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Player's 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 licensing.

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.

Pétanque Federation Australia believes:

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. is 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 ensure effective insurance cover.
- 2 All Umpires, Coaches, Pétanque Federation Australia Board Members, Committee Members of State Leagues and Committee Members of Member Clubs must hold a current Pétanque Federation Australia Player's Licence.

Part VI: Provisions

1. Compulsory Licences

Every player must be Licenced to enter a PFA sanctioned Tournament or event.

2. Issue of Licences

Only Pétanque Federation Australia can issue Licences. The Licences may be processed on behalf of Pétanque Federation Australia by Member Clubs or State Leagues.

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 Grades

Note: No licence upgrade or change of category during the year will be accepted.

a. PFA National 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

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. Visitor/New Player Pass

Clubs may apply for a Casual Licence for players being introduced to the sport for the first time.

5. Licence application

- 1 Application for a Licence can only be made through an affiliated Member Club. Applications are made through the PFA Portal. The application will contain:
 - a. Family Name and Given Name of the applicant
 - b. Nationality
 - c. Address, Tel No, email address
 - d. Category
 - e. Date of birth
 - f. Gender
 - g. A recent passport photo (less than 2 years) shall be sent with the application.
- 2 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.
- 3 A player must be licenced in his/her state of residence or employment.
- 4 A licence will not be issued to an applicant having outstanding debt or owing money to his/her club, state league or PFA.

6. Loss of Licence

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

7. Withdrawal of Licence

- 1 A Player's Licence may be withdrawn temporarily or permanently as determined in the Pétanque Federation Australia Discipline Policy.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

8. Sanctions

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

9. Presentation of Licence

- 1 The usage of the PFA Members Portal and the Sport software allows the organizer and the umpire to check the licences of all participants. Presentation of licences is no longer required

10. Transfer

1. A player wishing to transfer between Clubs shall apply through their current Club using the appropriate section on the PFA Members Portal.
2. The Player must be the holder of a valid Player Licence.
3. A Player can transfer each year between 1st June and 31 July (Transfer period).
4. The request must have the endorsement request from both the current club and proposed new club.
5. A player may transfer during the year under exceptional circumstances
 - Moving to a new address – interstate or overseas
 - In case of a personal issues - dispute within his/her club
 - Creation of a new club, etc.

11. Dispute

- 1 If the previous Club refuses to deliver a Clearance Form, the Club must advise Pétanque Federation Australia within 10 days, of its decision and reason.
- 2 Within 10 days Pétanque Federation Australia will decide to accept the Club's decision or issue a new Licence to the player.

12. Affiliated Players

- 1 The FIPJP is affiliated with the Confederation Mondiale Sports Boules (CMSB).
- 2 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.

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