

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PETANQUE AND PROVENÇAL GAME RULES
FOR
WORLD PETANQUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Article 1:

The FIPJP, the only international federation having Pétanque in its object recognized by the IOC within the framework of its international membership, is the only delegatee authorized to organize world championships and to issue World Champion titles.

Article 2:

The FIPJP organizes the following world championships every two years and alternately:

- Even years:

. Men's World Championships in triplets and precision shooting.

. A grouping of the individual, doubles and mixed doubles world championships on the same site in teams of 4

- Odd years:

. Youth World Championships (17 and under in the year in which the championship takes place) in triplets and precision shooting.

. Women's world championships in triplets and precision shooting.

The organization of which it entrusts to a national federation or to a continental confederation affiliated to it. Nevertheless, the FIPJP remains entirely in control of these organizations, their development, and their consequences.

The organization is ensured according to the standards established by these Regulations and by the specific Specifications.

Article 3:

The organizing federation must submit to the President of the FIPJP (or his Delegate), who will go to the city where the World Championship will take place, the detailed program drawn up in accordance with the instructions given by the Executive Committee, and all the provisions, which will have been taken in all areas for this competition (see article 3 of the RI - Section "President").

Article 4:

The calendar of the world championships is established by the Executive Committee which may possibly submit a choice to the vote of the Congress.

Article 5:

The world championships take place on dates left to the initiative of the organizing committees with the agreement of the Executive Committee, the date fixed for the World Championship for Men having priority. It is desirable that those for young people be organized during school holidays.

The World Youth and Women's Championships can be grouped together on the same site.

Article 6:

The triplet world championships take place over three days, preferably from Friday to Sunday, but this choice can be changed, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, in order to take into account, the rules specific to certain nations concerning the weekly rest.

The event bringing together the five world championships - individual and doubles (Men and Women), and mixed doubles - takes place from Thursday to Sunday with the same possibility as for the triplets.

A particular calendar can be planned when the World Championships for Youth and Women are combined, provided that it has been approved by the Executive Committee.

In order that the weather does not force an interruption in the running of a world championship, the organizing committees must provide covered lanes.

In the context of a world championship, no competition other than the "Nations Cup" should take place.

CHAPTER II - PARTICIPATION

Article 7:

Each federation in good standing with the FIPJP, in particular as regards its contributions, has the right to register a team, but only one, to participate in a world championship of Pétanque, or in any qualifying events, including that of the world champions and the organizing federation. Federations provisionally accepted by the Executive Committee are also authorized to register a team, provided they are up to date with their contributions and have notified the latter before its annual meeting.

By provisional derogation, as long as the number of teams is not limited for the World Youth and Women's Championships, the organizer and the world champion federation will be entitled to a second team if they so wish.

The support for delegations is defined in the Specifications for the world championships.

The men's triplet world championship is limited to 48 teams (including a team from the host country and a team from the nation holding the title). The participating teams will come from continental qualifiers. The quota of participants per continent is defined by the FIPJP Executive Committee the year preceding the world championship. This same measure will be applied to other world championships when the number of participants is likely to exceed 48 teams or by decision of Congress.

The federations must send their participation agreement to the Executive Committee and the Organizing Committee within the deadlines set by the latter. If a federation renounces its participation after having accepted it, it will be banned from any world championships in the following twelve months as well as from the next world championship in the category concerned.

Article 8:

For the triplet world championships, the federations can form teams of 4 (four) players. In this case the delegate of the team has the option of making one change per game, but only one and between two ends.

Article 9:

The teams and their composition must be announced at least two months before the start of the competition to the organizers and to the Executive Committee. However, this composition may be partially or totally modified until the start of the draw.

Article 10:

The participating teams must only include players of the nationality of the country represented.

However, exemptions linked to international agreements between States or to the particular situation of some States may be granted by the Executive Committee which will set strict conditions concerning the duration of the holding of a license or equivalent title in the concerned federation.

For countries in which it is difficult to obtain nationality but where documents exist recognizing the lasting presence of people on their territory and granting practically the same rights as for nationals, the presentation of these documents, the list of which appears in the appendix, will be considered an equivalent to nationality.

For the Youth World Championship, those born in the country where they are a member of the federation may be selected provided, they have not already represented another country. The head of delegation must present an official document attesting to the place of birth.

Any selected player must have been a member for at least six months of the federation he represents.

