



Welsh Pétanque Association Constitution & Rules

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Part One – Constitution

1. Name

The Association shall be called the Welsh Pétanque Association (WPA), hereinafter called the Association.

2. Objectives

The Objectives of the Association are to promote the game of Pétanque (hereafter called “the sport”) by:

- 2.1. promoting public awareness of the sport,
- 2.2. organising competitions and events, including participation in competitions and events organised by or on behalf of other recognised bodies of the sport in other countries and by organising the same for or on behalf of such other bodies in Wales, including the formation, preparation and support of Senior, Mens, Ladies, Veterans and Junior teams to represent Wales at all levels,
- 2.3. providing instruction in the sport,
- 2.4. promoting international links and affiliating to the Federation Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal. (FIPJP) and the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP),
- 2.5. seeking recognition for the Association from the relevant sports or governmental bodies such as the national governing body of the sport in Wales,
- 2.6. creating a disciplinary code, and establishing principles and policies for the development of the sport.

3. Registered Office

The registered office of the Association shall be at such address as the Executive Committee of the Association shall from time to time decide.

4. Definitions

4.1. Welsh Pétanque Association

The Association is recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP) and the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP), as the sport’s governing body for pétanque in Wales.

4.2. Members

Members shall be persons who have paid the annual fee appropriate to their level as defined in Part 2 – Rules - Clause 6. Membership shall not be denied to any person on the grounds of any of the Protected Characteristics, as defined in the Association’s Equality and Diversity Policy.

4.3. Executive Committee

Executive Committee (EC), the managing body of the Association.

4.4. Affiliated Leagues

Affiliated Leagues shall be such Pétanque Leagues as are admitted to the Association in the manner described in the Rules.

4.5. Registered Clubs

Registered Clubs shall be such Pétanque Clubs as are admitted to the Association in the manner described in the Rules.

4.6. General Meetings

Annual (AGM), Extraordinary (EGM) and Ordinary (OGM).

4.7. Communication

The requirement to publish and send communications, which may be met by the use of printed and or electronic media.

5. Executive Committee

The WPA shall be managed by an EC comprising both Elected and Appointed Officers.

5.1. Elected Officers

- 5.1.1. The Association shall have the following elected officers: National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Director of Development and Director of Public Relations.
- 5.1.2. Each Elected Officer will have a term in office of two years. To provide continuity not all posts will become vacant at the same date.
- 5.1.3. The posts of National President, National Treasurer and Director of Public Relations will become vacant in odd numbered years, and the posts of National Secretary and Director of Development will become vacant in even numbered years.

5.2. Appointed Officers

The Association will have other officers appointed by the EC to serve in roles or on commissions as required for the development and management of the sport.

6. Annual General Meeting

There shall be an AGM of members in each period of twelve calendar months convened by the EC for the purpose of presenting an Annual Report, Annual Accounts, changes to the Constitution and Rules, for the election of officers, for the determination of fees and subscriptions, and to consider motions, to appoint auditors, and to appoint arbitrators. The AGM must be held within 13 months of the previous AGM.

7. Ordinary General Meeting

There shall be OGMs of Members held at least three times during the year between the dates of the AGMs.

8. Extraordinary General Meetings

EGMs may be called upon the direction of the EC, upon a requisition signed by not less than 25 individual members, from at least 5 registered clubs or upon a requisition of 5 registered clubs, signed by an officer of each of those organisations.

Arbitrators may call an EGM where Clause 4.7, Part 2 - Rules has been instigated.

9. Membership

The classes and terms of membership of the Association shall be as specified in the Rules (Part 2 – Rules – Clause 6).

10. Powers and Duties

10.1. Executive Committee

The EC shall have the following powers and duties to:

