

**PETANQUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTER I – GENERAL**

**Article 1**

The FIPJP, as the only international Petanque federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee within the structure of the World Confederation of Boules Sports (the CMSB), is the only body empowered to organise world championships and to award world champion titles.

**Article 2**

The FIPJP shall supervise the organisation of the following world championships in alternate years:

- the Men's World Championships in even-number years
- the Juniors' World Championships (17 years-old and under in the year in which the championships take place) in odd-number years
- the Women's World Championships in odd-number years

entrusting their organisation to a national federation or an affiliated continental confederation. However, the FIPJP shall remain entirely responsible for supervising and running the competitions, and for their results.

At each of these competitions, a precision-shooting world championship shall be organised in parallel.

These world championships shall be organised in accordance with the standards established by the present Regulation and by the relevant Specification.

**Article 3**

The organising federation, having taken all the necessary preparatory measures for this competition (see article 3 of the Internal Regulations – subheading « President »), shall submit to the FIPJP President (or his delegate), who will go to the town/city hosting the world championship, a detailed programme drawn up in conformity with the instructions given by the FIPJP Executive Committee.

**Article 4**

The world championship calendar shall be drawn up each year by the Congress in accordance with the requests received by the Executive Committee.

**Article 5**

The dates of the world championships shall be decided by the organising committees with the agreement of the Executive Committee, with the date of the Men's World Championship taking priority. They shall take place preferably as follows:

- Men's World Championship in September;

- Women's World Championship in July;
- Juniors' World Championship during the school holidays.

### **Article 6**

The world championships shall take place over three days: from Friday to Sunday.

However, the days mentioned above may, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, be changed in order to take account of the customs of certain countries as regards the weekly rest day.

In order that the world championships are not interrupted by the weather, organising committees shall ensure that the terrains are covered.

No other competition other than a « Nations Cup » may take place within the framework of a world championship.

## **CHAPTER II – PARTICIPATION**

### **Article 7**

Each duly paid-up federation of the FIPJP has the right to register just one team to participate in a Petanque world championship, or in any qualifying rounds, including the federation holding the world champion title and the organising federation. Federations accepted provisionally by the Executive Committee are also authorised to register a team, on condition that they are up to date with their subscriptions and have given notice to the Executive Committee before its annual meeting.

By temporary derogation, so long as the number of teams is not too high, the organiser and the federation holding the world champion title have the right to register a second team if they so wish.

The financial support to be provided to delegations is set out in the Specification.

The triples world championship shall be limited to 48 teams (including one team from the organising country and one team from the nation holding the title). The participating teams shall be taken from the continental qualifying rounds. The quota of participants per continent shall be decided by the FIPJP Executive Committee in the year preceding the world championships. The same measure shall be applied to the other world championships if the number of participating teams risks being higher than 48 or by decision of the Congress.

Federations must send their agreement to participate to the Executive Committee and the organising committee within the time limit fixed by the latter.

### **Article 8**

The world championships shall be played in triples, but the teams may be composed of 4 (four) players. In this case, the team delegate may make one change per game, but only one and between two throws.

### **Article 9**

The teams and their composition shall be announced to the organisers and the Executive Committee at least two months before the beginning of the competition. However, this composition may be partly or totally changed up to the start of the draw.

### **Article 10**

Participating teams shall consist only of players of the nationality of the country represented. However, derogations linked to international agreements between states may be allowed by the Executive Committee and, so long as the International Congress does not decide otherwise, one foreigner per team may be tolerated.

In addition, for the Juniors' world championship, those born in the country of which they are members of the federation may be selected on condition that they have not already represented another country. In this case, the head of the delegation shall submit an official document certifying the place of birth.

Any player selected must have been a member of the federation that he or she is representing for at least six months.

This period may be extended to 3 (three) years for a foreign player and to 5 (five) years if he or she has already played for another country in an international competition, such as a world championship, a confederations world cup, a continental championship, world games, or a multisports event.

