

Rules of the Winter Doubles League 2021/22

Please read carefully as there are significant changes.

1. The number of entries will be limited to **30 teams**. All players must be members of Pétanque England and **registered with** the GWR region.
2. Team entries will be made only on a 'first come, first served' basis through the www.gwrpetanque.com website 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** quoting the team captain's name. Both team entry and payment by must be completed to secure your place.
4. Entry fee is **£20 per player** – teams can have as many players as they wish but all pay £20 each. Juniors are free.
5. Additional players can play at a cost of £5 per player per round of play or unlimited rounds at £20 per player. They can play only once they have been registered and extra payment has been made. It is the responsibility of each team captain to ensure that any / all additional players are registered with the league organisers before they play 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 league games for any other team. They may change teams at any point before this by informing the league organisers.
7. Games are untimed and strings will be LIVE (Pétanque England rules). The positions of the playing circle and the jack must be marked.
8. A register of players will be present at each venue. Names will be checked against entries.
9. The maximum number of matches played on any fixture is three.
10. Catch-up days, if needed, will be introduced in late March and early April. These days are only for use when a whole fixture is postponed by the committee, not for individual matches.
11. Games will be played at the Anchor, Cricklade, Larkhall, Northey Arms, Royal Wootton Bassett (RWB) and the Ship. Playing dates and venues will be notified to entrants once the entry list closes.
12. Teams will be in 10 groups (A-J) being A1-A2-A3 and so on to group J1-J2-J3. Names and groups will be announced when all entries are completed. All teams will have played all other teams by the end of all fixtures.
13. 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.
14. Entry Money will be distributed as follows:
 - 10% for Admin use
 - 50% Ring fenced for the use of Juniors
 - 40% Prize Fund shared between 1st to 8th place

Match Day Registration and Procedure

15. A Responsible Officer from each host club has kindly agreed to set up, display the register, introduce relevant H&S issues and send the score at the end of the day's play.
16. The Responsible Officer, who will be the de facto organiser of the series at that venue for the day, will check the names of players against team entries in the register.
17. The event will start with registration at **09:00** hrs for start of the day's play at **09:30** hrs.
18. A Match Day player needs to be entered prior to Match Day Registration, where cash payment will also be allowed.
19. In the event of non-appearance and registration of a team by 09.30 hrs, sanctions will be imposed on that team in line with Article 32 of the Official Rules of the Sport of Pétanque:
 - a. For each five minutes of delay, the team which is absent from the terrain is penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents.
 - b. If the team does not appear after 30 minutes, they forfeit the game and their opponents are awarded a 13-7 win.
 - c. If they are not present for the start of the second game of the day, they forfeit all games on that day and each of their opponents is awarded a 13-7 win.
20. An incomplete team has the right to start a game without waiting for its absent player; nevertheless, it does not use the boules of that player. If the second player arrives late but within 30 minutes of the start, they may play in accordance with Article 33 of the rules of pétanque.

Fixtures

The provisional list of playing dates is given below. The dates and venues will be confirmed once the entry list closes.

1. 31 October 2021
2. 7 November 2021
3. 21 November 2021
4. 5 December 2021
5. 19 December 2021
6. 9 January 2022
7. 23 January 2022
8. 6 February 2022
9. 20 February 2022
10. 6 March 2022
11. 20 March 2022 – *Catch-up day (if needed)*
12. 27 March 2022 – *Catch-up day (if needed)*
13. 3 April 2022 – *Catch-up day (if needed)*

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