This period is extended to five (5) years if players who have changed their nationality or who are dual nationals have already played for another country in an international competition such as the World Championship, Confederations World Cup, continental championships, World Games, multisport games. Then it will be impossible for them to represent their country of origin again.

Article 11:

The license, or a supporting national document, of each player, and of the delegate, must be deposited with the persons in charge designated by the Executive Committee before the draw. Players must be able to justify their nationality and, for young people, their age, by an official document (passport or identity card to be presented at registration).

The federation concerned is responsible for these justifications. Any sanctions in this regard will therefore be applied to the federation which has covered irregularities in this area.

Article 12: The delegate / coach

Each team is placed under the responsibility of a delegate who will have to ensure, in particular, the perfect sporting and dress code of the players under his responsibility. He/she must be carrying measuring instruments in order to enable them to carry out point measurements, if necessary.

It will be up to him/her to answer any call for the team for which he/she is responsible, and to ensure that his/her players respect the instructions given by the control table or the organizing committee. Any breach will be directly attributable to him/her.

Throughout the duration of a game, he/she must follow his/her team from the place allocated to him/her by the organizers, not move or gesticulate when the players are playing and, in any case, he/she may not enter onto the playgrounds.

However, he/she will be authorized, at the request of the players, to give advice, provided that in no case does this lead to an extension of the time prescribed for throwing the goal or playing a boule.

Article 13:

The head of delegation must be licensed and have the nationality of the federation to which the team he/she is leading belongs. On the other hand, the delegate - or coach - can be a member of another national federation.

Nations which are not present with the minimum number of participants (3) during the draw cannot take part in the world championship.

CHAPTER III - TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

Article 14:

The world petanque championships take place according to the FIPJP playing rules, including with specific provisions for games played in limited time.

Article 15:

Pursuant to Article 3 of these Regulations, the President (or his delegate) will report to the Executive Committee on the arrangements made for the organization of this competition by the federation or confederation in charge of it.

During its annual spring meeting, the Executive Committee will designate three of its members for the Men and two for the Youth and the Women, who will be responsible, with a leader of the organizing federation, to work at the control table to ensure the proper functioning of the world championships. Their travel will be covered by the FIPJP, the subsistence expenses being assumed by the organizing committee under the conditions set by the Specifications.

Article 16:

During the same meeting, the Executive Committee will also appoint two international umpires for the men's world championship, one for each of the other two world championships as well as for the event bringing together the other three disciplines. The organizing Federation must also provide at least one additional international umpire, who will be placed under the authority of the main umpire chosen by the FIPJP. If it is unable to do so, the Executive Committee will appoint an additional international umpire for each of these events.

Travel expenses for the umpire(s) it has appointed, and the arbitration allowance, the rate of which is set by the Executive Committee, for the same umpires and for the international umpire chosen by the organizing federation, are at the expense of the FIPJP. Accommodation costs are assumed by the Organizing Committee in accordance with the provisions of the specifications for the world championships.

Article 17:

Players of the same team must wear identical clothing - top and bottom - and wear the badge of the federation they represent on their chest. They must be provided with the badge issued by the organizing committee on which their name appears.

Blues jeans are prohibited in particular.

It is forbidden for players, delegates, and umpires to smoke, consume alcoholic beverages and use a mobile phone on the grounds.

A maximum of three advertisements is allowed on the top of the players' uniforms. They must be identical for players of the same team and comply with the regulations of the country where the championship is located. The logo of the textile manufacturer is not considered an advertisement.

CHAPTER IV - PROCESS

Article 18:

The day and time of the draw for the qualifying phase and the order of the games will be set by the Executive Committee during its spring meeting. The draw may take place either at the end of the opening ceremony in the presence of the public, or during a specific session, or before the world championship, in particular to organize communication operations. The teams that participated in the quarterfinals of the previous edition will be seeded and therefore cannot meet in the first part; in case of absence, they will be replaced by the winner and/or the finalist of the Nations Cup.

The qualifying phase allows the selection of 24 teams for the rest of the Men's World Championship and 16 teams for the others. It takes place according to the method decided by the Executive Committee at its spring meeting. The formula adopted is communicated to the federations in the report of this meeting.

The competition will continue according to the table established at the end of the qualifying games according to the results, and according to the procedure chosen in advance by the Executive Committee. There will then be no further draw.

