

## **CROMWELL PETANQUE LEAGUE RULES 2026**

The Cromwell Petanque League (CPL) operates using the 2021 FIPJF “Official International Rules of the Game of Petanque” (GOP) as adopted by Petanque England (PE). The rules can be found on the Petanque England website. PE rules should be followed except where specifically amended by a CPL rule as agreed at the league AGM’s: -

### **Entering The League.**

Any team wishing to enter the League for the season must submit their entry to the League Committee by February 28<sup>th</sup>. The AGM of the league will follow in the middle of March, the league due to start in April.

By entering the League, all teams must comply with the League rules and processes and must complete all their scheduled fixtures by the specified end date. The end date will be one week after the last scheduled week of league fixtures

League fees are agreed at the start of each season and paid to “the Cromwell Petanque League” at the AGM or as soon as possible after by Bank Transfer (**Sort code for the CPL bank is 23-05-80 Account No. 44616807**) or Cash Payment to the Treasurer. It is noted that the Bank Account must receive 10 deposits a season to remain active. The 2026 figure is £25 per team

### **Condition Of The Terrain**

All terrains in the CPL may have their pitches marked with lines, best practice being that all pitches should have lines rather than hard borders to enable boules to be called as dead/out of bounds where they have fully crossed any side or end lines.

If players wish to fill all holes caused during the game this should be agreed between players before play commences.

### **Player Registration**

Once a player has played for a team then they cannot move teams in that season. In the case of a pub closure then players may join other teams mid-season.

### **Captains**

Each team will supply the CPL secretary with the names, contact numbers and email of the Captain and Vice-Captain for the season. The fixture secretary will not enter into discussions about league issues with any other persons than Captain or Vice-Captain and each team should advise immediately of any changes. All correspondence will be done via the “Captains Chat WhatsApp Group” to show transparency and to allow the Committee to ensure quick progress and resolution on any issues

### **League Format.**

Matches will be home and away and consist of 9 doubles games, played as 3 groups of 3 games, a doubles pairing can only be used once in each match.

Matches will start at 7:30pm. Every team must make every effort to begin play at 7:30pm. Either Captain has the right to invoke the rules for commencement where fewer than 6 players are ready to play. Late arrivals will not be allowed to join that group of games once it has started.

If a team has less than 6 they will be allowed to forfeit one leg. If both teams are short then unplayed games are void. If a team can only field 3 players then the match must be cancelled and penalties applied.

### **Scoring System - League**

The League in 2026 will score each leg to first to 13. The League table will be compiled using each point scored during the night. The highest possible score on a night being 117 (9 x 13) – please see below

In the Scenario below, Team A would gain 89 points, added to them for the league table, Team B would gain 81 points.

Team A		Team B
<b>Round 1</b>		
13		11
10		13
13		4
<b>Round 2</b>		
13		0
1		13
13		12
<b>Round 3</b>		
12		13
1		13
13		2
<b>89</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

### **KO Cup**

All League teams are eligible. Each round is drawn. The first round will be drawn at the AGM, subsequent rounds to be drawn once all matches completed

The first round was drawn at the AGM and subsequent rounds will be announced once the previous round is completed. The nights will be set in the fixtures with the final on End of Season Sunday to incorporate Presentation of Trophies

### **Scoring System – Cup**

Format same as League in terms of 9 doubles. The team that wins the most legs is deemed the winning team

### **Match results**

If the results are not sent to the league fixture secretary within one week then both teams will be fined 117 points. If no result is sent within 4 weeks then these fines will stand.

### **Cancelled matches.**

Matches may only be cancelled due to inclement weather or Beer Festival (or for 2026 England WC Matches), no other reason is acceptable for cancellation on the night. If a team fails to turn up for the scheduled fixture without prior agreement between the Captains they will be forfeit the match and all scores will be awarded to the other team.

### **Inclement weather rearrangement process**

It is the responsibility of the home captain to contact the visiting captain within the following week to agree a new date and the home captain MUST notify the league fixture secretary. If no date is set with 7 days then both teams will be fined 117 points. These points will be reinstated if the game is played within 4 weeks of the original date and the scores added to the league table. If not, the fines will stand. One addition week is (as

mentioned above) added after the last scheduled week of fixtures to allow for games postponed due to bad weather in the last 3 weeks of the season.

### **Peterborough Beer Festival rearrangement process**

This night has been deemed a date that can be changed if one or both teams wish to attend, rescheduling rules as above will apply for these fixtures. 7 days notice must be given for wish to cancel

### **Abandoned matches**

In the event of a match being abandoned due to inclement weather the games completed will stand and only the unplayed games will need to be played at the rescheduled time to complete the match.

### **Referees**

A referee for each game may be agreed between the players before a game begins and only the referee and players shall be allowed on the terrain whilst the game is in play. The referees decision is final

### **Disputes**

If any dispute arises between 2 teams and the league officers are unable to resolve it then a committee of one representative from each of the other teams shall be formed to resolve it.

### **Health and Safety: See code of conduct**

New for 2026, no spare terrains can be used for practising whilst games are in progress

### **Insurance**

The League Officers recommend all players have their own liability insurance, it may be included in your Home Contents policy or available from PE.

### **Competitions**

There is a Singles Competition, Doubles Competition, Mixed Doubles Competition & Triples Competition to be staged on Stand Alone Sundays as arranged and run by the Competitions Secretary. Anyone who plays in the league is eligible to play and teams on the day can be comprised of players from various teams.