- 10.1.1. be the managing authority of the Association;
- 10.1.2. promote and develop the sport in Wales and to further the objectives of the Association;
- 10.1.3. fill vacancies arising on the EC for a period ending at the following AGM;
- 10.1.4. appoint individual members and/or commissions for specified purposes and terms of reference;
- 10.1.5. establish, as and when required, disciplinary tribunals to hear and determine appeals in accordance with Part 1 – Constitution - Clause 13;
- 10.1.6. propose changes to the Constitution and Rules for the decision of the members at an AGM and/or EGM;
- 10.1.7. to propose rates of subscription for the decision of the members at an AGM or an EGM convened for that purpose.
- 10.1.8. hold and operate the funds of the Association;
- 10.1.9. determine the eligibility and value of honoraria for officers;
- 10.1.10. organise and run National and Qualifying Competitions and events, representational competitions and team formation, and the preparation and support for Welsh teams;
- 10.1.11. set standards for coaching and umpiring and to administer the same;
- 10.1.12. set standards and policies for the protection and safety of members and to administer the same.
- 10.1.13. seek all means of funding the sport in Wales including co-operating with the other national bodies where required.
- 10.1.14. act in the name of the Association and to enter into agreements and do all such things as are necessary for the effective operation of the Association save such as is required by statute or the Constitution & Rules to be done in an OGM.

10.2. National President

The National President shall:

- 10.2.1. act, when necessary, as the representative of the WPA at the FIPJP and CEP Congresses and other international meetings;
- 10.2.2. preside, when practicable, at meetings of the EC;
- 10.2.3. preside, when practicable, at AGMs, EGMs and OGMs of the Association and shall, ex officio, be a member of all standing commissions;
- 10.2.4. act as a counter-signatory in respect of any property or financial transactions on behalf of the Association.

10.3. National Secretary

The National Secretary shall:

- 10.3.1. convene, attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the Association;
- 10.3.2. make the Draft, and subsequently Approved, Minutes of all General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings (which may be subject to redaction at the discretion of the E.C.) available to the Members by publication via the WPA's website within 14 days of the date of the meeting.
- 10.3.3. maintain the register of Members, Clubs and Leagues;

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- 10.3.4. maintain the definitive version of the Constitution, Rules, and all other documents required for the management of the Association.

10.4. National Treasurer

The National Treasurer shall:

- 10.4.1. Operate the Association's finances;
- 10.4.2. Prepare the Books of Account for Accounts inspection or audit, as required by the EC ;
- 10.4.3. Prepare and present true Accounts to each AGM of the Association;
- 10.4.4. Prepare and present an annual budget as required by the EC.

10.5. Director of Development

The Director of Development shall:

- 10.5.1. Actively promote the sport, through the Association and the clubs, with the aim of expanding the geographic and demographic basis of the sport;
- 10.5.2. Oversee all competitions held under the auspices of the Association;
- 10.5.3. Deputise for the National President when they are not present or available.

10.6. Director of Public Relations

The Director of Public Relations shall:

- 10.6.1. Actively promote the sport, through the media, with the aim of expanding the public awareness of the sport;
- 10.6.2. Ensure that the members are informed of all events being held by the Association and its constituent leagues and clubs;
- 10.6.3. Assist national representative teams and clubs in the acquisition of sponsorship for events.

10.7. Arbitrators

Arbitrators:

- 10.7.1 Arbitrators are appointed under Clause 6 - Annual General Meeting and are called upon to undertake specified duties non-executive duties as defined in this constitution or non-specified duties as requested in writing by the EC.
- 10.7.2 Where a vote of no-confidence has been called against an individual member of the EC or members of the EC or the whole of the EC, the arbitrators shall have the following duties under this constitution.
 - i EC Member - A nominated Arbitrator maybe invited by the EC to assist them in the preparation of the vote of no-confidence.
 - ii EC Members - Nominated Arbitrators maybe invited by the EC to assist them in the preparation of the vote of no-confidence.
 - iii Whole EC - Duties as defined in Part 2 - Rules, Clause 4.7.

11. Finance

11.1. Fees

- 11.1.1. All fees relating to membership for Associate, League, Full and Junior Members, Affiliated Clubs and Leagues, whether existing members of the Association or joining, shall be at a rate to be determined from time to time by an AGM;
- 11.1.2. The Association will pay an affiliation fee to the FIPJP, CEP and other national and international organisations.

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11.2. Accounts

Proper Books of Accounts shall be maintained by the National Treasurer and shall be available for inspection by Members, with reasonable notice, at the Registered Office.

11.3. Expenses

Reasonable expenses may be reimbursed for costs incurred wholly and exclusively on behalf of the Association.

11.4. Bank Accounts

The Association shall maintain an account(s) with a UK Bank from time to time selected by the EC.

