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Player Licence Policy

Part I: Objectives

- 1 To define the Licencing requirements for Players in the sport of Pétanque in Australia.
- 2 To describe the provisions of Pétanque Federation Australia Licences and the procedures for the management of licencing.

Part II: Applicability

This Policy applies to all affiliated Clubs; Licenced Players, Competition Officials and Administrators involved in Pétanque Federation Australia sanctioned Competitions held in Australia.

Part III: Definitions

- 1 **Pétanque Federation Australia Player's Licence:** A Licence issued to Players who are members of an affiliated Member Club.
- 2 **Affiliated Licenced Player:** A Player who holds a Player's Licence issued by a Member Federation of the Confederation Mondiale Sports Boule or the Federation Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal.

Part IV: Principles

Pétanque Federation Australia seeks to consistently apply sound Sporting Principles to its Tournaments.

1 Fairness

Everyone should be given an opportunity to pursue their goals and aspirations.
Fairness is:

- a. not just a way of behaving, it is also a way of thinking,
- b. about operating within the letter and spirit of the rules, and
- c. in making informed and honourable decisions on and off the piste.

2 Safety

Everyone has the right to work and participate in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.

3 Respect

Everyone should:

- a. recognise the contribution of every other person,
- b. treat everyone with dignity and courtesy, and
- c. take care of the environment, equipment and property.

4 Responsibility

Everyone should take responsibility for their actions and be a positive role model on and off the field.

Part V: Policy Statement

- 1 All players are to hold a current Pétanque Federation Australia Player's Licence to enable them to participate in PFA-endorsed competitions and ensure effective insurance cover.

Part VI: Provisions

1. Compulsory Licences

Every player must be Licenced to enter a Pétanque Federation Australia-sanctioned Tournament or event.

2. Issue of Licences

Only Pétanque Federation Australia can issue Licences.

3. Insurance

A Pétanque Federation Australia Player's Licence ensures the player is covered by the Pétanque Federation Australia Insurance Policy.

4. Player's Licence Categories

a. Player Licence

Players who are 18 years of age or more at the 1st July in the current Licence year are eligible to play in all Tournaments and Championships in Australia and Internationally.

b. Junior Player Licence

Players who are less than 18 years of age at the 1st July in the current Licence year are eligible to play in all Tournaments and Championships in Australia and Internationally.

c. Day licence

Clubs may apply for a Day Licence for players being introduced to the sport for the first time. (See Section 6.)

5. Licence Application

- a. Application for a Licence can only be made through an affiliated Member Club. Applications are made through the PFA Portal. The application will contain information about the player as detailed in the application form on the Portal including:

- a. Family Name and Given Name of the applicant
- b. Nationality
- c. Contact details including Address, Tel No, email address
- d. Category
- e. Date of birth
- f. Gender
- g. A recent photo (less than 2 years old).

- b. The period for a current Licence is from 1st July in the current year to 30th June in the next year. All Licences must be renewed by the 1st July in the next year.
- c. The PFA Board will set a fee for the Player Licence - payable at the beginning of July each year. Players seeking a Licence after Easter will pay no fee subject to them renewing their Licence in the subsequent year.
- d. On July 1st, a member is not considered a member of a club unless they are financial. That member can choose to join another club if they do not have an outstanding debt or disciplinary issue with the former club without having to fill out a transfer form.
- e. A player must be licenced in his/her state of residence or employment.
- f. A licence will not be issued to an applicant having outstanding debt or owing money to his/her club, state league or PFA.

6. Day Licence

- a. Petanque Federation Australia will make available to member clubs a facility where the club may issue up to 6 day licences to casual players who attend their club for club tournaments. This facility is provided for the use of new players, overseas visitors and sponsors who wish to participate in a tournament.
- b. A Club can issue day licences for a maximum of two club tournaments per year.
- c. Day licences are for use ONLY at the particular tournament being run by that club and are not transferrable.
- d. Any individual player can use a day licence a maximum of two times before being required to obtain a Player's Licence.
- e. Clubs issuing day licences must complete a register of day licence holders (including contact details) and forward this to the PFA.
- f. There will be no PFA Fee for day licences.

7. Loss of Licence

In case of loss or destruction of the Licence, a duplicate will be issued the Club.

8. Withdrawal of Licence

- a. A Player's Licence may be withdrawn temporarily or permanently as determined in the Pétanque Federation Australia Discipline Policy.
- b. Pétanque Federation Australia is to advise the FIPJP of the withdrawal of any player's licence.

9. Sanctions

- a. A player can only hold a Licence with one National Federation.
- b. A breach of this rule will incur an automatic withdrawal of Licence as per FIPJP regulations.

10. Presentation of Licence

- a. Current Players licence details are maintained by the on line PFA Members Portal.
- b. It is therefore not necessary for players to have a printed licence when playing in Australia.
- c. Clubs and/or players may wish, however, to print their licence from the Portal if desired. This is useful if Clubs have special offers for Licenced players or if players are traveling overseas and wishing to play in International tournaments.

11. Transfer

- a. A player wishing to transfer between Clubs shall apply through their current Club using the appropriate section on the PFA Members Portal.
- b. The player must be the holder of a valid Player's Licence.
- c. The request must have the endorsement of both the current club and proposed new club.
- d. A Player can only transfer once in any given 12-month period
- e. If the previous Club refuses to agree to a transfer request, the Club must advise Pétanque Federation Australia within 10 days of its decision and reason.
- f. Within 10 days Pétanque Federation Australia will decide to accept the Club's decision or issue a new Licence to the player.
- g. Notwithstanding the above, a Player can transfer Clubs at the end of the playing year (June 30th). See Section 5.

12. Affiliated Players

- a. The FIPJP is affiliated with the Confederation Mondiale Sports Boules (CMSB).
- b. A player holding a current player licence from another Affiliated Federation may enter a Tournament sanctioned by Pétanque Federation Australia other than a "Championship" event.

13. Cases not covered by this policy

Pétanque Federation Australia Board Members can make a decision on matters not covered in this policy.

Part VII: Reviews and Approval

Pétanque Federation Australia Board of Directors shall review this policy annually.