Any team refusing to play any part of a world championship is disqualified for the rest of the competition and the results previously obtained in the same phase of the championship are canceled. If the reason for the absence is contested, the final decision rests with the Championship Jury.

Note: Currently the selected mode is that of the Swiss System for the qualifying games - 4 or 5 - followed by poules of 3 - the first eight in the classification not playing the first poule game - then direct elimination for the Men; round of 16 and direct elimination for Women and Youth. The losers of these round of 16 and the eight teams eliminated in the group stage of 3 for the Men are likely to be transferred to the round of 16 of the Nations Cup.

Article 19:

All games of the world championships are played in 13 points, with the exception of the games for which a limited time is applied: one hour and a quarter for the men's world championship in triplets, one hour for the other world championships in triplets and for the doubles world championships, 45 minutes for the individual world championships.

If neither team has reached 13 points before the end of the fixed time, it will be contested for up to two additional ends.

In the event of a tie at the end of the extra ends there will be a final end in which the jack, if it can be moved, will never be lost.

Article 20:

The teams eliminated before the poules of three stage for the men's world championship and before the round of 16 for the other world championships, may participate in a complementary competition known as the "Nations Cup". It will take place at the start by poules or by direct elimination depending on the time and the grounds available, a framing intervening - if necessary - only in the second round. The losers of the round of 16 of the World Championships for Women and Youth in triplets may be drafted to enter the round of 16 of this Nations Cup. This will automatically be the case for those eliminated from poules of three for the men's triplet world championships.

The Nations Cup will be the subject of a separate classification. The winner and the finalist may become seed for the next world championship in the event that one of the teams having obtained this right is not present.

Article 21:

In order to qualify the federations for international multisport competitions, classification games may possibly take place. In this case the losers of the quarterfinals will play the classification games from fifth to eighth place, the first matches being fixed by draw. However, another method of qualification - regional or otherwise - may be decided by the Executive Committee.

The rest of the ranking will be established according to the results obtained.

Article 22:

The winners and losers of the final will be declared respectively World Champions - with gold medals - and Vice-World Champions, with silver medals.

The players of the two semi-finalist teams will be awarded the bronze medals.

FIPJP diplomas mentioning these titles will be offered to players and federations of these four teams.

In addition, the world champions will receive rainbow jerseys and specific trophies for them and their federation.

In accordance with the Specifications, the organizer must hand out cups until the quarterfinals of the world championships and the semi-finals of the Nations Cup, as well as rewards or souvenirs to all players, delegates, umpires, and officials.

Article 23:

The running order for the qualifications for the World Championship of precision shooting - which is subject to specific regulations - follows the order of the draw for the World Team Championships.

CHAPTER V - FEDERAL AND JURY REPRESENTATION

Article 24:

The FIPJP will be represented at the world championships by its President, its Secretary General and its General Treasurer, or their representatives appointed by the Executive Committee.

The FIPJP doctor may also be present, in particular to ensure the regularity of anti-doping controls and to carry out blood alcohol controls, as well as the International Technical Director.

An international umpire examination being systematically organized on the occasion of the men's world championship, the chairman of the umpiring commission and one or two other examiners will be invited to the site.

In accordance with the Specifications, the travel of all these people will be covered by the FIPJP and their accommodation costs will be assumed by the organizers. They must all have "All access" badges.

Article 25:

At each world championship, a Jury will be set up which will be made up of the presidents or heads of delegation of two federations appointed by the Executive Committee, a member of the organizing federation (except its President) and two members of the Executive Committee (except the FIPJP President), one of whom being appointed as president, and the main umpire of the world championship, or his second in the event that this umpire is involved in the proceedings.

Article 26:

In the event of a dispute or difficulties before or during the competition, the Jury will rule on the questions to be resolved. In the event of a tie, that of its chairman will prevail. It will have no competence in the field of the application of the game rules and therefore cannot be brought together for a dispute concerning this sector.

The meeting will be decided by its chairman and he will sit validly when at least three of its members are present.

The jury's decisions are final.

CHAPTER VI - PROTOCOL RELATING TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article 27:

The protocol is the subject of an annex to the Specifications for the world championships. It must be scrupulously respected by the organizers whether it concerns the presentation of the teams or the presentation of medals. It will be particularly important to ensure the solemnity of the ceremony, especially avoiding the invasion of the public.

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