11.4.1. All account(s) require the joint signatures of the National Treasurer and one other authorised EC Member. The two cosignatories must authorise all expenditure for any of the Association's accounts.

11.4.2. Internet/Telephone banking facilities will be permitted but are subject to article 11.4.1 where practicable.

11.5. Grants

The Association may not make grants or donations to any person or organisation other than specifically for the achievement of the Objectives (Part 1 – Constitution – Clause 2).

11.6. Borrowing

The Association may not borrow advances of money at rates in excess of 7% above LIBOR and in any event may not borrow in excess of ten times its last audited annual income.

11.7. Financial Year

The financial year of the Association shall run from 1st January to 31st December of the same year.

12. Privileges

12.1. General

Individual Members, Affiliated Leagues and Registered Clubs shall be covered for third party liability insurance by the Association and shall be entitled to the following privileges of membership:

12.2. Associate Members shall:

12.2.1. have their particulars recorded in the Register of Members;;

12.2.2. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of National Competitions made available to them;

12.2.3. be eligible to enter WPA competitions as defined by the EC;

12.2.4. have the right to purchase the Association's approved goods and publications;

12.2.5. have the current Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque made available to them;

12.3. League members shall:

12.3.1. have their particulars recorded in the Register of Members;

12.3.2. have the right to attend, participate and vote at OGMs, EGMs and AGMs;

12.3.3. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of National Competitions made available to them;

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- 12.3.4. be eligible to enter WPA competitions as defined by the EC, including all National Championships and Home International competitions excluding all European and World Championship qualification events;
 - 12.3.5. have the right to purchase the Association's approved goods and publications;
 - 12.3.6. have the current Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque made available to them;
 - 12.3.7. have the right to participate in the requisition for an EGM.
 - 12.3.8. have the right to participate in the requisition for a vote of no-confidence against an individual member of the EC or members of the EC or the whole of the EC
- 12.4. Full Members shall:
- 12.4.1. receive an International Licence on payment of the annual subscription;
 - 12.4.2. have their particulars recorded in the Register of Members;
 - 12.4.3. have the right to attend, participate and vote at OGMs, EGMs and AGMs;
 - 12.4.4. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of National Competitions made available to them;
 - 12.4.5. be eligible to enter all WPA competitions as defined by the EC including all National Championships and all Home International competitions including all European and World Championship qualification events;
 - 12.4.6. have the right to purchase the Association's approved goods and publications;
 - 12.4.7. have the current Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque made available to them;
 - 12.4.8. have the right to participate in the requisition for an EGM.
 - 12.4.9. have the right to participate in the requisition for a vote of no-confidence against an individual member of the EC or members of the EC or the whole of the EC.
- 12.5. Junior Members shall:
- 12.5.1. receive an International Licence on payment of the annual subscription;
 - 12.5.2. have their particulars recorded in the Register of Members;
 - 12.5.3. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of National Competitions made available to them;
 - 12.5.4. be eligible to enter all WPA competitions as defined by the EC, including all National Championships and all Home International Competitions including all European and World Championship qualification events;
 - 12.5.5. have the right to purchase Association approved sale goods and publications;
 - 12.5.6. have the current Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque made available to them;
- 12.6. Affiliated Leagues
- Affiliated Leagues shall:
- 12.6.1. receive a certificate of annual registration;
 - 12.6.2. have its particulars recorded in the Register of Leagues;
 - 12.6.3. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of national competitions made available to them;
 - 12.6.4. receive Notice of OGMs, EGMs and AGMs
 - 12.6.5. have the right to purchase approved sale goods and publications of the Association on behalf of individual members.

12.7. Registered Clubs

Registered Clubs shall:

- 12.7.1. receive a certificate of annual registration;
- 12.7.2. have its particulars recorded in the Register of Clubs;
- 12.7.3. have the current copy of the Constitution & Rules and the Rules of National Competitions made available to them;
- 12.7.4. receive Notice of OGMs, EGMs and AGMs;
- 12.7.5. have the right to submit motions to the AGM;
- 12.7.6. have has the right to enter a team for the Welsh Cup for Clubs;
- 12.7.7. have the right to purchase approved sale goods and publications of the Association on its own behalf or on behalf of individual members;
- 12.7.8. have the right to participate in the requisition for an EGM.
- 12.7.9. have the right to participate in the requisition for a vote of no-confidence against an individual member of the EC or members of the EC or the whole of the EC.

