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Preamble

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Chapter VII of the CEP Statutes by the Board of Directors on the 17th April 2021.

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Scope of application

- 1.01 The Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP), recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP), is the only administration empowered to organise European Championships and to award the title of European Champions.
- 1.02 The present regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the organisation of a European Championship.

Article 2. Definitions

- 2.01 In the context of these regulations, the following definitions apply:
CEP: Confédération Européenne de Pétanque.
Directors: CEP Board of Directors.
Host: Member federation or other organisation designated by the Directors to organise a European Championship.
- 2.02 In the context of these regulations, any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular", "for example" or any similar expression is illustrative and does not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- 2.03 In the context of these regulations, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example, names such as President, Coach, participant, player, umpire, member of a jury, or pronouns such as he, they or them) shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender.
- 2.04 Unless expressly provided otherwise in writing, for the purpose of the European Championship Regulations, a year means a calendar year, beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December.

Article 3. Frequency of the championships

- 3.01 The Directors shall supervise the organisation of the following European Championships:
 - a. In the even numbered years;
 - The European Championship Triples: Juniors – Girls and Boys
 - The European Championship Triples: Women
 - b. In the even numbered years, at the same time and venue;
 - The European Championship Singles: Men and Women
 - The European Championship Doubles: Men and Women
 - The European Championship Doubles: Mixed
 - c. In the odd numbered years;
 - The European Championship Triples: Veterans
 - The European Championship Triples: Men
 - d. Every year;
 - The European Championship Triples: Espoirs, Men and Women
- 3.02 The Directors may organise a "Precision Shooting" Championship at each of these Championships.

Article 4. Championship organisation

- 4.01 The Directors will entrust the organisation to the host but shall remain entirely responsible for supervising and running the Championships and for the results.
- 4.02 The host, having taken all the necessary preparatory measures for the Championship competition, conforming with the CEP's Championship Specifications, shall submit a detailed programme to the CEP President or General Secretary for approval.
- 4.03 The host, in co-operation with the CEP, will inform all participating federations about the exact place and all hotel information (including rooms and meals), at least four months in advance in order to enable them to make the necessary travel arrangements.
- 4.04 All European Championships shall be played under cover unless otherwise agreed by the Directors.

Article 5. Registration

- 5.01 Only CEP member federations, including probationary members, having paid their fees have the right to register a team.
- 5.02 Registration forms shall be sent to the federations by email at least four months before the competition.
- 5.03 Participating federations must return their completed entry forms at least three months before the competition, specifying, if possible, the number of people, the number and nature of the bedrooms and the number of nights' accommodation, so that the host can take the necessary steps to organise their stay.
- 5.04 The composition of the federation team must be registered at the latest two months before the competition's date. A partial modification may be made later.
- 5.05 All these forms must be sent to the email address provided on the form and invitation letter.

Article 6. Participation

- 6.01 To participate in a European Championship, each player, team official or other team personnel must respect and comply with the CEP Rules, Regulations and the WADA Anti-Doping Code, including the conditions of participation established by the CEP, as well as with the rules of the relevant federation.
- 6.02 Each federation establishes its sport's rules for participation in a European Championship, including qualification criteria. The application of the qualification criteria lies with the federations.
- 6.03 Players, team officials and other team personnel who participate in a European Championship may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the European Championship in accordance with the principles determined by the CEP.
- 6.04 The entry or participation of a player in a European Championship shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

Article 7. Insurance

- 7.01 Federations are responsible for and undertake to arrange all necessary and adequate insurance cover for their delegations, including players, coaches and officials, at their own expense.
- 7.02 All insurances must cover the full period of the championship.

Article 8. Finances

- 8.01 Each participating federation will pay the Championship registration fee as follows:
- Registration, with the host package - € 50
 - Registration, without the host package - € 250
- 8.02 The participating federations will fully cover their own travel and accommodation costs including meals etc.



