to the closing deadline date published.
3. In relation to **substitutes** the following fees will apply:
  - a) In a team of three players, there will be a charge of 25% of a player entry fee.
  - b) In a team of four players there will be a 100% charge of a player entry fee.
4. If a team or a team member withdraws from any Regional Competitions, there will be no refunds of fees.
5. If a fourth player is introduced to play in a team in the Regional Qualifiers after the first round they will be required to pay the full entry fee prior to the commencement of the relevant round.

## PLAYING FORMAT

1. A "Round Robin" event will be held over a period of three days (or four if necessary depending on the number of entries) to decide the Chiltern Region Triples Squad for the Inter-Regional Championship/Challenge competition. All teams are required to commit to play in all qualifying dates set out by the Regional Committee.
2. The top twelve teams after the completed Regional Qualifiers will be the teams who will be invited to attend the Inter-Regional Championships/Challenge at a venue set by the EPA. The Regional Qualifiers will be considered to be "a qualifying event only" for the Inter Regional Championship/Challenge; Top five teams qualify for the Tri Way Competition.
3. Placing in the Regional Qualifiers will be determined by:  
Number of games won;  
In the case of equal games won, then points difference;  
In the case of equal games won and equal points difference, then points for;  
In the event of teams being equal, after following (a), (b) and (c), then the result of the game between them.
4. The top eight teams from the Regional Qualifiers plus the juniors will be invited to represent the Chiltern Region at the Inter-Regional Championships. The next four highest teams will be invited represent the Region at The Inter-Regional Challenge. Any additional teams that may be required by the EPA to form a 'Combined Squad' will be offered to the remaining teams in the order of finishing.
5. Squads for senior regional representation will be by methods determined by the Regional Committee.
6. Any Junior selection, including that involving helping out other regions at the Inter-Regional competition or in the Combined Team will be recommended by the Youth Development Officer taking into account the Junior selection process and be agreed by the Regional Committee.
7. The Regional Committee will use its discretion if necessary in ensuring that regional representation is fully covered in emergency or unforeseen situations.
8. Unless the Regional Committee decides otherwise, all games played against the Juniors will **NOT** count during the Regional Qualifiers towards the overall results of each team; the Juniors will be permitted to have a coach (who will be provided for the three/four days) in attendance to whom they may call on for assistance if they consider it necessary.
9. Following the completion of the Regional Qualifiers and the finalisation of the playing order any team or individual may choose not to represent the Region at the Inter-Regional Competition by refusing the Region's invitation to compete and explaining their reasons.
  - 9.1 If a team withdraws then the sequential order of placings will be adjusted accordingly.
10. Any player who knows before the commencement of the Regional Qualifiers, that they are not going

to be available to play at the Inter-Regional weekend, should not enter. However they will be permitted to play in one of the Regional Qualifiers day for their nominated team, on the basis as a substitute.

10.1 Disregarding this rule will result in the team being disqualified and the player in breach of the rules having their licence revoked for the remaining part of the year, and banned from holding a licence for the following year. Rule 9.1 will be followed

11. The Regional Committee can decide to allow the replacement of a team member, after the conclusion of the Regional Qualifiers, where unforeseen circumstances arise.

11.1 If, after the conclusion of the Regional Qualifiers, a team is forced to approach the Regional Committee to request a replacement, such replacement will only be permitted if the Committee is convinced that the team informed the Committee immediately they became aware of the unavailability of their player for the Inter-Regional weekend. The team requiring a replacement will have to make a request in writing to the Committee (by telephone if time is of the essence) setting out the precise circumstances surrounding a withdrawal. If the Committee considers that the team failed to inform them immediately of a withdrawal, then the replacement will not be permitted. If this renders a team unable to play, (i.e. where it is not playing as a four), then its place will be offered sequentially following the Regional Qualifiers placings.

11.2 Replacements must be from players that have entered Region Qualifiers and have already paid full entry fees.

12. Teams are permitted to play as a four and can introduce a fourth player at any point during the Regional Qualifiers. The player must register before the commencement of the day's play and pay the required entry fee.

13. Fourth players who are duly registered and have paid the required fee, are not required to play at any point in the Regional Qualifiers. The use of team players where teams are playing as a four is a matter for the team. However, the fourth player must be in attendance for at least a minimum of one day.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. A team may use one substitute on one day only of the Regional Qualifiers.
2. Once a substitute has played for a team, he/she cannot play for any other team.
3. Substitutes are not eligible to play in the Inter-Regional weekend, are not entitled to kit and are required to pay an entry fee according to 'section 3 under ENTRY FEES'
4. Any substitutions have to be agreed by the Regional Committee and it is in the interests of teams that they make an early request, in advance of the commencement of the Regional Qualifiers if at all possible, in order for the Regional Committee to consider it.
5. The Regional Committee will not permit substitutes unless it is convinced that the request is justifiable and legitimate. Teams that enter the Regional Qualifiers who do not seek prior permission for substitutions when they know they will be required and are subsequently declined those substitutions mid Regional Qualifiers may be subject to disciplinary action if the team has to withdraw as a result.
6. Double header weekend counts as two separate days of play.
7. A team of three, having used a substitute, which has paid the relevant fees, requiring a second substitute, will pay the relevant fee according to 'Section 3 under ENTRY FEES'. Either one of the substitutes must become a fourth team member and be available to attend the Inter Regional weekend at Hayling Island This criteria must be strictly observed. A team of four, requiring a substitute for one only day, due to extreme circumstances, will pay the relevant fee according to 'Section 3 under ENTRY FEES'.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

Players withdrawing from a team mid Regional Qualifiers other than serious illness, injury, family emergency etc. thus causing a team to have no option but to withdraw will face disciplinary action. In these circumstances, no refund of entry fees will be given, and if a team withdraws after their kit has been ordered, they will be billed in full for any items that cannot be reused. Failure to pay will result in disciplinary action.

If a team has to withdraw mid Regional Qualifiers, then the results from any games in which they participated up to the point of withdrawal will be expunged and the draw/standings adjusted accordingly.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. Registration will take place between 8.45am and 9.15am. If a team is going to be late due to a travelling problem, they must ensure the organisers are made aware of this before 9.15am. Failure to do this will mean that the team concerned will not be entered into the draw. Play will start as soon after the draw as possible. No teams arriving after 9.30am will be allowed entry to the competition unless they have contacted the organisers before 9.15am to explain their position. Times may change accordingly to number of entries.

## **THE DRAW**

1. The draw for the Regional Qualifiers will be undertaken by the Team Manager.

## **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TRIPLES**

The top two teams from the Regional Qualifiers competition will be invited to represent the Region at the EPA Champion of Champions Triples.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

By entering any regional competition, players agree to abide by the Chiltern Region and EPA Code of Conduct.

## **DISCRETIONARY POWERS**

The Regional Committee reserves the right to change, delete or add to any of the above rules in order to benefit the game of Petanque or the competitiveness and effectiveness of regional representation.

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