

Tournament Eligibility

All entrants must be:

- Financial members of a petanque club and affiliated to Petanque New Zealand.
- Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a permanent New Zealand residents visa.

Entry Procedures

- Entry forms will be emailed to all clubs affiliated to PNZ and directly to those members on the PNZ mailing list. They can also be downloaded from the PNZ website: www.petanquenz.com.
- The highest ranked youth team (18 and under) will be recognised as youth champions in the national singles, doubles and triples championships. Youth teams must identify themselves at the time of entry to the tournament.
- Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form.
- Each player must provide their contact details and **the name of the Club they are affiliated to PNZ through**. Members new to a club should ensure the club has registered them with the PNZ secretary.
- Completed entry forms, together with the required entry fee, are to be returned to PNZ at the address indicated on the entry form. Mailed entries should be confirmed by email to the Tournament Director, stating the date of posting (to avoid any problems due to mail delivery delays). Incorrect or incomplete entries may be rejected.
- All entries will be validated and confirmed via email unless specifically requested otherwise. If confirmation has **not** been received within one week of entering the member should contact the Tournament Director indicated on the entry form. An entry that is not confirmed is not valid and the entrants will not be permitted to play in the tournament. It is the responsibility of entrants to ensure their entry has been received by the Tournament Director.
- Late entries will not be accepted, unless at the request of PNZ to make up an even number of teams to avoid a bye situation. Teams entered at the request of PNZ purely to make up numbers will be exempt from paying entry fees.
- By completing the entry form entrants have agreed to abide by the stated tournament rules and conditions

Tournament Rules

- The tournament will be played to the current FIPJP Rules as adopted by Petanque New Zealand and any bylaws specific to NZ.
- Entrants are required to participate in the entire tournament; i.e. a player cannot leave partway through without good cause. Late withdrawals for a good cause, such as illness, will be accommodated but PNZ should be notified immediately of any such instances.
***NB:** Any player withdrawing from a National Championship after the start of the event without good cause will be barred from participating in National Championships for which they are eligible for 12 months following the date of the infringement.*
- Immediately at the conclusion of each game a player from each team is required to sign that the score is correct on the result sheet. They need to check carefully that this is entered correctly as incorrect results that have been signed off by both parties will stand.
- Both positive and negative points will be used to calculate the point differential. Alternatively the Bucholz system will be used (see Bucholz System Explained on the PNZ website)

Tournament Format

Each tournament will be divided into divisions for placings; the number of divisions and number of players in each division will depend on entry numbers:

- a) 25 teams or more = 16 players taken through to trophy at the beginning of day two. Final positions are:
 - Trophy = positions 1 – 8
 - Trophy consolation = positions 9 – 16
 - Plate = positions 17 – 24
 - Plate consolation = positions 25 – 32
 - Consolante = positions 33 +
- b) 24 or less teams = 8 players taken through to trophy at the beginning of day two. Final positions are:
 - Trophy = positions 1-4
 - Trophy consolation = positions 5-8
 - Plate = positions 9-16
 - Consolante = positions 17-24

As a general rule all PNZ tournaments will be run using the Swiss system on day one with barrage or pool play on day two, followed by a single elimination for the final results. However this may change from time to time (e.g. depending on the number of entries) and will be advised to entrants by the Technical Director of Tournaments as far in advance as possible.

Risk Management Policy

Players should be aware that the game of petanque involves a number of hazards that have the potential to cause harm to players, officials and/or spectators. These include but are not restricted to:

- Being hit by a thrown or displaced boule
- Being struck by objects such as pebbles or stones displaced by a thrown boule
- Tripping over strings or other material used to delineate playing boundaries

While the tournament organisers will take all reasonable steps to ensure that these risks are minimised, players entering a tournament also have the responsibility to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.

Open-toed shoes, sandals, thongs or jandals are not acceptable footwear and players will be banned from playing in them unless a medical certificate is produced to say such footwear is necessary on medical grounds.

If a player has any known medical condition that could become an issue during a tournament (e.g. angina, diabetes, epilepsy, serious allergies) they are required to notify the tournament director and tournament umpire prior to the tournament starting.

Player Conduct

Players must abide by the PNZ Player & Spectator Code of Behaviour (available on the PNZ website www.petanquenz.com). Sanctions will be enforced for breaches of this code.

Cancellation of Tournament

The tournament will not be cancelled for any reason, except force majeure.

However PNZ reserves the right to alter the tournament format, venue or conditions if any unforeseen events prevent the tournament from starting or finishing within the designated playing time.

Team Identification (Doubles, Triples & Clubs)

PNZ expects all entrants to be of tidy appearance. Teams must have some identifying or co-ordinated aspect to their uniform e.g. same coloured shirts.

Disputes

The Umpire(s) appointed for the tournament will adjudicate in all matters to do with the tournament rules. In all other matters a Disputes Committee made up of one representative from the host association or club and two PNZ representatives will adjudicate.

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