

GWR 2022 Competitions – General Rules

Entry

1. The number of entries for each competition may be set by the GWR Committee based upon venue capacity as determined by any PE Safe Play rules currently in force. All players must be members of Pétanque England and **registered with** the GWR region.
2. Entry fee is set at **£15 per player** (free entry for Juniors) or as otherwise advertised on the GWR website with 80% of fees returned as prizes. Where entry numbers are restricted, team entries will be made only on a 'first come, first served' basis through the www.gwrpetanque.com website or as advised by GWR from time to time and each online team entry made by this process shall only be completed by payment therefor being made, in the following manner, within 24 hours of such online entry having been made.
3. All payments must be made by Faster Payments Transfer to the credit of the bank account of Great Western Pétanque EPA: Sort Code **30-94-80** Account Number **02616303**. or as advised by GWR from time to time, quoting the team captain's name.
4. A closing date for entries will be set for each competition and advertised on the GWR website, subject to any maximum number of teams having been reached before that date
5. It is the responsibility of each team captain to ensure that any / all additional players are registered with GWR Committee before any such player plays in the competition
6. A player is tied to a team from the point where they throw their first boule for that team. From that point, they may not play competition games for any other team. They may change teams at any point before this by informing the competition organisers.
7. The GWR Committee reserves the right to refuse entries any GWR Competition.

Match Day Registration and Procedure

1. A register of players will be kept at each venue by a GWR Committee member, or delegated appointee, who will be the de facto organiser of the series or competition at that venue for the day. Names will be checked against entries
2. The event will start with registration at the advertised time with the start of the day's play 30 minutes later. Before play the venue host will deliver a safety briefing highlighting general health & safety risks and any additional risks specific to the venue and prevailing conditions.
3. The format of each competition (e.g., number of rounds, method of scoring and ranking teams) will be advertised on the GWR website and reiterated on the day.
4. Specific rules for each competition (e.g., games timed or not, strings live or dead) and venue will be advertised beforehand on the GWR website and reiterated on the day.
5. In the event of non-appearance and registration of a team by the advertised start-of-play time, a 13-7 win will be recorded in favour of that team's opponents (and so on in respect of its other fixtures that day if it doesn't turn up at all.
8. Events held at venues that are commercial, such as public houses and sports clubs, may only allow food and drink purchased at the venue to be consumed. All players are to respect this and comply with venue regulations or may be subject to an immediate disqualification from the event
9. The GWR Committee reserves the right to alter or amend these rules in the light of any prevailing H.M. Government COVID regulations, or other at its discretion.

Champion of Champions Events

1. The following regional competitions are selection events for related National Champion of Champions competitions:

- GWR Doubles
- GWR Triples
- GWR Veterans Doubles

The winners of these events will represent GWR in the Champion of Champions events.

2. It is a precondition of entering these GWR events that players **are willing and able** to attend the related Champion of Champions event. For 2022, these events are:

- Sunday, 2 October 2022: Champion of Champions Veterans Doubles
- Saturday, 15 October 2022: Champion of Champions Doubles
- Sunday, 16 October 2022: Champion of Champions Triples

GWR will make a reasonable contribution towards the expenses of teams attending Champion of Champion events.

3. Teams selected to play at the Champion of Champions events are expected to attend these. The penalty for non-attendance, unless a team is unable to do so on medical grounds or for any other reason which the committee in its absolute discretion considers to equate to force majeure, will be automatic disqualification from entry the next year in any such qualifying competitions

4. As representatives of GWR, all players at Champion of Champions events must wear GWR shirts and be dressed in accordance with the Standards section of PE Competition Rules (see <https://www.petanque-england.uk/rules/>).

5. Any failure of dress or decorum by players at a PE event may result in a fine being levied upon GWR that the offending players will be required to pay. GWR may at its absolute discretion retain all or part of players' winnings from GWR competition(s) until completion of the related Champion of Champions event(s) and may deduct fines from these winnings before paying any remaining balance to players.

COVID-19 Safety Rules

1. All teams must read and comply with the latest in-force rules issued by the UK Government and Safe Play Guidelines issued by Pétanque England. These may be supplemented by venue-specific rules notified to teams at the initial safety briefing on match days. As part of registering his / her team for any GWR competition, every team captain will be required to sign on behalf of each team member that such team members have understood and will abide by current safe play guidance.

2. Player safety is of paramount importance. Any breach of the Safe Play Rules and or Local Risk Assessment will be reported to the Officer in Charge and the GWR Safeguarding Officer (or appointee) and an appropriate warning will be issued. A second or subsequent breach will lead to the disqualification of the whole team from the competition

3. Venue hosts, appointed by GWR, will have full delegated authority to make decisions and apply immediate sanctions relating to safe play.

