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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 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 the Federation Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP) or affiliated Confederations

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. about operating within the letter and spirit of the rules, and
- c. 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 with the exceptions noted in Section 10(e)

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.

In some tournaments a category of 60+ is played. Players who turn 60 in the current Licence year (the Season) are eligible to play in this category of competition.

b. **Junior**

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

c. **Day Licence**

1. Pétanque Federation Australia provides affiliated clubs a facility where the club may issue day licences to casual players for tournaments (other than State and National Championships). This facility is provided for the use of new players, overseas visitors and sponsors who wish to participate in a tournament.
2. A Club can issue Day Licences for a maximum of three club tournaments per year.
3. Day Licences are for use ONLY at the particular tournament being run by that club and are not transferrable.
4. Any individual player can use a Day Licence a maximum of two times before being required to obtain a Player's Licence.
5. Players who have previously held a Players Licence are not eligible to apply for a Day

Licence.

6. Clubs issuing Day Licences must complete the Register of Day Licence holders (including contact details) and forward this to the PFA. See form on website.

7. There will be no PFA Fee for Day Licences.

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:
 - I. Family Name and Given Name of the applicant
 - II. Nationality
 - III. Address, Tel No, email address
 - IV. Category
 - V. Date of birth
 - VI. Gender
 - VII. A recent passport photo (less than 2 years)
- b. Clubs can print a hard copy of the Player Licence from the Portal when a Player requires such.
- c. 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.
- d. A player must be licenced in his/her state of residence or employment.
- e. 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 a printed Licence, a duplicate will be printed by the Club where required.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Presentation of Licence

The usage of the PFA Members Portal and the registration and competition software allow the organisers and the umpire to check the licences of all participants. Presentation of licences is no longer required.

10. 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. A Player can transfer each year between 1st June and 31 July (Transfer period) or according to 10 e

- d. The request must have the endorsement from both the current club and proposed new club.
- e. A player may transfer during the year under exceptional circumstances
 - i. Moving to a new address – interstate or overseas
 - ii. In case of a personal issues - dispute within his/her club
 - iii. Creation of a new club, etc.
- f. If the previous Club refuses to allow a transfer request, the Club must advise Pétanque Federation Australia within 10 days, of its decision and reason.
- g. Within 10 days Pétanque Federation Australia will decide to accept the Club's decision or issue a new Licence to the player.

11. Affiliated Players

A player holding a current Player's Licence from another Affiliated Federation may enter a Tournament sanctioned by Pétanque Federation Australia other than a Championship event.

12. Cases not covered by this policy

Pétanque Federation Australia Board Members can decide on matters not covered in this policy.