



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PETANQUE AND JEU PROVENÇAL

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PETANQUE RULES

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL

Article 1

The World Championships are organised under the high patronage of the FIPJP and overseen by the Executive Committee.

Article 2

Each year one of the member countries of the FIPJP, who's account with the Treasurer is in order, puts on:

A World Championship "Triples".

Alternatively a World Championship "Juniors" in Triples, in odd years and a World Championship "Ladies" Triples in even years.

The organisation is underwritten for it according to the norms established under this Rules.

The Federation, which is charged with it, must set up an Organising Committee of which the members and its address will be communicated to the Executive Committee at least six months before the date of the World Championship.

Article 3

The organising Federation must submit to the President of the FIPJP (or his Delegate), who will travel to the town in which the World Championship will take place, the detailed program and all the arrangements which will have to be taken in all the domains for this Competition. (See Article 3 of R.I – Heading "President")

Article 4

The World Championships calendar is established each year by Congress in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Committee.

Article 5

The World Championships take place on dates left to the initiative of the Organising Committees with the agreement of the Executive Committee, that fixed for the World Championship Triples taking priority. They will preferably take place:

- The World Championship "Triples" in the month of September.
- The World Championship "Ladies" in July.
- The World Championship "Juniors" during school holidays.

Article 6

The World Championship Triples take place over four days; from Thursday to Sunday.

The Juniors and Ladies World Championships will take place over three days: from Friday to Sunday.

In any case, the days mentioned here could be modified bearing in mind the normal customs of certain Nations with regard to daily rest.

Weather not being permitted to interrupt the proceedings, the Organising Committees must foresee the need for covered pistes. (*playing areas*).

During the World Championship, no Competition, other than the Nations Cup may take place.

CHAPTER II – PARTICIPATION

Article 7

Each paid-up Federation member or Probationer of the FIPJP does not have the right to register more than one team to participate in the World Pétanque Championship. The Federations provisionally accepted by the Executive Committee are equally authorised to have a team registered, on condition that their subscriptions will be paid and to have advised the latter of it before its annual meeting.

The protection of Delegations is defined in Article 30

The organising Federation has the right to a supplementary team, as also has the Federation whose team hold the title of World Champion, except for the Junior World Champions.

If the organising Federation is, at the same time, the holder of the title, they are still only entitled to use two teams.

The Federations must notify the Executive Committee and the Organising Committee of their intention to participate within the time limits fixed by the latter.

Article 8

The World Championships take place in Triples, but teams can be composed of four female players or four male players. In this case, the Manager of the team has the right to effect a change which can be made only once during the course of a game. This must be done between two ends and be signalled to the Umpire.

The teams and their composition must be announced to the organisers and the Executive Committee at least two months before the start of the competition. However, this composition could be partially or entirely modified up to the start of the random draw.

Article 9

Each team may contain only one player of a nationality other than that of the country that it represents. In any case for the Junior World Championship a change could be permitted to junior foreigners born in the country where they hold a Licence. To this effect, an official document will be demanded attesting the place of birth of the persons concerned.

All the qualified players must be licensed for at least six months to the Federation that they represent. On the other hand, the foreign players participating in this competition must be licensed for at least a year for Juniors and five years for Seniors to the Federation that they represent or never to have possessed a license if it concerns new practitioners.

The maximum age to take part in the Junior World Championship is fixed at 17 years of age in the year that the Championship takes place.

Article 10

In a World Championship team only one player can be replaced, for a major reason deemed to be justified. The replacement must be of the nationality of the country having won the title and having been licensed to this Federation the year that he had won the title or never to have possessed a license if it is a question of a new practitioner. He is not authorised to wear the rainbow shirt.

Article 11

The licenses of all the female players and male players and of the Delegates (*Managers*) must be deposited before the *stewards* designated by the Executive Committee before the random draw. These female players or male players will be, if the case applies, liable to being required to justify their nationality and their age with an official document.

The Federation concerned is responsible for this justification.

Each team is placed under the responsibility of a *Manager* who must watch for, in particular, the perfect sporting spirit and dress of the female players and male players placed under his responsibility. He must carry measuring implements in order to permit them to measure points with one of these instruments.

