

Celebrating International Women's Day (IWD)

Celebrating International Women's Day has proved to be a successful initiative in engaging women players of all levels to participate in their Regional events. The first National IWD Doubles was held in 2019 and 32 qualifying teams from across nine regions competed at Oxshott. For some teams, it was their first taste of attending a National event. To build on this success, in 2021 PE introduced the IWD Open Triples.

In 2022 PE will be hosting both the National IWD Doubles (for Regional qualifying teams) and the IWD Open Triples over one weekend.

Guidelines for Regional IWD Women's Doubles

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

1. International Women's Day is celebrated on 08 March every year so most regions choose to hold their event in March. However, regions do have flexibility and have until mid July to hold their event.
2. The qualifying events are 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 would need to join Petanque England to take part.
4. Regions may invite players from adjoining Regions who are not running their own competition.
5. Regions with only a few female players may run a combined event.
6. Each player may only participate in one Regional event.
7. The number of teams qualifying for the National IWD Doubles will be based on entries at the Regional IWD Doubles using the following scale:

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
8. If a qualifying team (or player) is unavailable to play, regions have the discretion to nominate another team (or player) who took part in their regional 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