



**FIPJP World Championships  
Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles  
Ghent (Belgium) Easter 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

## **1. Introduction.**

The WPA Executive agreed in March 2016 to send the maximum number of 4 players (2 men and 2 women) to the 2017 World Championships in Ghent (Belgium). The WPA is required to confirm its participation to the Belgium Federation on behalf of the FIPJP by the 23rd of December 2016. The event will consist of 3 World Championships played over one weekend between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, which coincides with the Easter holiday.

Registration for the qualifiers will be open to current WPA members until 18:00 hours on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 for non-mixed (Male/Male and Female/Female) doubles teams who need to register using the online form. The entry fee for this qualification series is £15 per player.

A minimum of 6 male and 6 female entrants is required in order to run a meaningful qualifier. If this number is not reached the qualifiers will be cancelled and Wales will not enter the competition

We would like to remind all players that by entering the qualification series you accept that upon qualifying you will be representing Wales at a World Championship and therefore if you decide to withdraw from the event after qualifying without reasonable justification, you may face a disciplinary procedure, which may result in you being excluded from entering future qualifying competitions for a determined period of time.

## **2. Qualification Process:**

2.1 The qualification process will take place over a period of 3 days over two weekends in January 2017, every player will take part in the following:

- Singles competition (Men and Women)
- Double competition (Men and Women)
- Shooting competition (Men and Women)

Note: There is no Mixed-doubles competition in the qualifier and the doubles element are same gender matches.

2.2 Weather permitting, the qualifier will run as follow:

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017: Singles (Rounds 1 to 6)
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017: Singles (Round 7 plus) and Shooting (Round 1)
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017: Doubles plus Shooting (Round 2)

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In case of severe weather condition on the published dates, the 21st, 28th and 29th of January could be used as alternative dates for the qualifier.

The venue(s) for the qualifier will be advised in due course.

2.3 Depending on numbers, the format for the qualifier will be:

- Up to 6 entries: A Round-Robin system
- Entries of 8 and over: A Round-Robin system, divided into pools of 4 players, followed by a knock out competition.

2.4 Each individual player will be allocated points according to their ranking in each of the 3 events based on the number of entries. For example, if 10 players have entered the qualification series then:

Singles: 1<sup>st</sup> place, 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 9pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 8pts... 10<sup>th</sup> place 1, 1pt.  
Doubles: 1<sup>st</sup> place, 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 8 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 6 pts... 5<sup>th</sup> place, 2 pts.  
Shooting: 1<sup>st</sup> place, 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 8 pts... 10<sup>th</sup> place, 1 pt.  
(Round 1 +2)

2.5 Final ranking criteria for both the Singles and Doubles competitions will be determined by the following:

For a Round-Robin system:

1. Number of Games won.
2. Points Difference.
3. Points For.
4. Points Against will only be used if ranking criteria 1 to 3 are equals

For a Round-Robin + Knock out format:

Ranking after the knock out stage

Shooting Competition: If two or more players have the same combined score, then the competitors will be separated using the number of 5 points scores, and if required the numbers of 3 points scored.

2.6 The four qualified players will be the 2 men with the highest combined men's score and 2 women with the highest combined women's scores. It is possible that only one person from a pair will qualify as the scoring is individual not pairs. If 2 or more players have the same score, then the number of 1st place positions achieved will be used to decide the final position. However, in the event of the 2 players still being on equal scores then their combined Shooting score will be used to separate them.

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### 3. Entry:

- 3.1 The FIPJP has dictated that a player cannot play in more than two events, therefore players will be entered to take part in the following events:

	Competitions						
	Singles M	Singles F		Doubles M	Doubles F		Mixed Doubles
<b>Male 1</b>	X			X			
<b>Male 2</b>				X			X
<b>Female 1</b>		X			X		
<b>Female 2</b>					X		X

- 3.2 Following the qualifier, the WPA Executive and/or Coaching Team together with the four qualified players, will finalise the squad positions and confirm to the FIPJP which players will be competing in each of the events. The formation of the Mixed Doubles will be agreed with the players but if no agreement is possible, then the final decision will be made by the WPA Executive and/or coaching team. If a qualified player is unable to go to the World Championships, then the next ranking player will be invited, down to 4th ranked.

### 3.3 Notes:

(1) The qualification process above has to be completed by 31st of January 2017, this being a deadline set by the Belgium Federation as organisers and the FIPJP for counties to confirm the names of the players in the squad.

(2) NB Please ensure that if you intend to enter this qualification series that you have a valid 2017 licence. 2017 membership renewal forms were sent to your club in early November 2016.

**WPA Executive  
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