

News from the PNZ Board
20 December 2016

It's that time of year again! The time when the madness of Christmas, end of year and summer holidays collide in a frenzy of activity that leaves most of us weak at the knees. I know time is said to go faster the older you get, but this year seems to have sped past like an out of control express train, with me scrambling frantically to get on board.

That said it is Christmas and the holiday season and the Board would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a warm, relaxing break, safe journey if you are travelling and an exhilarating start to the new year.



Umpiring. Finally, the new revised International rules from the FIPJP are here and will take effect from 1 January 2017. They will be on the website before Christmas and we will be sending them to your Club Secretary. Poor Trevor has been tearing his hair out for months now as they have been to-ing and fro-ing with changes and delays. The main changes are:

- There is now only one throw of the jack in **all games** (not just timed). If it is not a valid throw, the opposition will place it.
- The jack must weigh between 10-18 grams (yes umpires will have to carry scales)
- If circles are provided they must be used. Folding circles must be FIPJP approved
- If a player picks up the circle before their team has played all their boules the remaining boules are considered "dead" and cannot be played.
- If a player picks up his/her boules before their team has played all their boules, their teams remaining boules are considered "dead" and cannot be played.
- The distance the jack must be from the string line is reduced to 50cm for internal lines of the pistes in timed games.
- Both teams must recognise that a throw of the jack is invalid. If this is not adhered to, the team loses the benefit of throwing or placing the jack.
- A player is not permitted to sweep the ground directly in front of a boule which is about to be shot. Penalties will apply.
- If there is a breach of the one minute rule by one member of a team, **all** players of the offending team will be issued a yellow card. If they have already received a yellow card, they will immediately receive an orange card and the player will have a boule taken in the current end or will lose a boule in the next end if they don't have any boule left.

There are also a few other changes to wording and so on. Trevor as the TD of Umpiring will be making sure that umpires and players are up to date and that the changes are promoted.

Also in umpiring news, Trevor has clarified that PNZ Umpires can only umpire tournaments played under the FIPJP and PNZ rules. If a tournament is not run under these rules (e.g. a social tournament), then an umpire can only be used as a measurer and not for rule interpretation. If a tournament states it will be run to the FIPJP and PNZ rules, then an umpire should be organised and their decisions are final.

Coaching. We are very excited to announce that a highly qualified Thai coach is coming to New Zealand in February. He will be providing intensive coaching to a number of coaches around the country, who will then be charged with taking that information back to the regions and coaching individuals and other coaches. Attendance will be by invitation and we will be requiring commitment from those who attend to provide service to PNZ members for at least 2 years. Claire Bradburn is the acting Technical Director of coaching since Graeme Morris resigned to take up the position as National Women's coach. If you have any

questions about coaching, she will be more than happy to answer them. If you believe you should be on the list of coaches to be considered, please contact Claire to discuss your coaching background.

Tournaments: The first round of training for tournaments was held with courses in Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch and Dunedin. It was great to see a good turnout, especially in Dunedin where 10 people completed the training. Unfortunately, we have recently discovered that there was an error in how people are seeded into pools and barrage formats. This has created great frustration for some players, but we can assure you that we now have this sorted, both on the sport software programme and in the manual, which is being rewritten at the moment. All those who have been through the training will receive an explanation and updated information. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please get hold of Barrie Anderson, current Technical Director of Tournaments.

The six national tournaments for the year have now been completed. Congratulations to all the Champions: Sharon Cannon, Christine Strichen & Claire Wilson (Women's Triples); Allan Fletcher, Richard Swaney & Pam Jenkins (Triples); Ann Shields (Women's Shooting), Bayview (Clubs); Maurice Belz (Singles & Men's Shooting); Tom Paulo & Andre Noel (Doubles); Graeme Morris & Margaret Penny (Senior Doubles). Next year the new Mixed Doubles will come into play making seven National Tournaments.

Representation: Congratulations to all those who have made the teams to play in the TransTasman, NZ Open and Australian Open. We have not yet announced the team to attend the World Singles/Doubles /Mixed Doubles event in April, but hope to do so soon. With Oceania and Women's Worlds coming up in October/November 2017, it will be an exciting year for those vying for the honour of making the teams. A huge thank you to all the scorers and helpers who gave up their time, some of them up to six days, to score players in the process or to assist with the process. You all did a fantastic job.

Marketing: We are delighted to announce that the Board have contracted a professional marketing company GSL PROMOTUS, to provide us with a marketing plan to for the next five years. We have been discussing this for some time and believe if we want petanque to be more visible, have greater participation and ultimately more members, we need to have clear guidelines and procedures for moving forward. We had our first planning meeting this week and believe the process of developing the plan will take 6-8 weeks. Once we have a more detailed proposal we will of course be consulting with the members and their clubs to ensure we have a collective vision for promoting petanque in NZ. Visit gslpromotus.co.nz if you want to find out more about the company we have engaged.

We need you!

As John F Kennedy, famously said *"ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country"*, well, we are asking *"not what PNZ can do for you, but what you can do for PNZ"*. We currently have several positions to be filled, so if you want to be involved in the decision making or believe you have something to offer, we need you!

We are looking for three new Technical Directors: A Technical Director of Coaching, Technical Director of Representation and Technical Director of Tournaments. You don't have to be the best coach, a high ranking representative or know everything about running tournaments. The role of Technical Directors is primarily one of organisation and communication. Ensuring the right systems are in place and that the area you are responsible for is done properly and moving forward in line with the goals of PNZ. You will not be alone, there are people on the Board and other members of our community who are more than willing to help, advise, teach, guide you.

We are also looking for a new editor for our magazine. Graeme Morris wants to dedicate his time to his new role as National Women's coach, so is handing over the magazine. We would be happy to have two people share this role if that makes it more appealing. We are aiming for a minimum of three issues a year

(March/April; July/August; October /November), but would be happy to look at more. We are looking for someone with initiative, who has good written language skills and is competent with a computer.

We have our National coaches in place, but we are also looking to appoint an assistant to the Men's and Women's coaches, so that we are upskilling our coaches, giving them an opportunity to train and to develop their skills and provide some continuity for the roles

Finally, we are looking for new Board members. We have three members who will be standing down at the next AGM (April 2017) which will provide opportunity for new people to come in and help shape the future direction of PNZ. The role of a Board member is one of Governance, which is the process of decision making, developing policies, providing guidance and oversight to the various areas of responsibility. You will need to commit a minimum of five hours a week, attend two or three weekend meetings a year, be willing to listen to all sides of an issue, be comfortable with being challenged and have a robust sense of self. If this sounds like you, we hope you will put your name forward. We are particularly looking for people with an interest in marketing/promotions or sponsorship/funding.

All the above positions will be advertised in mid-January and job descriptions for all roles will be available then. All appointments are for two years. Board members are re-elected after two years, all other roles are two years with renewal for a further two years if both parties agree. After four years, all positions will be re-advertised, at which time people can reapply if they wish to continue in the role.

Club Kit: Apologies for the delay in getting these to each club, they will be with you in the new year.

See you in 2017
Stefany Frost
For the PNZ Board

