

SOUTHERN COUNTIES PETANQUE ASSOCIATION



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THE SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE SENIOR SQUAD FOR THE INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Regional Qualifying Series will consist of a round robin competition over 4 or 5 days as numbers dictate.
If at any time additional teams, whether Adult or Junior are requested by the EPA organising committee, these teams will be selected in positional order or at the discretion of the playing committee.
2. Team Strip: Teams taking part must have a team strip of matching tops – Polo shirts, sweatshirts or equivalent, these must be worn for the duration of play. This can be different on different days play. Any team not complying with the above will be fined £15.00 per team (£20 if a team of 4).
3. Licences: EPA licences must be produced at the first qualifying round for those team members present. If a fourth member is not registered at the first days play he/she must produce their licence at the first stage that they play in, failure to do so will result in a £5.00 fine being levied.
REMEMBER the umpire can ask to see your licence at any time, and an opponent, before play starts (Rule 4. The Official Rules of the Game of Petanque)
4. The signature of the team captain on the team sheet at registration implies acceptance of all conditions and rules by members of the team.
5. The Regional Qualifying Series is played as a triple that may be selected from a team of four at all stages. The fourth player must be registered by the closing date.
If the team only uses three players throughout the qualifying series then at least two of the team must be available to play at the Inter-Regional Competition. The use of a substitute player or the introduction of a 4th player for the Inter-Regional must be agreed by the Playing Committee. If two or more players are unavailable then that team will be replaced.

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If a team uses four players during the qualifying series then at least three of that team must be available to play at the Inter-Regional Competition. The Playing Committee must agree the use of a substitute 4th player. Should two members of a four-player team not be available then the playing committee will have the right to select any suitable substitute or to replace the whole team.

Any replacement team shall be selected by the playing committee from the next non-qualifying teams (as appropriate) in descending order, subject to the team being available as specified above. Should none of these teams be available the Playing Committee can, at their sole discretion, select complete teams or any individual to ensure the strength of the squad. The playing order of the regional squads will then be adjusted as deemed necessary by the playing committee to take account of the replacement team.

The purpose of the qualifying series is to find the strongest squad to play for the region.

Teams are asked to act in the interests of the region at all times.

6. The playing committee will select the team managers.
7. Rank in the Regional Squad will be determined by the final positions achieved in the Masters Finals, although the playing committee shall be empowered to amend the playing order of the squad. The Chairman of the playing committee will notify any team affected (see rule 6)
8. In the event of a team not arriving at the venue for the Inter-Regional Competition then the Team Manager shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to ensure that the squad is at full strength.
9. The Playing Committee shall comprise of the Competitions Secretary, Regional Coach, Regional Umpire and the President. The Chairman shall be the Competitions Secretary who in the event of a tied vote shall have a casting vote. The Junior Coach may be co-opted onto the Playing Committee for the sole purpose of selecting the junior team.
10. Those teams qualifying for the Inter-Regional Squad are responsible for ensuring that all its members have transport to and accommodation at the Championship venue. All players must register with the venue and should contact the designated travel agent direct. The contact telephone number and reference will be available from the SCPA website.

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11. Hayling Island have stated that all residents will be issued with a wristband to be worn at all times. Failure to do this, to prove that you are staying on site, will incur a £40 fine. Any wristband that is faulty will be replaced if returned. There will be no day passes issued so everyone has to be resident to play. Any team failing to comply may at the discretion of Hayling Island, the EPA or the SCPA be refused entry to the venue.
12. In the event of a tie after all the rounds then precedence will be established by:
- a) Games won
 - b) Points difference
 - c) Points for
- If after applying the above there is still a tie then:
- d) A play off, consisting of one game to thirteen points.