13. Discipline

The Association will establish disciplinary procedures to handle matters referred to the EC.

14. Alterations to the Constitution

14.1. Method

The Constitution of the Association may be rescinded or altered by vote of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at an AGM or EGM called for that purpose and which has the required quorum.

14.2. Proposals

Proposals to amend the Constitution may be submitted by the EC or Registered Clubs.

14.3. Time Limit

No proposal to amend the Constitution which has been defeated, nor any of like effect, shall be permitted until a period of two calendar years has elapsed from the date of the AGM or EGM at which the original proposal was made.

15. Dissolution

- 15.1. The Association may be dissolved at an AGM, or at an EGM called for that purpose, by consent of a majority of members voting in a ballot of the Membership of the Association.
- 15.2. Funds and assets can be transferred to successor bodies on their formation and on dissolution of the Association.
- 15.3. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, such as an institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution and insofar as effect cannot be given to such provisions then to some charitable object.

Part Two – Rules

1. Structure

1.1. Member

Individual members may be members of clubs or unaffiliated (have no club affiliation).

1.2. Club

To register for the first year of registration, a constituted club shall have at least 3 members who are adult members of the Association and which shall have as a minimum as its officers a Chairperson or President, Secretary and Treasurer. For subsequent years of registration a club shall have at least 6 members of the Association and all the officers and members of such clubs shall be and remain members of the Association.

Each club shall adopt its own constitution or a modified version of an Association standard constitution, provided that the result is not repugnant to the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

1.3. Executive Committee

1.3.1. Elected Officers

- 1.3.1.1. The Association shall have the following elected officers: National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Director of Development and Director of Public Relations.
- 1.3.1.2. Only elected members of the EC shall be entitled to vote at its meetings. Appointed members may be called to attend and have the right to speak, but not to vote at meetings of the EC.
- 1.3.1.3. Should an elected Member of the EC fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the EC then the remaining members of the EC can assess the reasons for non-attendance and if appropriate dismiss the Official from the position they hold on the EC. The dismissed Official cannot then re-apply for any position for a minimum of two calendar years.
- 1.3.1.4. The EC will then call an EGM in order to elect a replacement for the dismissed Elected Officer. The replacement Elected Officer will be elected to complete the dismissed Officers period of tenure.

1.3.2. Appointed Officers

- 1.3.2.1. Appointed Officers may comprise: National Coach, National Umpire, Youth Development Officer, Competition Organiser, WPA League Secretary, Medical Officer and Child Protection Officer. The National Coach and National Umpire will be responsible to the EC. The Medical Officer and Child Protection Officer will be responsible to the National President. The Youth Development Officer, Competition Organiser and WPA League Secretary will be responsible to the Director of Development; and the Press Officer will be responsible to the Director of Public Relations.
- 1.3.2.2. Officers appointed by the EC to serve in roles or on commissions are to be drawn from suitably qualified or experienced persons who may not necessarily be members of the Association, but if they are not must agree to be bound by its Constitution, Rules, Policies and Procedures.
- 1.3.2.3. Appointed Officers will be invited to attend meetings of the EC, but will only be required to attend when they are to provide a report to the EC.
- 1.3.2.4. Appointed Officers cannot participate in any votes taken by the EC.

2. Annual General Meeting

2.1. Elections

2.1.1. Nomination of Elected Officers

- 2.1.1.1. Nominations for the position of an Elected Officer must be received on the prescribed form at least 21 days prior to the AGM see 2.2.2.
- 2.1.1.2. All members nominated must consent in writing to be nominated and to serve if elected, must be paid up members at the closing date for nomination and must be nominated by at least 3 other members.
- 2.1.1.3. At the AGM nominations on the day can only be accepted for positions for which there has been no prior nomination, or for a vacancy that has occurred since the issue of the notice, and must be submitted on the prescribed form prior to the commencement of business.
- 2.1.1.4. Elected Officers eligible for re-election shall declare their intention to either re-stand for, or to stand-down from, their current position prior to the issuing of the Preliminary Notice of the AGM, this declaration to be included in the Preliminary Notice of the AGM.

