

GWR 2020 INTER-REGIONAL QUALIFIERS (IRQs) RULES

1. All players must be current and valid GWR Pétanque England (PE) members at the time of each IRQ event.
2. A maximum of four players may be registered per team for the qualifiers and for the Inter-Regional Championships, except that a fifth player may be registered for one of the three qualifying competitions. This is primarily but not exclusively intended to cover emergency circumstances such as injury or illness.
3. The entry fee will be determined by the committee.
4. The format for each IRQ fixture will be the Swiss system, in which winners play winners and losers play losers with 4/ 5 rounds each day. (the number of rounds is calculated by the number of entries) If an odd number of teams compete, a bye will be entered. A team drawn against the bye will be allocated a 13-7 win.
5. Teams must register from 0845 hrs until 0915 hrs. The draw will take place between 0915 hrs and 0930 hrs. Play will start as soon as the draw is completed - at the latest 0945 hrs. Any team which does not register within the stated time frame will miss the draw and will NOT be allowed to play on that day in that IRQ.
6. At the end of each event each team will know where it has finished in relation to the other teams who have played in the event. At the completion of all the IRQ qualifying events, GWR committee will know in which position the competing teams finished (by numbers 1-12). Each of the top twelve teams will represent GWR at the PE Inter-Regional Championships and the committee will quickly advise all teams which had competed in the IRQ qualifying competitions the IRQ results.
7. If a team decides not to go to the PE Inter-Regional Championships the next team in the ranking will automatically be promoted. Penalty for non-attendance at the Championships, 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
8. At least two players from those originally registered in each team must attend the Championships for the team's position in the squad to be maintained. Any replacement players who join the team will be accepted at the decision of the committee.
9. Of the twelve teams which qualify for the Inter-Regional competitions and will be entered in, either the Championship (eight teams) or the Challenge Division (four teams).
10. Medals will be awarded to the top performing team in both the Championship and Challenge squads.
11. The GWR committee reserves the right to amend these rules at its sole discretion

