

# Welsh Pétanque Association

## Cup for Clubs Competition



The Welsh Cup for Clubs is an inter-club competition to find the top Club in Wales and award the Welsh Cup for Clubs Champion title. The competition also offers the opportunity for clubs to interact with each other and create relationships with the potential to arrange other interclub events.

### RULES

#### 1. Entry

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with the WPA in the current membership year with a minimum of six WPA members, of which one must be of the opposite gender to the other five, will be eligible to participate.
- 1.2 Each Club is allowed one team only.

#### 2. Players

- 2.1 All players must be members (Associate, League and Full) of the WPA for the current year.
- 2.2 All players must be members of the Club, which they have stated on their WPA Membership Form and listed on the Register of Members for a minimum period of not less than six months at the time of the first round of the competition.
- 2.3 Players can only play for one Club in any year.
- 2.4 Any Club playing a player not complying with 2.1 and or 2.2 will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) participated.

#### 3. Competition Format

- 3.1 The format is dependent on the number of Clubs that enter the competition. The WPA Executive will organise that:
  - Each Club Team will play a Home and Away match in a series of round-robin matches or
  - Hold a series of events where each Club entered will play two matches in one day
  - At a minimum, each Club will play the other Club at least once.Information on what constitutes a match is defined in Section 6 below.

#### 4. General

- 4.1 The Executive Committee will arrange the fixture dates, communicate to all Club Secretaries, and post on the official playing calendar and the website.
- 4.2 The Executive Committee may appoint an umpire for any round of the competition.
- 4.3 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 the correct details are on the sheet before signing it.
- 4.4 If a Club withdraws or declines to play, their scores from previous fixtures will be void.

#### 5. Form of Play

- 5.1 This competition is played following the CEP's European Cup for Clubs rules and adopted by the WPA, with minor amendments.
- 5.2 For each match, each team may consist of six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) players.
  - 5.2.1 Teams of six (6) players **must include one player** of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team.
  - 5.2.2 Teams of seven (7) and eight (8) players **must consist of two players** of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team.

#### 6. Match

- 6.1 A match is an encounter between opposing club teams.
- 6.2 Each match consists of eleven games played over three (3) rounds played in the following order.

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- Round One (1) Singles: Six (6) individual players versus six (6) individual players where one game must be between the designated "female".
- Round Two (2) Doubles: One (1) mixed double versus one (1) mixed double and, at the same time, two (2) open doubles versus two (2) open doubles.
- Round Three (3) Triples: One (1) mixed triple versus one (1) mixed triple, and at the same time, one (1) open triple versus one (1) open triple.

### 7. Game Points

- 7.1 For each game won, the Club team is awarded "game" points as follows:  
Singles: two (2) game points for each win - a total of twelve (12) game points.  
Doubles: three (3) game points for each win - a total of nine (9) game points  
Triples: five (5) game points for each win - a total of ten (10) game points.  
The possible total number of game points available is: 31
- 7.2 The team with the most game points at the end of the three (3) rounds is the winner of the match.
- 7.3 One (1) Match Point will be awarded to the Club team winning the encounter.
- 7.4 The Club teams must play all their games, as their scores may prove critical in a case of equal results. The following formula will be applied to decide the results:
- 7.4.1 The total number of Match Points; if two teams are tied, then:
- 7.4.1.1 The combined results of the Home and Away matches between the two tied teams.
- 7.4.1.2 If more than two teams are tied, then:
- The game Points difference between the "Game Points for" and "Game Points against" for all teams in the competition.
  - The "Game Points for" for all teams in the competition.
  - The Points Difference for all teams in the competition.
  - The "Points for" for all teams in the competition.

### 8. Scorecards

- 8.1 All players for the match must have their names recorded on the scorecard. No additional players can be added to a scorecard once the match has commenced.
- 8.2 The Team Captain will enter the players' details directly onto the scorecard so that the "designated females" always play against each other.
- 8.3 To safeguard the composition of the teams, the selection of players (Singles, Doubles and Triples) will take place before each round of the match.

### 9. Replacement Player

- 9.1 Club teams, with seven (7) or eight (8) players recorded on the scorecard, may replace one (1) player in each double and triple game. However, for both the mixed doubles and mixed triples teams, the replacement must not affect the mixed composition of the team.
- 9.2 The replacement can only be made between ends and must be reported to the opposing team's Captain and recorded on the scorecard.
- 9.3 A player that has completed their game or has been replaced cannot play in any other team during this round.

### 10. Conventions

- 10.1 Clubs are responsible for their travelling costs.
- 10.2 Players shall wear their club strip.

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### 11. European Cup for Clubs

The CEP Directors supervise the organisation of the European Cup for Clubs each year in early November and invite member Federations to send their Club Champions to take part in the European Championship.

Therefore, the Welsh Cup for Clubs Champion will be invited to represent Wales and the WPA at the European Cup for Clubs Championship. However, it is not compulsory for the winner to accept the invitation. If the winning Club does not accept the invitation, the team that finished in second place will be invited.

The Club must make themselves familiar with the following CEP Documents:

- EuroCup, FedCup Rules
- European Cup Team Uniform Rules
- Protocol for Alcohol (Breath) Test

It is compulsory that each team has a Coach.

If the Club formally accepts the invitation to represent Wales, subsequently withdraws its entry after registering with the CEP. Then the Club shall be prohibited from entering the Welsh Cup for Clubs for the following year. The Club shall have the right of appeal.

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*European Pétanque* (2023). Available at: <https://www.cep-petanque.com/documents.html>  
(Accessed: 1 May 2023).

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## Appendix

### 2023 Proposed Format:

#### Semi-Finals.

A representative from each Club will draw a number and then a card to confirm if they are a Home or Away Team for the initial encounter.

- Semi-Final One - Team 1 v Team 2
- Semi-Final Two - Team 3 v Team 4

Each semi-final will be run on a home-and-away basis and will comprise two encounters:

- Encounter 1 - Morning: The Home Team's Club.
- Encounter 2 - Afternoon: The Away Team's Club.

Upon completion, the results must be reported to the President at the earliest opportunity, who will organise a draw to confirm the Home Team for the Final. Each Team will be immediately notified of the result of the draw.

#### Final

The winning Club of each semi-final will progress to the Final.

The Final will be run on a home-and-away basis and will comprise two encounters:

- Encounter 1 - Morning: The Home Team's Club.
- Encounter 2 - Afternoon: The Away Team's Club.

The winning club will become the Welsh Cup for Clubs Champion for the current membership year.