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Umpire Examination Procedure

1. General Guidelines


- 1 Examinations within a state will be conducted on an annual basis, with provision for a second examination dependant on the number of interested applicants and the needs of the State.
- 2 Prior to each examination, applicants should be offered the opportunity of attending an Umpire Training Workshop, the format of which shall be set by the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission.
- 3 Immediately following a State-held examination, the State Director shall forward the full list of candidates' names, along with the exam papers to be marked and assessed, to the National Director for consideration. The National Director, in consultation with the Umpire Commission, shall decide on recommendations to put to the Pétanque Federation Australia Board of Directors for appointment as umpire for a successful candidate.
- 4 The Pétanque Federation Australia Board of Directors shall inform the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission of its decisions. An umpire licence reflecting the successful candidate's umpire classification, along with a uniform polo shirt shall then be issued (pending the receipt of a signed declaration of acceptance to the conditions of appointment along with a current passport sized photograph).

2. Guidelines And Procedures

a. Level 1 (Club)

- 1 Club Umpire examinations shall be conducted at State level by the State Director of Umpiring subject to the condition of holding a suitable level of classification and that being a minimum Level 2 (State) status.

In the event that there is no senior umpire of the abovementioned minimum level available within the State, examinations shall be arranged by the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission at a time convenient to the majority.
- 2 Examinations shall be composed of 3 parts;
 - a Practical
 - b Written
 - c Verbal
 and shall be as set by the National Director of Umpiring
- 3 The practical examination must be successfully completed in order for the candidate to proceed to the second phase. The mark required in order to pass the practical examination (measuring) shall be set at 100%. The candidate not being successful the first time, may re-sit the practical measuring exam after one month.
- 4 The written examination shall consist of a series of questions as set by the National Director. The duration permitted for completion of the written examination shall not exceed 90 minutes. The mark required in order to pass the written examination shall be 60%
- 5 All appointments shall be for a probationary period of 12 months from the date of

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classification after which time, the umpire will be;

- a advised that the probationary period has ended and that they may apply if they wish, to sit for the next Level or;
 - b depending on the level of activity and/or any incidents of a negative nature for the preceding 12 months, advise that reassessment is required in order for the umpire to retain status.
- 6 Depending on the results achieved by a candidate and the needs of the State in question, a successful candidate on recommendation by the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission, may be awarded the classification of Probationary Level 2
(State) Umpire for a period of 12 months from the date of classification, after which time the conditions in paragraph 2.a.5 shall apply.
- 7 Due to the lack of any practical umpiring experience, an applicant shall under no circumstances, be awarded a Level 3 (National) Umpire classification based on the results achieved in a Level 1 examination

b. Level 2 (State)

- 1 State Umpire examinations shall be conducted at State level by the State Director of Umpiring subject to the condition of holding a suitable level of classification and that being a minimum Level 3 (National) status.


In the event that there is no senior umpire of the abovementioned minimum level available within the State, examinations shall be arranged by the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission at a time convenient to the majority.

- 2 Examinations shall be composed of 2 parts;
 - a Written
 - b Verbal

And shall be as set by the National Director of Umpiring

Depending on previous experience and level of activity, the candidate may be required to complete a practical component.

- 3 The practical examination must be successfully completed in order for the candidate to proceed to the second phase. The mark required in order to pass the practical examination shall be set at 100%
- 4 The written examination shall consist of a series of questions as set by the National Director. The duration permitted for completion of the written examination shall not exceed 90 minutes. The mark required in order to pass the written examination shall be 75%
- 5 All appointments shall be for a probationary period of 12 months from the date of classification after which time, the umpire will be;
 - a advised that the probationary period has ended and that they may apply if they wish, to sit for the next Level or;
 - b depending on the level of activity and/or any incidents of a negative nature for the preceding 12 months, advise that reassessment is required in order for the umpire to retain status or;
 - c recommend that the umpire be downgraded to Level 1 (Club) classification.

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- 6 Depending on the results achieved by a candidate and the requirements of Pétanque Federation Australia, a successful candidate on recommendation by the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission, may be awarded the classification of Probationary Level 3 (National) Umpire for a period of 12 months from the date of classification, after which time the conditions in paragraph 2.b.5 shall apply.

c. Level 3 (National)

- 1 Examinations will be conducted by the National Director of Umpiring or designated authority.
- 2 Examinations will be conducted on an annual basis, at a location as dictated by convenience and practicality. Additional examinations may be scheduled as dictated by the need.
- 3 Examinations shall be composed of 2 parts;
 - a Written
 - b Verbal

And shall be as set by the National Director of Umpiring.

Depending on previous experience and level of activity, the candidate may be required to complete a practical component.

- 4 The written examination shall consist of a series of questions as set by the National Director. The duration permitted for completion of the written examination shall not exceed 90 minutes. The mark required in order to pass the written examination shall be 85%
- 5 Immediately following an examination, the National Director, in consultation with the Umpire Commission, shall decide on recommendations to put to the Pétanque Federation Australia Board of Directors for reclassification to Level 3 for a successful candidate.
- 6 The Pétanque Federation Australia Board of Directors shall inform the Pétanque Federation Australia Umpire Commission of its decisions. An umpire licence reflecting the successful candidate's new classification along with a uniform polo shirt shall then be issued.
- 7 Appointments shall be for a probationary period of 12 months from the date of classification after which time, the umpire will be;
 - a advised that the probationary period has ended or;
 - b depending on the level of activity and/or any incidents of a negative nature for the preceding 12 months, advise that reassessment is required in order for the umpire to retain status or;
 - c recommend that the umpire be downgraded to Level 2 (State) classification.

d. Confederation & International

Examinations for Confederation & International Umpire shall be conducted by the F.I.P.J.P. at World Championships.

e. Condition

Umpires not active within a reasonable period (12months) will have their umpire licence automatically cancelled by the PFA-UC.