



## International Women's Day (IWD)

### Women's Doubles Competition

In 2019, Petanque England are pleased to introduce an annual national Women's Doubles competition to celebrate International Women's Day. The competition is part of the PE *Women in Petanque* initiative and will be called IWD National Women's Doubles (NWD). As well as celebrating International Women's Day, the event is to encourage greater participation from female players and to help raise their profile in the game. The competition is not linked to any PE ranking or other titles events.

All PE Regions are encouraged to run a Regional Women's Doubles competition as part of IWD celebrations during the month of March 2019. The top teams from each Regional event will be invited to attend the National Women's Doubles on Sunday 14 April 2019.

### IWD Regional Women's Doubles - Guidelines

1. The Regional event to take place during the month of March 2019 (International Women's Day is 08 March).
2. The event to be run as an Open competition for all female players (including juniors) within the Region. To encourage greater participation a PE licence is not required. However, should a team qualify for the national event, any unregistered players would need to join Petanque England to take part.
3. Regions may invite players from adjoining Regions who are not running their own competition.
4. Regions with few female players may run a combined event with other Regions.
5. Each player may only participate in one Regional event.
6. The playing format of the Regional competition is at the discretion of the Region.
7. Teams qualifying for the PE National competition will be based on the number of entries at the Regional event using the following scale:

1-4 entries at Regional	=	1 place at the National competition
5-11 entries at Regional	=	2 places at the National competition
12-23 entries at Regional	=	4 places at the National competition
24-36 entries at Regional	=	8 places at the National competition

## **National IWD Doubles - Details**

**Date:** Sunday 14 April 2019

**Venue:** Oxshott Petanque Club

**Entries:** Qualifying teams only, as advised by the Regions

**Entry Fee:** None

**Dress Code:** Matching Kits (as per PE rules for all PE events)

**Registration:** 08.45 - 09.15 (as per all other PE Events)

**Format:** Leagues in the morning, followed by Knockout Main & Plate + Consolages to guarantee each team gets to play at least two games in the afternoon.

**Prizes:** PE Perpetual Trophy + Medals for winning teams