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Rules for All Regional Competitions and Regional Team Selection

APPLICATION

These regulations 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 each event. 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 which shows that the license holder is a member of Chiltern Region. However, for a licence to be valid it must have a photograph attached and be franked by the Membership Secretary. Only valid licence holders will be able to compete at the Inter Regional Championships & other Inter Regional & EPA Competitions.
2. At Registration at each event (in the case of the Regional Qualifiers at the first round only in which the player competes) the licence card will be handed in for checking. For regional qualifiers, kit forms will be handed out at the beginning of the first tournament and licences will only be returned in exchange for forms fully completed by players present.
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; or 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 be no more than twenty characters and 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 and correctly completed by the published closing date will be accepted. Telephone entries and email returns of the form will be accepted. Entries via the Region's website will also be accepted.

ENTRY FEES

The Regional Committee shall determine the entry fee to each of the events. The fee agreed each year by the Committee for Regional Qualifiers where a fourth player is allowed shall be calculated on the basis of a fee for each individual player.

All entry fees must be received prior to commencement of play, otherwise a team or player will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

In the case of one-off substitutes for the Regional Qualifiers (see below), there will be no additional entry fee.

If a team or a team member withdraws from any Regional Competitions, there will be no refunds of fees.

If a fourth player is introduced to play in a team in the Regional Qualifiers after the first round (rather than a one-off substitute) then they will be required to pay the full entry fee prior to the commencement of the relevant round.

PLAYING FORMAT FOR REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

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 all three or four days.

2. The top twelve teams after the completed Round Robin event will be the teams who will be invited to attend the Inter-Regional Championships/Challenge at a venue set by the EPA. The Round Robin will be considered to be "a qualifying event only" for the Inter Regional Championship/Challenge, the Tri Way Competition and possible other inter-regional matches/competitions and not "an open competition".

3. Placing in the Round Robin 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 Round Robin 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 at a venue set by the EPA. 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 (e.g. 'Triway', regional challenges etc.) 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 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 Committee decides otherwise, all games played against the Juniors will **NOT** count during the Round Robin 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 Round Robins 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 Round Robins that they are not going to be available to play at the Inter-Regional weekend will only be permitted to play in one RR for their nominated team.

10.1 Disregarding this rule will result in that 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. If, after the conclusion of the Round Robins, a team approaches the Regional Committee to appoint 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 it 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 Round Robin placings.

12. The Committee can decide to allow the replacement of a team member, after the conclusion of the Round Robin Tournament.

13. Teams are permitted to play as a four and can introduce a fourth player at any point during the Round Robins as long as that player has registered before the commencement of the day's play and has paid the required entry fee. Once the Round Robins have concluded, the introduction of a fourth player will not normally be permitted. An application to introduce a fourth player under these circumstances will only be allowed if the Committee receives a written request which it believes sets out exceptional circumstances which would otherwise mean that the Region's competitiveness at the Inter-Regionals would be undermined if the fourth player were not permitted. This player will be required to pay an entry fee.

14. Fourth players who are duly registered and have paid the required fee are not required to have played at any point in the Round Robins. 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 round.

SUBSTITUTIONS

A team may use one substitute on any day of the Round Robins.

Once a substitute has played for a team, he/she cannot play for any other team.

Substitutes are not eligible to play in the Inter-Regional weekend, are not entitled to kit and are not required to pay an entry fee.

Any substitutions have to be agreed by the Committee and it is in the interests of teams that they make an early request, in advance of the commencement of the Round Robins if at all possible, in order for the Committee to consider it.

The 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.

WITHDRAWALS

Players withdrawing from a team mid Regional Qualifiers in any situation 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 9.00 and 9.30am. If a team is going to be late due to a travelling problem they must ensure the organisers are made aware of this before 9.30 am. 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 9.30am to explain their position.

THE DRAW

1. The draw for the Round Robins will be undertaken by the Team Manager, in the presence of the umpire or independent witness, after the published closing date for entries.

2. Draws for other regional competitions will be undertaken by the Competition Secretary in the presence of the umpire or an independent witness

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TRIPLES

1. The teams invited to represent the Region at the EPA Champion of Champions Triples for the current year at the host Region's venue wherever that may be will be the two teams placed first & second after the conclusion of Round Robins.

2. These two teams will also be awarded the Regional Triples winners & runners up trophies.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS DOUBLES & SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

1. The top two teams from the Regional Doubles Competition held during the season will be invited to represent the Region at the EPA Champion of Champions Doubles for the current year at the host Region's venue wherever that may be. The winners & runners up of the shooting competition will be also invited to attend.

CODE OF CONDUCT

By entering any regional competition you are agreeing 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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