



# The Constitution

## 1.0] General

- 1.1) The league will be known as the Pennant Midweek Petanque League, hereinafter referred to as the PMPL.
- 1.2) All League and League Cup fixtures are to be played on a Tuesday or Wednesday
- 1.3] The PMPL is registered with/affiliated to the English Petanque Association (EPA)
- 1.4] The PMPL will abide by the rules of the English Petanque Association (EPA) unless overridden herein.
- 1.5] The objectives of the league shall be the pursuit, promotion and enjoyment of the game of Petanque.
- 1.6] The PMPL shall run completely independently of any Regional boundaries.

## 2.0] Membership of the PMPL

- 2.1] Membership of the PMPL will be considered by the Management Committee if the applicant Club meets the following criteria:-
  - a) The Club is within a 25mile radius of Shefford, Bedfordshire.
  - b) The Club has a minimum of three (3) pistes
  - c) The Club has adequate lighting.
  - d) The Club has adequate refreshment and toilet facilities.
  - e) The Club has registered with the English Petanque Association (EPA).
  - f) All players competing in the league must have current EPA membership card.
  - g) The Club has sufficient number of players with EPA Membership, registered with the PMPL, to fulfil league fixtures with a minimum of six players for each team within the Club.
- 2.2] A club may be considered eligible to join the PMPL even if it is outside the radius, if in the opinion of the Management Committee, the Club is easily accessible to the remainder of the clubs in the league.
- 2.3] Clubs can only be accepted for membership at the PMPL's Annual General Meeting.
- 2.4] A new Club's application for membership to the PMPL shall be made in writing to the league Secretary at least two weeks before the next Annual General Meeting.
- 2.5] Late applications may be considered if there are mitigating circumstances.
- 2.6] The Management Committee's decision on applications for membership shall be final

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## 3.0] Attendance and Voting

- 3.1] All members registered with the PMPL have the right to attend Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings but a maximum of two (2) votes per team will be allowed at these meetings
- 3.2] All propositions put to the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting will, after adequate discussion, be put to the vote, and only passed as accepted if they obtain a majority.

## 4.0] Annual General Meeting

- 4.1] The Annual General Meeting will be held in November, to receive reports from the elected officers, to discuss business, debate proposals and to elect Management Committee members for the ensuing year.
- 4.2] Additions and amendments to the PMPL's constitution, procedures, rules and league structure, including changes to membership fees can only be made at the Annual General Meeting
- 4.3] All proposals must be in writing, and received by the PMPL Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the Annual General Meeting
- 4.4] The meeting will be chaired by the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or a nominated deputy.

## 5.0] Management Committee

- 5.1] The members of the PMPL shall elect a Management Committee each year at the Annual General Meeting to govern and advise the Clubs within the PMPL.
- 5.2] The Management Committee shall consist of a
  - a] Chairman
  - b] Vice-Chairman
  - c] Secretary
  - d] Treasurer
  - e] Competition Secretary
- 5.3] Three (3) of the above Committee shall form a quorum.
- 5.4] A non-Management Committee member may be co-opted on to the Management Committee to perform a set task or duty.
- 5.5] The Chairman will chair Meetings, in his absence they will be chaired by the Vice-Chairman.
- 5.6] Should it be necessary, the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 5.7] The Management Committee shall meet whenever necessary for the efficient running of the league.

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## 6.0] Extraordinary General Meeting

- 6.1] An Extraordinary General Meeting can be convened by the Secretary at the direction of the Chairman at any time, or at any time if requested by three (3) or more registered Teams.
- 6.2] All Teams should be given two (2) weeks notice of the date, unless the business is of such a nature that an emergency exists.
- 6.3] The meeting will only transact the business specified by the notice.
- 6.4] The meeting will be chaired by the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or a nominated deputy.
- 6.5] A representation by 50% of Teams registered with the PMPL will form a quorum

## 7.0] Financial

- 7.1] The PMPL financial year will commence immediately following the AGM
- 7.2] The Bankers to the PMPL will be:-
  - Midland Bank PLC
  - Stopsley
  - Bedfordshire.
- 7.3] Cheques drawn on the account will be signed by any two (2) of the following:-
  - a] Chairman
  - b] Vice-Chairman
  - c] Secretary
  - d] Treasurer
- 7.4] The signatories in clause 7.3 must be registered with the bank
- 7.5] All moneys received by the PMPL will belong to the PMPL and be accounted for by the Treasurer's Financial report, which will be presented at each Management Committee Meeting, any Extraordinary General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.6] All moneys will be used to cover the expenses of the PMPL and to promote the game of Petanque.
- 7.7] The financial accounts will be audited annually; auditors will be appointed by the Management Committee prior to the Annual General Meeting, so that a statement of accounts can be presented at the Annual General Meeting
- 7.8] All teams will pay the annual PMPL membership fee by 1st March each year.
- 7.9] If the PMPL is disbanded all moneys will be distributed evenly amongst all the registered Teams after all creditors have been paid.

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## 8.0] Members Registration

- 8.1] All players must register with the PMPL Competition Secretary before playing any league or cup fixtures.
- 8.2] A player cannot be registered with the PMPL until they have applied for an EPA membership; the player's EPA membership number should be forwarded to the PMPL Competition Secretary as soon as it is known.
- 8.3] All players must agree to abide by the PMPL Constitution and Match Rules.
- 8.4] A player cannot be registered for more than one PMPL Team during the playing season

## 9.0] Disputes

- 9.1] Any dispute within the PMPL, either between Clubs/Teams or Players, may be passed to the Management Committee if the parties concerned cannot reach an agreement. The Management Committee will adjudicate on the matter; their decision will be final.

## 10.0] Discipline

- 10.1] A Club, Team or Player may be warned, suspended or excluded from membership of the PMPL if, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the offence warrants such action.
- 10.2 The Management Committee shall reserve it's right to inform other leagues in the region of any disciplinary decision taken and the reason for it's decision