II. FEDERATION TEAM

Article 9. Nationality of players

- 9.01 Any player in a European Championship must be a national of the country of the federation which the player is representing.
- 9.02 All matters relating to the determination of the country which a player may represent in the European Championship shall be resolved by the Directors.
- 9.03 A player who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as they may elect. However, after having represented one country in the European Championship they may not represent another country unless they meet the conditions set forth in the paragraphs below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.
- 9.04 A player who has represented one country in a European Championship and who has changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the European Championship to represent their new country provided that at least three years have passed since the player last represented their former country.
- This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the federations concerned, by the Directors, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.
- 9.05 If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another country, or if a new federation is recognised by the Directors, a player may continue to represent the country to which they belong or belonged.
- However, they may, if they prefer, elect to represent their country or be entered in a CEP Championship by their new federation if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.
- 9.06 In all cases in which a player would be eligible to participate in the European Championship, either by representing another country than theirs or by having the choice as to the country which such player intends to represent, the Directors may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any player, including the duration of any waiting period.
- 9.07 If required by the CEP, federations shall provide a certified copy of all documentation on which it seeks to rely in demonstrating the player's eligibility under these rules.
- 9.08 The burden of proof in establishing whether a player is eligible rests with the federation and the player concerned.
- 9.09 The federation must provide the CEP with valid and authentic documentation demonstrating the player's eligibility and such other evidence as may be necessary to prove the player's eligibility on a definitive basis.
- 9.10 In accordance with these rules, the eligibility of a player shall at all times be guaranteed by the federation which the player is representing.

Article 10. Age limits

10.01 Championships under these regulations may be divided into age group classifications, in each category the age limit applies in the year of the championship, as follows:

- Juniors – aged 17 or less.
- Espoirs – Adult licence players under the age of 23 years*.
- Veterans - aged 55 or above.

* Note: The Directors may allow a federation to include one player that is no younger than 15 years in the year of the championship subject to the federation in question confirming that they have only 5 or less licences in the category (gender) and age range for Espoirs.

10.02 A player shall be eligible to compete in an age group championship under these Rules if he or she is within the age range specified in the relevant age group classification.

10.03 A player must be able to provide proof of their age through presentation of a valid passport or other form of evidence as permitted by the applicable regulations for the championship.

10.04 A player who fails or refuses to provide such proof shall not be eligible to compete in the championship.

Article 11. General

11.01 Each team must include a Coach who is not a player but has a valid International Licence.

11.02 All players must have a valid International Licence for a period of not less than 6 months at the time of the championship.

11.03 The Coach is responsible for the team and in particular their good sportsmanship and appearance as described within these rules.

11.04 The Coach must respond to any appeal or request from the control table or host federation and participate in any random draw for their team.

11.05 During the championship, the coach must be with the team at the playing area assigned to them by the control table or umpire.

11.06 The coach may not move or gesticulate during play, and under no circumstances are they allowed to intervene on the terrain. However, at the players' request, the coach may give advice, provided that this does not lead to extending the time prescribed for throwing the jack or a boule.

Article 12. Singles and Doubles

12.01 Each federation may only register a maximum of 4 players, 2 women and 2 men.

12.02 Each player may only participate in a maximum of two events.

12.03 A singles team will consist of 1 player and a coach

12.04 A doubles team will consist of 2 players of the same gender and a coach.

12.05 A mixed doubles team will consist of 1 male player and 1 female player and a coach.

Article 13. Triples

- 13.01 A triples team will consist of 3 or 4 players with a coach.
- 13.02 During the Triples Championship, the coach is permitted to change a player during a game, but only the once and then only between two ends after informing the opposing team.

The change of a player must be recorded on the scorecard for that game.

Article 14. Team Clothing

- 14.01 In all championships, players must wear clothing which is clean, designed and worn so as not to be objectionable.
- 14.02 The players of a federation must wear matching team kit, tops (jackets, shirts etc.) and the same coloured trousers or shorts (the length may not be shorter than the player's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the player's side).
- 14.03 The tops, with at least short sleeves, must be identical and display the logo or badge of the federation they represent on the front and the name of their nation on the back.
- 14.04 Denim or Jeans, regardless of colour, are not permitted.
- 14.05 Advertising is only permitted on the players' tops and is limited to a maximum of 3 and each, no larger than 30 cm².
- 14.06 The advertising will be identical for each of the players in the team and must comply with the laws and regulations of the nation hosting the championship.
- 14.07 The logo of the kit manufacturer is not considered as advertising.
- 14.08 A player, or team, who after a warning from the umpire, does not respect these rules concerning team clothing, will be disqualified from the championship.

