



THREE SHIRES PETANQUE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2012

1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of "THE LEAGUE" is to promote the game of Pétanque within a prescribed district.

2 NAME:

"THE LEAGUE" shall be known as the "**THREE SHIRES PÉTANQUE LEAGUE**" (hereinafter referred to as "THE LEAGUE" for the purposes of this document).

3 HEADQUARTERS:

"THE LEAGUE" shall have its Headquarters at: "**The Engine Public House Baldock**"

4 COMMITTEES:

Two Committees elected annually by the Club Representatives shall control the business of "THE LEAGUE"

The Management Committee - who shall be responsible for the running of "THE LEAGUE"

- I. The Management Committee will be formed from the four Officers of 'The League' plus two divisional organisers and two general committee members who shall be elected at the appropriate AGM. Any two members may nominate a person to stand as an Officer, divisional organiser or elected member. If there are not enough nominations, those persons nominated will be elected and the new committee may co-opt additional members to serve until the appropriate AGM. The committee may also co-opt in the event of a member resigning during their term of office.
 - II. The Members shall elect the following Officers;
 - Honorary Chairman
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Honorary Competition Secretary
 - III. The Chairman & Secretary shall be elected for two years from the 2009 AGM and the Treasurer & Competition Secretary for one year and then for two years thereon from 2010. This is to ensure continuity with the Committee in the event of resignations.
 - IV Two members per club/team may attend the AGM/EGM/Captains Meetings but only one member is entitled to vote.
 - V Terms of Reference for these posts are at Annex A. The Terms of Reference for Club Representatives are at Annex B.
- b) The Competition Committee - who shall be responsible for the organisation of all League Matches, tournaments etc.
- I The Competition Committee shall consist of the Competition Secretary, the Secretary elected bi-annually and Four other persons elected annually.

- II The Competition Secretary shall be the Chairman of the Competition Committee. This Committee will be quorate when three members attend and will be empowered to make decisions on behalf of the Committee.
- III The Terms of Reference for Competition Committee members are at Annex C.

5. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Any Public House, Club or Institution within a radius of 15 miles of the Headquarters of "THE LEAGUE" may form a Petanque Club and apply to join "THE LEAGUE" Applications must be made to The Competition Secretary who will make his/her recommendation to the Competition Committee
- b. Exceptionally Petanque Clubs outside "THE LEAGUE" radius may apply to join "THE LEAGUE" and must apply as defined in rule 5.

6. MEETINGS:

- a. "THE LEAGUE" shall hold an Annual General Meeting in November of each year at which the Representatives of the Clubs should attend in accordance with the Terms of Reference at Annex B to this constitution. THREE representatives of three different Clubs may call an Extraordinary General Meeting provided that they notify the Chairman and the Secretary in writing. TWENTY-ONE day's notice must be given before such a meeting can take place.
- b. Only items specified in the request for an Extraordinary General Meeting may be discussed at the meeting
- c. The Competition Committee shall hold meetings as and when necessary to ensure the smooth running of league matches and tournaments. Any member of the Competition Committee can request any such meeting by contacting the Competition Secretary.

7. REGISTRATION FEES:

- a. The annual Registration Fee for each Club entering "THE LEAGUE" shall be determined by the Treasurer and offered for ratification at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The registration fee for competitions, tournaments etc shall be determined from time to time.
- c. All fees as defined above should be sent to the Treasurer for payment to the "THE THREE SHIRES PETANQUE LEAGUE" Fees for Open Tournaments will be accepted in advance or on the day.

8. CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION:

- a. For the first year only new Clubs shall have THREE elected Officers who shall be Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer. Subsequently continual membership at renewal will require SIX adult members. The Club and its THREE elected Officers & THREE members must be registered at that club & with the English Pétanque Association (EPA). Such fees payable to the EPA should be paid in accordance with EPA regulations currently in force.
- b. Petanque Club members should be encouraged to register with the EPA, but such registration, other than that defined in 8a, is not a condition of playing in "THE LEAGUE" or in any events organised by The Competition Committee.
- c. All Petanque Club Members must be registered with "THE LEAGUE" on the Registration Form provided. Players' full names should be used on the form.
- d. Where a Petanque Club has more than one team in THE LEAGUE the Competition Secretary shall be given the name of the TEAM members in addition to the Club Registration. No club member may play for more than one team in THE LEAGUE.

- e. Players may only change Clubs during the season with the approval of both the Club Chairman concerned and the Competition Committee. Requests for a change of Club shall be given in writing, with the reasons for such a request.
- f. A Team shall comprise of a minimum of SIX and Maximum of TWELVE players New players may be registered at any time, (subject to rule 8e) but their name(s) must be given to the Competition Secretary prior to their inclusion in their first League Match.

9 DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- a. Any disciplinary matters arising shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Competition Committee. All Clubs will be notified of any decisions of the Competition Committee in such matters.
- b. A Club failing to appear for THREE matches consecutive or otherwise during the season will be asked to explain their reasons to the Competition Committee who may, at their discretion, expel the Club from "THE LEAGUE" .If a team is expelled, all its scores will be erased from the results for the season.
- c. 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.

10 AREA AVAILABLE FOR MATCHES:

- a. Clubs must provide at least TWO pistes for match play.

The size of a piste shall be at least 12 metres long by 2½ metres wide. Clubs having Pistes smaller than this should notify the Competition Committee who may, at their discretion agree to their use.
- c. Pistes should be lit to a standard such that ends in play can be clearly seen.

11 COMPETITIONS.

- a. There shall be a Summer League with matches played from April to the cut-off point on 15th October. Where appropriate this league will be split into divisions of no more than twelve teams. The league shall run on a competitive basis with relegation and promotion at the discretion of the Competition Committee whose decision will be final.

There shall be a Winter League where matches will be played from December to April inclusive.
- c. There shall be Knockout Tournaments, of which details will be announced during the current season.

12 TROPHIES

- a. Trophies will be awarded as follows to the Club for:
Summer League Divisional Winners and Runners Up
League Cup Main & Plate Winners and Runners Up
Winter League Main & Plate Winners and Runners Up
Open Competition Winners and Runners Up #
Club Champions Winners and Runners Up (321
- b. To individuals
Winter League Finalists Main & Plate
Open Competition Winners and Runners Up
League Cup Main & Plate Winners & Runners Up
Champions Winners & Runners Up
The League will supply where necessary 6 trophies. Any number above that amount must be paid for by the Clubs requesting them, at a cost that the Committee deems necessary to cover for same.

- c. To teams for Open Competition Winners and Runners Up#
(# where a team comprises a mixture of players from different clubs.

LEAGUE MATCH RULES:

13. The rules to be applied to League matches are explained in "THE THREE SHIRES PÉTANQUE LEAGUE MATCH RULES".

INSURANCE:

14. Attention is drawn to the requirement of adequate insurance cover. This may be achieved in three ways: -
- a. The individual Public House, Club or Institution is responsible for providing cover,
 - b. The Club's registration with the EPA will provide cover,
 - c. The individual players' registration with the EPA will provide cover.

ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS

15.

Additions and amendments to the constitution, procedures, rules and league structure can only be made at an EGM or AGM & all proposals must be in writing and received 14 days prior to an EGM / AGM.

League Name Changed and Constitution Amended

January 19th 2003

EPA Updates 10th February 2005

Clause 15 Added 18th January 2007

Committee Terms of Office amended at the AGM 18th November 2009

Article 9c added November 2010

John Deaville – Competition Secretary

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To be Ratified at: The AGM November 2011.

Clause 4 Article 1 Management Committee

Clause 8 Amended to 6 Members per Club February 2012

Ratified at an EGM prior to the Captains Meeting March 14th 2012.

Three Shires Committee

19th March 2012.