

CROMWELL PETANQUE LEAGUE RULES 2024

An update of the rules has become necessary as we have not done so in some time (some amendments date back to 1990) and technology has moved on. Some rules have been absorbed as they are now common practice and others will require voting in at AGM, these are highlighted in bold below.

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.

The following league rules are also operated as agreed at the league AGM's: - 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.

Inclement weather is the only acceptable mitigating circumstance.

MATCHES

- 1) In games, PE rules should be followed except where specifically amended by a CPL rule.
- 2) Matches will be home and away and consist of 9 doubles games, 3 groups of 3 games and a doubles pairing can only be used once in each match
- 3) Matches will start at 7.45pm. Every team must make every effort to begin play at 7.45pm. Either Captain has the right to invoke the rules for commencement where fewer than 6 players are ready to play as detailed in 8. below. Late arrivals will not be allowed to join the game once it has started
- 4) Cancelled matches: Matches may only be cancelled due to inclement weather, 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 legs will be awarded to the other team.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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 within 2 weeks then both teams will be fined **9** points (was 8 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 additional week will be added to the end of the season to allow for games postponed due to bad weather in the last 3 weeks of the season.
- 7) Match results: If the results are not sent to the league fixture secretary within one week then both teams will be fined **9** points (was 8 points). If no result is sent within 4 weeks then these fines will stand.

- 8) Play: The minimum number of players in a team is 6, max 18. If a team has less than 6 they will be allowed to forfeit one leg or play as single against a double pairing, 3 boules v 6 boules. 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. If a team can only field 3 players then the game shall be cancelled and penalties applied.
- 9) **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.**
- 10) If players wish to fill all holes caused during the game this should be agreed between players before play commences.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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 referee's decision is final.
- 14) 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.
- 15) League fees: To be agreed at the start of each season and paid to "the Cromwell Petanque League" **at the AGM** (was by the 31st of May). If not paid then the fee will rise to £50.
- 16) KO Cup: All League teams are eligible. Each round is drawn. Format same as League, 9 doubles. **Dates for rounds and final to be agreed at AGM**
- 17) Health and Safety: See code of conduct
- 18) 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.
- 19) Penalties: These may be applied as appropriate. E.g. nonattendance, **9** points (was 8 points). In circumstances where teams fail to follow league processes both can be fined **9** points e.g. failing to agree dates for a fixture being rescheduled within 4 weeks as above
- 20) Historically the week of Peterborough Beer Festival 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.**