Article 15. Discipline

- 15.01 Should a licence holder violate the published Rules and Regulations, the CEP may notify the licence holder's federation of their violation; the federation shall then be responsible for imposing the sanctions, as called for in their Rules and Regulations.
- 15.02 The CEP reserves the right to exclude from a championship any license holder whose conduct is in breach, or multiple breaches of the published rules and regulations or which an appointed umpire or official of the CEP considers may be sufficiently serious to constitute an act of misconduct.
- 15.03 It is prohibited to smoke (including electronic smoking devices), to consume alcohol, to use cell/smart phones in the area of play.
- 15.04 Doping Control and/or alcohol breath tests may take place during the championship.



III. CHAMPIONSHIP

Article 16. Draw

- 16.01 The draw will take place in the presence of an umpire at such time and place as deemed convenient by the Directors.
- 16.02 The top 8 federations, from the previous year's championship, will be seeded 1- 8. The remaining federations will be randomly drawn for positions 9 and onwards.
- 16.03 The Directors reserve the right to change the number of seeded teams to suit the number of participants.

Article 17. Rules and structure

- 17.01 The rules for play shall be the "Official Rules of the Sport of Pétanque" as set by the FIPJP and any variations set out by the Directors in these and any other specific rules.
- 17.02 Each championship will comprise of two stages, the Swiss System with time limited games and Direct Elimination.

Article 18. Swiss system

- 18.01 The Swiss system will consist of 5 or 6 rounds, dependant on the number of teams, played to rank the teams based on their number of wins.
- 18.02 In the event that teams have the same number of wins, they will then be classified by the Buchholz system and then, if still equal, by the difference between the points won and points lost (e.g. won 13, lost 9 = Points Difference +4).
- 18.03 All games are played on defined lanes. The lines defining each lane are considered as "dead ball lines", if the jack crosses a line defining a lane it is considered dead.
- 18.04 The time limit for each game will be:
 - Singles: 45 minutes
 - Doubles: 60 minutes
 - Triples: 75 minutes
- 18.05 In each format, at the end of the time limit the current end should be completed plus two more ends.
- 18.06 In the case of equal scores after the two additional ends, the teams will play one more end.
- 18.07 During this extra end the jack cannot become dead (out of play). If the jack goes out of the defined playing area it will be put back in its original position.
- 18.08 Teams will be notified when the time limit has expired.
- 18.09 The first end of a game is considered as having started as soon as the jack has been thrown, regardless of the validity of the throw. The following ends are considered to have started as soon as the last boule from the previous end has stopped. .
- 18.10 The regulation time to throw the jack or a boule is 1 minute and must be respected. The umpires will strictly enforce this rule.

Article 19. Elimination

19.01 All games will be a direct elimination format, played to 13 points and without time limits, to find the overall winners.

19.02 Based on the results from the Qualification Swiss system, teams will be seeded with the top 16 proceeding to the Championship.

The remaining teams will proceed to the Nations Cup where if necessary, a preliminary elimination round may be held to reduce the number of teams to 16.

19.03 The winners of the Championship shall be announced as the "European Champions" for that year.

19.04 The winners of the Nations Cup shall be announced as the "Nations Cup" winners for that year.

19.05 The Directors reserve the right to change a championship format to suit the number of participants.

Article 20. Medals

20.01 Medals are presented to the top 4 teams in both the Championship and Nations Cup as follows:

- Winners, a gold medal for each player and the coach
- Runners-up, a silver medal for each player and the coach.
- Losing Semi Finalists, a bronze medal for each player and the coach.



IV. CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 21. Implementing provisions

21.01 The Directors members appointed to the Control Table are entrusted with the operational management of the championship and are therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt the detailed provisions and guidelines necessary for implementing these regulations.

Article 22. Jury

22.01 The Jury comprises of the official representative designated by the CEP Executive Committee, the umpire, a member of the Host Federation (apart from its President) and a member of the Organising Committee, one of whom will be designated as President of the Jury.

22.02 In the case of a split vote, the President of the Jury has the casting vote.

22.03 The decisions reached by the Jury are without appeal.

Article 23. Unforeseen circumstances

23.01 Any matters not provided for in these regulations, such as cases of force majeure, will be decided by the Jury or, if not possible due to time constraints, by the CEP President or, in his absence, by the Control Table. Such decisions are final.

Article 24. Non-compliance

24.01 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by the CEP in accordance with these Regulations and the CEP Statutes.

Article 25. Annexes

25.01 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.

Article 26. Authoritative version

26.01 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English or French versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.



Notes



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