

# Welsh Pétanque Association

## Welsh Cup Competition



The Welsh Cup is an inter-club competition to find the top Club in Wales and award the Welsh Cup Champion title. The competition also allows clubs to interact with one another and build relationships that could lead to arranging 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 of the WPA for the current year.
- 2.2 All players must be members of the Club, as stated on their WPA Membership Form and listed on the Register of Members, for a minimum period of not less than one month 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 depends on the number of Clubs that enter the competition. The Management Committee is responsible for deciding the competition format.

Information on what constitutes a match is defined in Section 6 below.

#### 4. General

- 4.1 The Management Committee will arrange the fixture dates, communicate with all Club Secretaries, and post them on the official playing calendar and the website.
- 4.2 The Management Committee may appoint an umpire for any round of the competition.
- 4.3 A member of the Management Committee or a member designated by the Management Committee 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 rules and adopted by the WPA, with minor amendments.
- 5.2 For each match, each team shall consist of a minimum of six (6) up to a maximum of nine (9) players as follows:
  - 5.2.1 A team 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), eight (8) or nine (9) players **must include two players** of the opposite gender to the rest of the team.

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### 6. Match

- 6.1 A match is an encounter between opposing club teams.
- 6.2 Each match consists of eleven games 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 female players.              |
| 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:
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| 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 wins 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 for 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 The scorecard must record the names of all players for the match. Once the match has commenced, no additional players can be added to the scorecard.
- 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 players (Singles, Doubles, and Triples) will be selected before each round to ensure the teams' composition.

### 9. Replacement Player

- 9.1 Club teams, with seven (7), eight (8) or nine (9) players recorded on the scorecard, may replace one (1) player in each double and triples 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 who has completed their game or has been replaced cannot play in any other team during this round.

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### 10. Conventions

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

### 11. European Cup

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

Therefore, the Welsh Cup Champion will be invited to represent Wales and the WPA at the European Cup Championship. However, the winner doesn't need to accept the invitation. If the winning Club does not take the invitation, the team that finished in second place will be invited.

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

- European Cup 2025/2026 Rules
- European Cup Team Uniform Rules
- Protocol for Alcohol (Breath) Test

Each team must have a non-playing Team Manager (Coach).

If the winning Club formally accepts the invitation to represent Wales but withdraws its entry after registering with the CEP. In that case, it will be prohibited from entering the Welsh Cup for the following year. The Club has the right to appeal.

### Management Committee

June 2026

*European Cup Rules - 2025/26.* Available at: [https://www.cep-petanque.com/documents/EuropeanCup\\_Rules-En.pdf](https://www.cep-petanque.com/documents/EuropeanCup_Rules-En.pdf) (Accessed: 02 June 2026).

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### Appendix

#### 2026 Proposed Format:

##### Qualification.

Six clubs have confirmed their entry for the 2026 Welsh Cup and have been drawn in the following Groups;

GROUP A		GROUP B	
Draw	Club	Draw	Club
1	Vale PC	2	Caerleon RFC PC
4	City of Llandaff PC	3	Harlequins PC
5	Monkstone PC	6	Twyn y Ffrwd PC
8	Resting	7	Resting

- The 2025 Welsh Cup Champions will be drawn 1 – Vale PC.
- The 2025 runners-up will be drawn 2 – Caerleon RFC PC.
- The Clubs will be drawn into two groups of three.
  - Group One: Clubs drawn 1, 4 and 5.
  - Group Two: Clubs drawn 2, 3 and 6.
- Each club will play each other once in the group.

Group A: Clubs drawn 1, 4 and 5.	Group B: Clubs drawn 2, 3 and 6.
<b>Round One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 1 – Rest.</li> <li>• Club drawn 4 plays Club drawn 5.</li> </ul>	<b>Round One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 2 – Rest.</li> <li>• Club drawn 3 plays Club drawn 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Round Two:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 4 – Rest</li> <li>• Club drawn 1 plays Club drawn 5.</li> </ul>	<b>Round Two:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 3 – Rest.</li> <li>• Club drawn 2 plays Club drawn 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Round Three:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 5 – Rest</li> <li>• Club drawn 1 plays Club drawn 4.</li> </ul>	<b>Round Three:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club drawn 6 – Rest.</li> <li>• Club drawn 2 plays Club drawn 3.</li> </ul>

- Clubs will not play at their venues.

Dates/Venue for Group One: Monkstone PC	Dates/Venue for Group Two: Caerleon RFC PC
Round One: June 27 <sup>th</sup> AM Start 09h30	Round One: June 27 <sup>th</sup> AM Start 09h30
Round Two: June 27 <sup>th</sup> PM Start 14h00	Round Two: June 27 <sup>th</sup> PM Start 14h00
Round Three: June 28 <sup>th</sup> AM Start 09h30	Round Three: June 28 <sup>th</sup> AM Start 09h30
<b>Final: Winner Group A v Winner Group B: June 28<sup>th</sup> PM at a Neutral Venue. The start time is to be confirmed.</b>	

After each encounter, the results must be immediately reported to the Management Committee.

#### Final

- The club that ranked first in each group will play in the final.  
The winning club will be crowned the Welsh Cup Champion for 2026.