He must answer any appeal from the team over which he has responsibility, effect the different random draws that they are involved in.

During the whole game, he must accompany his team from the place that has been designated to them by the organisers, may not move or gesticulate while the female players or male players perform and in no case may he intervene on the terrains of play.

Nevertheless he can, at the request of female players or male players, give advice subject to the fact that in no case can it lead to the lengthening of the time prescribed for the throwing of the jack or the boule.

It is imperative that the *Manager* be licensed to the Federation that he represents.

CHAPTER III – ORGANISING TECHNIQUE

Article 12

The World Pétanque Championships are run according to the FIPJP Rules.

Article 13

In applying article 3 of the present Rules, the President (or his Delegate) is accountable to the Executive Committee, for the arrangements made concerning the organising of this competition by the Committee who has charge of it.

During the course of its annual mid-season meeting, the Executive Committee will choose two of its members for the Triples and one for the Juniors and Ladies, who will be charged, with one of the Leaders of the organising Federation, to control the Registration table to assure the good running of the World Championships. The expenses of these Managers will be the responsibility of the FIPJP (Travel and stay)

Article 14

World Championship games will be to 13 points and the final to 15 points.

Article 15

The playing areas for World Championships must obtain the approval of the Executive Committee in respect of the type of playing areas and the required dimensions (15m x 4m). Additionally, they must be sufficiently well lit (300 lux on the ground) strung, numbered and enclosed. The latter obligation is imperative in order to prevent access to spectators.

The total number of pistes to set up must, as a minimum, be equal to a quarter of the number of registered teams.

The Organising Committee must plan picnic areas, a reserve of gravel and provide people needed to modify, if needed, the surface of the terrains.

Article 16

The organising Federation will have to forewarn the officials who are indispensable to the good running of the World Championships, as also the necessary material needed: posters, loud hailer, Control tables for registering of results, material necessary for random draws etc. It should also designate people who will assure the order of play and who will participate in arranging games at each new round.

There will be a place reserved for journalists, a gallery (with tables) and to put at their disposition, telephones, and faxes, necessary for them to exercise their profession. Furthermore, the FIPJP banners; the organisers must foresee having at least one carrying the following inscription: "n'th World Pétanque Championship"

Furthermore, the FIPJP flag must be placed in the boundary of the playing area. For the Nations, the flags, the two necessary Flags are installed, the one on the terrains of play, the other outside near to the entrance to where the competition has to take place. They shall be placed in the alphabetical order of the Nations, that of the host Nation being in the last position.

Article 17

The players of one Nation must be dressed in a uniform manner and carry an escutcheon of the country he is representing on his chest, as well as a badge furnished by the Organising Committee which shows the name of the particular player and the number of his team, corresponding to that printed in the programme.

The World Champion team will play wearing a rainbow shirt.

Players, male and female, Managers and Umpires are forbidden to smoke and consume alcoholic drinks within the boundary of the terrains.

Advertising is authorised on the players clothing over a surface area of 50 sq cms. It must be the same for the members of the same team and only one advertisement per team is allowed.

CHAPTER IV – ORDER OF PLAY**Article 18**

The day and the hour for the random draw for the composition and the order of the games will be fixed by the Executive Committee during the annual mid-season meeting. It will take place in the presence of the Presidents or representatives of the Federations and the Managers of the teams in order that preparatory work can be carried out before the start of play.

Article 19

When a country has two teams (Organising Nation and holder of the title), they will not be allowed to be drawn in the same league nor in a league of three.

The team or teams of the Federations who have not arrived at the place where the Championships are taking place at the time the random draw is taking place may not be drawn in the same league nor in a league of three.

Article 20

The World Championships will be held in leagues.

In first round the leagues will consist of a maximum of four teams and leagues of three of which two teams from each will qualify for the following rounds of the World Championships.

The teams that do not qualify are regrouped in leagues of 4 or 3, two teams of whom will again qualify for the following rounds of the World Championship.

It then continues as new rounds in leagues to finally reduce the number of qualifying teams to 32 - World Championship Triples – to 16 then to 8.