2.1.2. Election procedure

If there are no more nominations than vacancies for a particular office then the Presiding Officer at the AGM shall declare that member to be elected. If more than one member is nominated for a national office then a ballot of all members present at the meeting and entitled to vote will be conducted.

2.2. Procedure for the Annual General Meeting

2.2.1. Date and Place

The AGM shall, subject to Part 1 – Constitution - Clause 6, be held in the month of March or such other month and at such place as the EC may from time to time determine.

2.2.2. Preliminary Notice

At least 36 days before each AGM, the National Secretary shall publish the date, time and place of the meeting and also the Elected Officer posts becoming vacant. Those entitled and wishing to put proposals to the AGM shall submit their motions and nominations for office to the National Secretary at least 21 days before said AGM.

2.2.3. Notice

At least 14 days prior to the AGM the National Secretary shall provide to each Registered Club and Affiliated League notice of the meeting, the agenda of the business to be transacted, and details of any motions submitted, together with received nominations for office and vacant positions in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.

2.2.4. Agenda

The agenda shall be to:

confirm the date of notice of meeting.

receive apologies for absence.

approve the minutes of the previous AGM and any subsequent OGM.

receive the President's Report.

receive and, if so resolved, adopt the Association's accounts and the Auditor's and Financial reports.

determine the rates of registration fees and subscriptions.

consider and, if so resolved, approve motions submitted in accordance with the Constitution and Rules

- a) proposed by the EC
- b) proposed by Registered Clubs
- c) The EC shall decide the order in which motions will be considered and may recommend the consolidation of motions.
- d) to declare the election of National Officers.
- e) to appoint an Auditor or Auditors.
- f) to appoint Arbitrators
- g) to consider such other business as the Presiding Officer may admit.
No vote to be taken.

3. Ordinary General Meeting

There shall be OGMs of Members held for the purpose of receiving progress reports from National Officers and considering motions proposed by Registered Clubs or the EC, and to discuss other appropriate business. Decisions made will become effective at the close of the meeting, unless otherwise agreed.

3.1. Date and Place

The OGMs of Members shall be held at such times and places as the EC may determine.

3.2. Preliminary Notice

At least 14 days before each OGM the National Secretary shall publish the date, time and place of the meeting. Those entitled and wishing to put proposals to the meeting shall submit their motions to the National Secretary at least 3 days before the Meeting. The National Secretary shall inform the National President of the proposed agenda.

3.3. Agenda

The agenda shall be to:

receive apologies for absence.

receive Officers' Reports.

consider and, if so resolved, approve motions from Clubs and Affiliated Leagues submitted in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.

hold an open forum.

consider such other business as the Presiding Officer may admit. No vote to be taken.

4. Extraordinary General Meetings

4.1. Convening

An EGM may be convened as defined Part 1 – Constitution – Clause 8.

4.2. Location

The meeting will be held at such a time and place as the EC shall decide.

4.3. Failure To Convene

Should the National Secretary not convene an EGM within 36 days of receiving a duly signed requisition, the requisitioners may convene the EGM and shall have a claim upon the Association for all expenses reasonably incurred in convening it.

4.4. Notice

The notice convening an EGM shall be provided to every Affiliated League and Registered Club not less than 28 days before the date of the EGM, stating the date, time and place thereof and the purpose for which it is convened.

4.5. Quorum

No EGM shall proceed to business unless 20 members, or more, representing at least five registered clubs are present within half an hour of the notified time of commencement of the EGM.

4.6. Business

An EGM shall not be competent to transact any business other than that specified in the notice convening it.

4.7. Vote of No-Confidence

A vote of no-confidence shall be convened as per clauses 4.1 to 4.6, above. However, where a vote of no-confidence has been called against the whole EC, the Arbitrators shall have the following additional responsibilities:

4.7.1 Location - The meeting will be held at such a time and place as the Arbitrators decide.

4.7.2 Failure to Convene - Should the Arbitrators fail to convene an EGM within 21 days of receiving a duly signed requisition, the requisitioners may convene the EGM and shall have a claim upon the Association for all expenses reasonably incurred in convening it.

4.7.3 Notice -The notice convening an EGM shall be provided to every Member and Registered Club not less than 14 days before the date of the EGM, stating the date, time and place thereof and the purpose for which it is convened.

