

Welsh Pétanque Association

Policy – 2020 National Representation



Introduction

This policy sets-out the process by which players who would like the opportunity to represent Wales in World Championships (WC), European Championships (EC) and other representative competitions taking place in 2020 will be assessed on their playing ability.

The process covers the 2020 World Championships for Men, European Championships for Women, European Single, Double, Mixed Double Championships for Men/Women and the Veterans Nations Cup (Veterans Team that comes out of this process will need to finish in the top 2 positions of the WPA National Veterans in order to qualify for the Nations Veterans Cup.).

The assessment process will be run simultaneously for both men and women.

Entry

All players wishing to represent Wales at the WC or EC will be required to submit their intention to enter the qualifying process using the normal competition entry channels via the WPA website on-line competition entry form (http://www.welshpetanque.org.uk/?page_id=5971). The player must specify which international event they wish to qualify for, and their preferred position in the team if successful.

The assessment dates for the Preliminary Assessment together with the venues have been published on the 2020 WPA Playing Calendar. Dates for Assessment Rounds 1 and 2 have been published on the 2020 WPA Playing Calendar. The date for Round 3 (Competitions) has been published on the 2020 WPA Playing Calendar and will be agreed with the qualifying players comprising the 2020 Welsh Squad (2020WS).

Assessment Process

The assessment process comprises in total of 4 rounds, a Preliminary Round, followed by a further 3 Assessment Rounds, entry to these rounds is only if the player passes the stated Preliminary Assessment qualification score.

Preliminary Round

This round is open to all current members of the WPA and will determine the players who will be entered into the 2020WS and the subsequent Assessment Rounds 1, 2 and 3. All players who have achieved the minimum required score of **50%** in the Preliminary Round will be automatically accepted in the 2020 Welsh Squad. Players who have achieved a score of **between 40% and 49%** could also be invited to join the squad if an insufficient number of players have automatically qualified.

The 2020 Welsh Squad will comprise a minimum of **4** players and a maximum of **8** players who have achieved the minimum required score per event.

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The players who qualified Wales for the 2020 World Championships have been given direct entry to the 2020WS, for final assessment and the squad for the Men EC will comprise a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 12 players, as there are already 4 players qualified.

Assessment Rounds

Rounds 1, 2 and 3 will determine those players who will represent Wales at international competitions defined above.

Assessment Content

Preliminary Round

Will be comprised of the following 3 exercises:

1. Shooting (with obstacles)
2. Pointing (with obstacles)
3. Pointing (with obstacles)

The specific set-up of each exercise will not be revealed until the day of the assessment and the specific scoring for each exercise will be explained to all players before the start of the assessment.

The above exercises have been derived from game situations.

For exercise 1: Shooting, players will be expected to shoot over obstacle boule at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m.

Each player will throw a total of 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boule, points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

For exercises 2 and 3: Pointing, players will be expected to point missing obstacle boules at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m.

Each player will point 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boules, points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

Scoring System

The exercises defined above will affect how points are awarded.

- For exercise 1 there will be one scoring area, points available 3 or 5.
- For exercises 2 and 3 there will be up to two scoring areas, points available 3 and/or 5, depending on the layout.

The landing point of each boule will also be recorded with a score of 1, 3 or 5 points depending on the exercise.

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The scorer will immediately mark the score of each boule played on the official score sheet. At the end of the session the player will be asked to confirm the scores recorded by the scorer. The sheet will be signed by the player and counter-signed by the scorer on behalf of the WPA.

The scores recorded from each distance will be totalled, providing an overall score for that exercise; this will then be expressed as a percentage. The 3 percentages will be added together and the average score calculated; this average will form a ranking position. The same formula will be applied to scores obtained from the landing point of the boule. The landing score will be used as a secondary score to separate players having the same overall score.

This average will form a ranking position from which, players who have achieved the minimum will be automatically entered in the 2020WS. The same formula will be applied to scores obtained from the landing point of the boule.

Players who fail to achieve the minimum requirement may also be accepted to 2020WS.

The final results will be published on the WPA website.

Each player will receive a copy of their detailed results (paper or electronic format) and personal feedback, if requested, can be provided by the National Coach or the scorers. The results of the Preliminary Assessment (anonymised) can also be supplied to Club Coaches.

