



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PETANQUE ASSOCIATION



6-A-SIDE AUTUMN CUP RULES

FORMAT

1. A match will consist of a round of 2 triples games followed by a round of 3 doubles games giving a total of 5 games.

1st Round	-	Triple A v Triple A	2nd Round	-	Double A v Double A
		Triple B v Triple B			Double B v Double B
					Double C v Double C

2. The players used for the doubles round do not have to be the same as used for the triples round. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 players can appear for a team in any one match. Substitute players cannot be introduced during a game e.g. teams of 4 are not permitted in the triples.
3. The home captain will enter the names of his players on the result sheet before the away captain.
4. If there are marked terrains the home team captain can nominate the terrains to be used or declare an open terrain. The visiting captain can then select which of the marked terrains each of the away teams will play on or the area of open terrain where each game will commence.
5. All cup matches will be played to P.E. rules and all games shall be played to 13 points.

PLAYERS

6. All players must hold a current Petanque England Southern Counties License. Anyone renewing or taking out a new licence from September 1st, 2020 will be licensed until December 31st, 2021.
7. Once a player has played for one team in the cup he/she may not play for another team during the competition.

MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

8. Prior to the start of the competition, each team will be required to nominate the day that they wish to play each of their home matches. A fixture list will be drawn up and circulated to all teams.
9. The captain of the home team should make contact with the opposing captain prior to the match day to agree a start time and to confirm the venue. If using email please ensure that the email is received and read. The captain of the away team is advised to confirm the fixture to avoid unnecessary travelling.
10. Clubs should give at least 3 days' notice to the opposing club if they need to change a date on the fixture list. The Organiser must be informed by the club asking for the change and a valid reason given (e.g. a clash with another club event such as a twinning, or a re-arrangement to a weekend due to the long travelling distances involved).
11. If due to exceptionally inclement weather a cup match has to be postponed then the home captain must inform the organiser.
12. If the match has to be postponed then please try to rearrange the match as soon as possible. If the two teams can agree on the match date being brought forward then this is acceptable (and preferable). If no agreement can be reached then the organiser will arbitrate as per rule 22.
All group fixtures must be completed by Sunday, October 18th 2020.
13. All matches must start within 15 minutes of the time agreed by the two opposing clubs after which time penalties will apply as follows :-
- The non-offending team can claim 1 game point for each 5 minutes of absence of the opposing team
or

- The opposing team can start play although the team is incomplete. In the case of an incomplete triples team the remaining players in the team can only play with 2 boules.

It will be the responsibility of the team captain (or a nominated player if the captain is not present) whose players are not present at the agreed time to decide which penalty sanction to accept, if asked to do so by the opposing team captain. Late arriving players may join their teams after an end has been completed.

COVID-19 PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

14. All clubs must have completed a COVID-19 risk assessment for their home venue. This should be displayed at the venue.
15. The home team are expected to be able to provide hand-sanitiser on site, with toilets and hand-washing facilities also available.
16. The home team should not provide any refreshments except drinks/snacks from the bar, if the venue has one.
17. Under the current Covid-19 rules:
 - each player should only handle their own boules and use their own measuring equipment.
 - plastic circles should not be used.
 - scoreboards should not be used unless substitute pegs, such as straws are used, in which case only one player from each double/triple team should touch them.
 - each player should only throw their own jack. If a jack is invalidly thrown, a member of the other team should place their own jack, not pick up the original jack.
 - leave a minimum of one vacant lane between games.
 - no physical contact, handshakes or 'elbow bumps'.

RESULTS

18. The captains will be responsible for agreeing to the game scores and the final match result.
19. The Home captain should notify the organiser of the result by telephone, text or email as soon as possible after the end of the match and forward the match result sheet within 1 day.

GROUP POSITIONS

20. Positions in each group will be decided by matches won and then games won. If teams are still equal then points difference in games will be taken into account.

UNFULFILLED FIXTURES/ PENALTY SANCTIONS

21. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture then the following scores will be awarded:

Non-offending team	-	3-0 Win	(3 x 13-7)
Offending team	-	0-5 Defeat	(5 x 7-13)
22. If a team is found to have fielded an ineligible player then the scores for the offending team as in rule 21 will apply. The non-offending team will either be given the score as in rule 21 or the match result allowed to stand whichever is the better score for that team.

DISPUTES

23. If there is a dispute which the team captains cannot resolve it will be the responsibility of both captains to report the matter to the organiser. The ultimate decision of the organiser shall be final, but he will confer with the SCPA Playing Committee in the first instance and then the SCPA Executive Committee if necessary.