4.7.4 Quorum - As per Clause 4.5, above. 4.7.4 Business - An EGM called specifically for a vote of no-confidence shall not transact any business other than that specified in the notice convening it. If the vote is carried, using the simple majority rule, the whole EC will immediately be discharged of their Powers and Duties as defined in Part 1 Constitution, Clause 10.

The Arbitrators shall then convene an EGM for the sole purpose of the election of a new EC as defined in Part 1 - Constitution, Clause 8.

5. Ballot of Members

A ballot of members will be held for contested elections, or on questions put at the direction of the EC, or on a motion of dissolution. The EC may direct that such a ballot be by post.

5.1. Each League and Full member as recorded in the Register of Members on the date that the EC approves the ballot will be eligible to vote.

5.2. Normal Ballot

Where a ballot is taken at a meeting this will normally be by way of a show of hands for each proposition.

5.3. Postal Ballot

- 5.3.1. Where the EC directs that a postal ballot is appropriate, the ballot form and supporting papers will be posted to each eligible member at the address listed in the Register of Members.
- 5.3.2. The Association or an independent organisation may run the ballot process.
- 5.3.3. A guidance paper will be issued with each ballot form and notice of the convening of the OGM, EGM or AGM at which the ballot will be taken. This will give instructions on the completion of any ballot paper and a timetable for the issue of forms, last date of return of forms and date of declaration of the result.
- 5.3.4. For security each returned ballot form must bear the member's membership number and signature in order to be counted as valid.
- 5.3.5. Each member may only vote once although a duplicate form may be obtained in the event of errors.
- 5.3.6. The completed voting form(s) should be returned to the address and by the date designated in the voting guidance issued with the forms.
- 5.3.7. The designated scrutineers of the postal vote, including the verification and counting of votes cast, will be a panel of not less than three of the existing Arbitrators of the Association nominated by the National President.
- 5.3.8. Should there be insufficient Arbitrators available to form a panel then the National President will nominate suitable individual members to carry out this task.
- 5.3.9. The result will be published within 2 days of the count.
- 5.3.10. The Arbitrators will be responsible for hearing any appeals relating to the outcome of the voting process.

6. Membership

- 6.1. Individuals, Clubs and Leagues shall complete the application or renewal form for the time prescribed by the Association and shall have paid the appropriate fees.
- 6.2. Individual Membership shall be in the following categories:
 - 6.2.1. Associate Members shall be players aged 18 or over on 31st December of the current year.
 - 6.2.2. League Members shall be players aged 18 or over on 31st December of the current year.
 - 6.2.3. Full Members shall be players aged 18 or over on 31st December of the current year.
 - 6.2.4. Junior Members shall be players aged under 18 on 31st December of the current year.

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- 6.2.5. Honorary Life Membership may be given at the discretion of the EC in recognition of services to the sport. A maximum of two may be awarded in any one year.
- 6.3. Registered Clubs shall be such Pétanque Clubs as are admitted to the Association having a Constitution and Rules, which does not conflict with the Association's, and a registered club bank account. All the Officers and Members of such clubs shall be and remain members of the Association.
 - 6.3.1. Upon application to the WPA Executive by a Registered Club, a temporary resident holding a valid licence recognised by the FIPJP will be able to represent the Registered Club as a player, but will not be eligible to enter National Championships or represent Wales in any capacity. Such dispensation from holding a WPA licence shall not exceed a period of 12 consecutive months.
- 6.4. The WPA Executive's decision will be final and without appeal.
- 6.5. Affiliated Leagues shall be such Leagues as are admitted to the Association having a Constitution and Rules, which do not conflict with the Association's.
- 6.6. Notice of the refusal or acceptance of an application shall be sent to the applicant within 28 days and in the case of refusal shall give the reasons and procedure for appeal.
- 6.7. Transfer between the Association and any other National Association is covered by rules laid down by the CEP in their Bye-Laws.

7. Alterations to Rules

7.1. Method

The rules of the Association may be rescinded or altered by vote of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at an AGM or EGM called for that purpose and which has the required quorum.

7.2. Proposals

Proposals to amend the rules may be submitted by the EC or Registered Clubs.

7.3. Time Limit

No proposal to amend the rules which has been defeated, nor any of like effect, shall be permitted until a period of two calendar years has elapsed from the date of the AGM or EGM at which the original proposal was made.

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