Assessment Rounds – Rounds 1 and 2

Rounds 1 and 2 will be comprised of 6 exercises:

Round 1

1. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
2. Pointing (with obstacles)
3. Pointing (with obstacles)

Round 2

4. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
5. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
6. Pointing (with obstacles)

The specific set-up of each exercise will not be revealed until the day of the assessment and the specific scoring for each exercise will be explained to all players before the start of the assessment.

The above exercises have been derived from game situations.

For discipline 1: Shooting, players will be expected to shoot over obstacle boules at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m.

Each player will throw a total of 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boules, points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

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For discipline 2: Pointing, players will be expected to point missing obstacle boules at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m and demonstrate good boule control.

Each player will point 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boule, points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

Scoring System

The exercises defined above will affect how points are awarded.

- For exercises 1, 4 and 5 there will be one scoring area, points available 1, 3 or 5 depending on the layout.
- For exercises 2, 3 and 6 there will be up to two scoring areas, points available 3 and/or 5, depending on the layout.

The landing point of each boule will also be recorded with a score of 1, 3 or 5 points depending on the exercise. The landing score will be part of the assessment score and may also be used to separate players with the same score.

If Precision Shooting is used then the exercise will be carried out as specified for the CEP EC Rules (https://www.cep-petanque.com/documents/Rules_of_Precision_shooting-2017English.pdf)

The scorer will immediately mark the score of each boule played on the official score sheet. At the end of the session the player will be asked to confirm the scores recorded by the scorer. The sheet will be signed by the player and counter-signed by the scorer on behalf of the WPA.

The scores recorded from each distance will be totalled, providing an overall score for that exercise; this will then be expressed as a percentage. The 6 percentages will be added together and the average score calculated; this average will form a ranking position. The same formula will be applied to scores obtained from the landing point of the boules. The landing score will be used as a secondary score to separate players having the same overall score.

Assessment Rounds - Round 3

Round 3 will evaluate players during competition situations. It is anticipated that a minimum of 2 events on the WPA Calendar will be used to evaluate the team or teams formed with the players in the 2020WS. This will be confirmed during Round 1, and will be dependent upon the registration deadline for each international event.

Each player will be assessed on the number of effective boules played during a game and recorded by the coach responsible for the team, using the pro-forma sheet used during the 2019 European Championships.

The scores from each boule will be totalled giving an overall score for that game; these will be expressed as a percentage of boules thrown.

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Round 3 will be completed by 26th of April for the Men WC and Women EC and by 28th June for the Veterans and Singles, Doubles and Mixed double. This will provide us with enough competitions to see all the players in game situation.

Each player will receive a copy of their detailed results (paper or electronic format) and personal feedback can be provided upon request by the National Coach or the Coach responsible. The results of the Assessment (anonymised) could be supplied to Club Coaches.

National Representation Teams

At the end of the Assessment Process the score from each round will be added together to give a final ranking position. The National Coach and the team coach will invite 4 players to form the team and 2 reserve players for a triple team, 2 players and 2 reserve players for a double team and 1 player and 1 reserve player for a single team.

The triple team will be comprised of four players, a specialist pointer, a specialist shooter and two middle players, one with a pointing ability and the second with a shooting ability. The double or mixed doubles teams will be formed of a specialist pointer and specialist shooter or 2 specialist shooters

In the interest of forming a balanced team, the final ranking may not be followed. The names of the players invited will be submitted to the WPA Executive Committee or another *ad hoc* committee for final squad validation.

The final results and international teams will be published on the WPA website.

Following the 2020 Assessment, the Veterans team will gain automatic entry to Round 1 of the 2021 Assessment Process for the EC Triples: Veterans.

In the event one of the invited players being unable to attend the competition, one of the reserve players will take that players place.

By accepting the invitation to represent Wales, you will be expected to attend any practice and training sessions stipulated by the Executive Committee and or Coach / Team Managers. This includes all formal practice sessions at the competition venue.

In addition, you are also expected to practice at every opportunity, so that you are able to deliver the skills which you have demonstrated through the assessment process.

Failure to attend the event in question without good cause and to the satisfaction of the WPA Executive will result in that player not being able to enter any competitions requiring Welsh representation outside of the UK and Ireland for a period of 2 years.

National Coach
For WPA Executive