The World Championships will end then by straight elimination, a toss of a coin being made at each round, in the presence of the Managers of the teams.

Article 21

In the leagues after the random draw which gave the order for the first encounters, the winners will play each other and the losers play each other. The winner of the game of winners qualifies, the loser of the game of losers is eliminated and then a barrage system places the others against each other, that is to say, the loser of the

game of winners and the winner of the game of losers. The one who wins this game also qualifies and the other is eliminated.

In the leagues of 3 matters proceed as if there was a fictitious fourth team which loses all its games.

Any team absenting itself from playing any game, whatever, in the World Championships is disqualified for all of the remainder of the competition. In the case of a dispute concerning the reason for the absence, the final decision will be made by the Championship Jury.

Article 22

The losers of the semi-finals will play the game for 3rd and 4th place.

For Junior World Championships and the Ladies, the losers of the quarter finals will play games to determine 5th to 8th place as follows:

the first games will be arranged by random draw, then the winners will meet each other for 5th and 6th place, the losers for 7th and 8th place.

The rest of the results will be made in terms of the results of the leagues.

Article 23

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

Article 24

The eliminated teams up to the leagues reducing numbers to 16 teams for the World Championship Triples, up to leagues reducing numbers to 8 teams in the Juniors and Ladies World Championship will participate in a complementary competition called "The Nations Cup".

It will proceed in leagues or by straight knock-out and will give way to – if necessary – a *selection* at the second round.

Where, in the case of the organising Federation and that of the holder of the title would see their two teams participating in this competition, they should not be in the same league or meet each other in the first game.

The organising Federation will reward the winners and the finalists of this competition with cups.

The Nations Cup will be a separate classification.

CHAPTER V – REWARDS

Article 25

The World Champions receive the rewards offered by the FIPJP for this competition.

Article 26

The male or female Champions, the male or female Vice-Champions and the male or female players in 3rd place, will each receive a Medal (Gold, Silver, Bronze) and a diploma from the FIPJP mentioning their respective title.

Article 27

The organising Federation will have charge of the rewards in kind to be awarded to the male or female players.

The list of this fund (see article 28) will be submitted for approval by the President of the FIPJP (or his Delegate) during his journey to the place where the World Championships are being held. (see articles 3 & 13).

Article 28

This fund must amount as a minimum to:

1. Trophies or cups destined for the female or male players from the ¼ Final to the Final.
2. Medals or other souvenirs for all the female or male players;
3. Flags or Medals for the Delegation Chiefs, the Team Managers, all the Umpires and the FIPJP Delegates.

Other rewards can be foreseen. They are left to the initiative of the organising Committee.

CHAPTER VI – FINANCING**Article 29**

The FIPJP will not collect any financial dues on behalf of the World Championship organisers.

Article 30

The organisers will take charge of the lodging expenses, except drinks, for the duration of the stay

1. of the President, Secretary General and Treasurer General of the FIPJP

Their travelling expenses will be covered by the FIPJP.

2. of 4 people per team**3. of the Official Umpires**

The Presidents of the Federations or the Heads of Delegations and the Manager or Managers not included in the 4 people are the responsibility of the Federations concerned.

The nine other Members of the Executive Committee, and those of Commissions not included in the 4 people chosen by their Federation are the responsibility of the latter.

Remarks**1 Stay**

Its length is fixed at five days for the World Triples Championship, from midday

Wednesday to Monday morning, and to three days for the other Championships, from midday Friday to Monday morning, except in the application of article 6.

2 Honoured Guests

The President of the FIPJP can suggest or propose to the organisers that some official personalities, who were not initially expected, appear on the guest list

The organisers evidently have full powers in matters of covering underwritten expenses. (*not sure of this translation*)

3 Conditions of lodging

The lodging must be arranged as follows:

- a) Members of the Executive Committee, Presidents of Federations, Heads of Delegations, Official Umpires: individual bedrooms. In case of occupation par a couple the possible surcharge demanded by the hotel will be the responsibility of the occupant.
- b) Managers of the female or male players: bedrooms for 1, 2 or 3 people (with 3 beds for adults). Only the members of the same Federation will be lodged in the same bedroom. If a Federation asks for individual bedrooms for its Managers and its female or male players, it must cover the supplementary expenditure.
- c) Companions: hotels and meals, at their expense,
- d) In applying article 30 (see paragraph a and b), the World Championship Organising Committee of a World Championship is required to communicate the prices of bedrooms and meals to the Federations in order that the Presidents of the Federations or the Heads of Delegations and the Delegate or Delegates may make their arrangements to cover the sums due.

