

Celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) – Great Western Region

The following GWR-specific guidelines are based upon those issued by Pétanque England in 2022, including some region-specific amendments.

Guidelines for Regional IWD Women's Doubles

The guidelines below are for Regions planning to run their IWD Doubles.

1. The GWR International Women's Day event is celebrated on the Sunday on or immediately following 8 March. For 2023 this is **Sunday 12 March**.
2. The qualifying event is run as Open Doubles, for all female players (including juniors) within the Region. The playing format is at the discretion of the Region.
3. To encourage greater participation a PE licence is not required. However, should a team qualify for the national event, any unlicensed players will need to join Pétanque England as a member of the Great Western Region to take part.
4. The National IWD Doubles are expected to take place on **Saturday 22 July 2023**. Details of the venue are not yet available.
5. Players registered with PE in another region are ineligible to play in the GWR competition.
6. We expect (but cannot yet confirm) that the number of teams qualifying for the National IWD Doubles to be based on entries at the Regional IWD Doubles using the same scale that was used in 2022:

Minimum entry 4 doubles teams	= 1 place at the National IWD Doubles
5-11 teams	= 2 places
12-23 teams	= 4 places
24-36 teams	= 8 places

7. If a qualifying team (or player) is unavailable to play, the GWR committee has discretion to nominate another team (or player) who took part in the GWR IWD doubles.

Once your region has held its IWD Women's Doubles, please email Hassi Leverett (National IWD Lead Officer) of the results with names and contact details of the qualifying teams. Should you require any further information or clarification, please email hassi@culturaljoirneys.org