



## 2017 WPA Welsh Cup for Clubs Team Competition

The WPA Welsh Cup for Clubs Team Competition is a tournament to find the top club in Wales and that will be invited to represent Wales and the WPA at the Confédération de Européenne Pétanque (CEP) **EuroCup 2017**.

### RULES

#### 1. Entry

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with the WPA by the 1<sup>st</sup> December which has a minimum of six WPA members, of which one must be of the opposite gender to the other five, will be eligible to take part.
- 1.2 Each club is allowed one team only.

#### 2. Players

- 2.1 All players must be individual members of the WPA for the current year.
- 2.2 All players must be individual members of the club, which is stated on their WPA membership card.
- 2.3 Players can only play for one club in any year.
- 2.4 Any team playing a non-member will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) took part.

#### 3. Structure

- 3.1 Depending on the number of teams that enter the competition, the WPA Executive will either run a round-robin of matches or hold a series of events, where each club entered will play two matches in one day (for information on what constitutes a match see **Section 5**, below), as a minimum each club will play each other club at least once.

#### 4. Matches

- 4.1 The actual date of the fixtures will be arranged by the Director of Development or Executive Committee and communicated to all Club Secretaries and posted on the WPA Playing Calendar and on the WPA website.
- 4.2 In the event of a club withdrawing or declining to play, then their scores from previous fixtures will be void.
- 4.3 An umpire may be appointed by the National Umpire or Executive Committee for any round of the competition.
- 4.4 A member of the WPA Executive or a WPA member designated by the Executive shall be responsible for the organisation on the day and will collect the official score sheets. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the sheet before they sign it.

#### 5. Form of Play

- 5.1 This WPA event is played according to the rules established by the CEP Board of Directors and adopted by the WPA.
- 5.2 For each match, each team may consist of six, seven or eight players. Teams of six (6) players **must include one player** of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team; Teams of seven (7) and eight (8) players **must include two players** of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. The Teams form into five (5) open singles and one (1) between the designated female players, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double, one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple. Each match consists of eleven games played over three (3) rounds.
- 5.3 In the first round six (6) singles games will be played, when the corresponding team

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combinations of both teams meet i.e. open 1 v open 1 to open 5 v open 5 and female 6 v female 6. Two (2) points will be awarded for each game won.

- 5.4 In the second round three (3) doubles games will be played, when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open1 v open1, open2 v open2 and mixed v mixed. Three (3) points will be awarded for each game won.
- 5.5 In the third round two (2) triple games will be played, when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open v open and mixed v mixed. Five (5) points will be awarded for each game won.
- 5.6 There is a maximum of 31 points available in each match.
- 5.7 In the Doubles and Triples games, one (1) player in each team may be replaced.
  - 5.7.1 For the Mixed Doubles and Mixed Triples teams the replacement shall not affect the mix of the team.
  - 5.7.2 A player that has been replaced cannot play in any other team during this game.
  - 5.7.3 The replacement can only be made between the two ends and must be reported to the opposing Team Captain and the Umpire.
- 5.8 The teams must play all of their games, as their average score may prove important in a case of equal results
- 5.9 The following formula will be applied to decide the results:
  - 5.9.1 Number of Match Points, if two or more teams are tied, then:
  - 5.9.2 Game Points between the tied teams.
  - 5.9.3 Points Difference between the tied teams.
  - 5.9.4 Points Difference between all the teams in the group.

## 1. Conventions

- 1.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.
- 1.2 Players shall be smartly attired in their club strip.

## 2. Penalty

If the winning club formally accepts the invitation to represent Wales and the WPA in the **EuroCup 2017**, but then withdraws their entry after the CEP has officially made the draw, the club shall be prohibited from entering the Welsh Cup for Clubs in the following year. The Club shall have the right of appeal.

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