4 During the whole stay of the Championship the organising Federation of a Championship must arrange, at its expense, necessary means of transport to facilitate the movement of Delegates/Managers, female players, male players and Umpires between hotels and the terrains.

Article 31

The organising Federation covers all the expenses of the organisation relative to the World Championship.

Article 32

All the subsidies, donations, receipts (entry, programs, drinks stalls, etc....) remain acquisitions of the Organising Committee.

CHATER VII –UMPIRES

Article 33

During the course of the annual mid-season meeting, the Executive Committee selects the International Umpire to umpire the World Championship for Ladies and Juniors, and the two or three Umpires for that of the Triples. The travelling

expenses fund for the umpiring, of which the level is fixed by the Executive Committee, is charged to the FIPJP.

The expenses for the stay (hotel and meals) are entirely charged to the organisers (article 30)

CHAPTER VIII – FEDERAL REPRESENTATION AND JURY

Article 34

The FIPJP will be represented at the World Championship by its President, its Secretary General and its Treasurer General.

Article 35

At each World Championship, a Jury will be constituted which will be composed of Presidents or Official Delegates of the two Federations designated by the Executive Committee, of one member of the organising Federation (other than the President) and Members of the Executive Committee (other than the President of the FIPJP), of which one is appointed as President

Article 36

In a case of dispute or litigation before or during the competition, the Jury decrees on the questions to resolve. Where there is a tied vote, the President has the casting vote.

The decisions of the Jury are final.

CHAPTER IX – PROTOCOL WITH REGARD TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Article 37

1 Opening The President of the FIPJP declares the “n'th World Championship” open.....

2 Presentation to teams: The official presentation, arranged by general agreement between the Executive Committee and the organisers proceeds as follows:

- a) the female players and male players of each Federation in uniform, accompanied by their President (or Head of Delegation) and the Managers of the teams, preceded by the Flag of their Nation carrying the name of the country parade on the playing area.
- b) the Presidents (or Heads of Delegation), the teams and their Managers line up on the whole of the playing area and will be presented to the spectators by the Official Delegate of the Championship.
- c) only the National Anthem of the organising Federation will close the players' presentation ceremony. After which the latter will leave the playing area in the same order that they took their place.

3 Presentation of the Final teams: the final teams who enter the playing area, preceded by their Managers and followed by the Official Umpires, will come to place

themselves before the rostrum, to be presented, by name, to the officials and spectators. After which, the jack will be thrown by the President of the FIPJP or by a personality that he appoints.

4 Closing ceremony: At the end of the final, the female players or male players of the three teams in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will gather before the rostrum to take their place on the podium. The President of the FIPJP will present the official rewards: rainbow shirts for the Lady Champions and male Champions, Medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) and Diplomas.

After this presentation, the National Anthem of the World Championship team will be played. At the same time the Flags of the Nations represented on the podium will be hoisted: at the centre, that of the winner, that of the 2nd place on the right and 3rd on the left. That of the winner must be placed slightly higher than the two others.

5 Distribution of rewards and souvenirs: This distribution (see article 28) on the initiative of the Organising Committee, will be made during the course of the World Championship Closing Banquet for the four firsts of this Competition and the winners and finalists of the Nations Cup.

The prizes destined for other teams will be presented as they are eliminated from the World Championship and the Nations Cup.

6 Closing Banquet: those invited to the Banquet by right:

1. Members of the Executive Committee,
2. Presidents or Heads of Delegations or Federations,
3. Official Umpires,
4. Managers, female players and male players,
5. the guests of Honour at the request of the Organising Committee and eventually at the proposal of the President of the FIPJP.

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