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PNZ's policy on affiliation is clear and simple. If a club is to be recognised, endorsed or supported by PNZ then **all** members of that club must pay affiliation fees to PNZ. We do not have a social membership so the fee applies to everyone whether they play every day or once or twice a year; whether they are purely social or highly competitive. If they are a member of your club then they must pay the affiliation fee. We recommend that clubs do not separate out the fees paid for affiliation to PNZ or regional bodies, but simply quote the fee for joining as X dollars as it then does not become an issue and is not seen as an option to be debated. The only people exempt from affiliation fees are the four Life Members of PNZ.

Belonging to PNZ is about being part of the wider petanque community and contributing to the spread and development of petanque across the country. It is not about playing in national, regional or even local competitions. Every club has a portion, if not the majority, of their membership that only play petanque at a club or social level. These social/club players get as much for their affiliation fee as any member does. Clubs need to be aware that virtually none of the money paid in affiliation fees is used to support competitive play. PNZ's competitive process is paid for by entry fees to tournaments and fees paid by those registering for the representation process.

PNZ helps all clubs and their members through providing services that benefit all club members, most of which are not available to non-affiliated clubs. For example:

- Readily available access to information through promotional pamphlets, posters and resource booklets; a full colour magazine 3-4 times a year, (now available on PDF free to all member Clubs); a comprehensive website (currently under redevelopment to become even more useful and informative); Facebook & Twitter. All of these give a wealth of up to date information and help to raise the profile of the sport to potential members.
- An executive secretary who fields all enquiries about the game, as well as maintaining resources, collecting up to date information on clubs, and writing letters to clubs about a wide variety of issues.
- PNZ is frequently asked to confirm a club's affiliation to PNZ as this is an essential requirement in applying for funding from Charitable Trusts. Clubs which have benefitted from this service include Christchurch, Masterton, Napier City, Horowhenua, Bayview, Herne Bay, Nelson, Whakatane, Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis, Kapiti and Dunedin City.
- Similarly PNZ provides letters to local Councils in support of clubs needing to expand, or in some cases retain, petanque facilities and terrains (e.g. Upper Hutt, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, Horowhenua, Park Avenue, Christchurch, and Northcote).
- PNZ's umpiring structure and resources provide clubs and their members with the means of resolving issues around rule interpretation, which affects all those who step onto their Club terrain. PNZ regularly receives queries from Clubs around the country, mostly regarding

situations that have arisen during ordinary club play or club competitions. Imagine playing even social petanque with no rules!

- PNZ provides ongoing training for coaches for all levels of play. Even social players require some instruction about how to play.

The PNZ Board
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