### **Article 11**

The licence, or equivalent national document, of each player, and of the delegate, shall be presented to the person designated by the Executive Committee before the draw. If necessary, players may have to prove their nationality and juniors shall prove their age by showing an official document (passport or identity card).

The federations concerned shall be responsible for providing this documentary proof, otherwise sanctions may be applied to them.

### **Article 12**

Each team shall be placed under the responsibility of a delegate, who shall ensure, in particular, the impeccable sporting conduct and appearance of the players for whom he or she is responsible. He or she shall carry measuring instruments in order to verify scores, where necessary.

Delegates shall respond to all the requirements of the team for which they are responsible, and ensure that their players respect the instructions relayed by the scoreboard or the organising committee. Any lapse shall be directly attributable to them.

Throughout the game, delegates shall follow their teams from the place assigned to them by the organisers, shall not move or gesticulate when the players change and may in no circumstances step on to the terrains.

However, at the request of the players, delegates may give advice, on condition that this never leads to prolonging the time allowed for throwing the jack or a placing a boule.

### **Article 13**

It is imperative that the head of delegation holds a licence in the federation that he or she represents. On the other hand, the delegate – or the coach – may be a member of another national federation.

Nations that do not have the minimum number of participants (three) when the draw takes place shall not be permitted to take part in the world championship.

## **CHAPTER III – TECHNICAL ORGANISATION**

### **Article 14**

The Petanque world championships shall take place in accordance with the Rules of Play of the FIPJP, including specific provisions for disputed time-limited games.

### **Article 15**

In applying Article 3 of the present Regulations, the President (or his delegate) shall report to the Executive Committee the arrangements made for the organisation of this competition by the federation or the confederation responsible for it.

During its annual Spring meeting, the Executive Committee shall designate three of its members for the Men's world championship and two for the Juniors' and the Women's world championships, who shall be responsible, together with a manager of the organising federation, for keeping the scoreboard in order to ensure that the world championships run smoothly. Their travel costs will be borne by the FIPJP, and board and lodging will be covered by the organising committee, in accordance with the conditions set out in the Specification.

### **Article 16**

Also during the Spring meeting, the Executive Committee shall designate two international umpires for the Men's world championship and one for each of the two other world championships. In addition, the organising federation shall provide at least one international umpire, who shall be placed under the authority of the principal umpire chosen by the FIPJP.

The FIPJP shall bear the travel costs of the umpire(s) that it designates and the umpiring allowance, the rate of which is set by the Executive Committee, for the same umpires and for the international umpire chosen by the organising federation. Their board and lodging shall be covered by the organising committee.

### **Article 17**

Players of the same team shall wear identical outfits – top and bottom – and their jerseys shall bear the insignia of the federation that they represent. They shall carry with them the pass provided to them by the organising committee, showing their name.

Players, delegates and umpires may not smoke, consume alcoholic drinks or use mobile phones within the confines of the terrains.

Players' jerseys may carry a maximum of three advertisements, which shall be identical for players of the same team and in conformity with the regulations of the hosting country. The logo of the clothes manufacturer is not considered as an advertisement.

## CHAPTER IV – FUNCTIONING

### **Article 18**

The date and time of the draw for the qualifying round and the order of play shall be fixed by the Executive Committee at its Spring meeting. The draw may take place either at the end of the opening ceremony in the presence of members of the public, or during a specific session, or just before the world championships, particularly with a view to organising public relations operations. The teams that participated in the quarter finals of the preceding games shall be seeded and therefore unable to meet each other in the first round; in the case of absences, they may be supplemented by the winner and/or the finalist of the Nations Cup.

The qualifying round allowing 24 teams to be selected for the men's world championships and 16 teams for the others shall take place in accordance with the procedure decided by the Executive Committee at its Spring meeting. The procedure decided upon shall be communicated to the federations in the report of that meeting.

The competition shall then take place in accordance with the league table drawn up at the end of the qualifying rounds in line with the results, and following the procedure decided in advance by the Executive Committee. No further draws shall take place.

Any team that refuses to play any of the rounds of a world championship shall be disqualified for the remainder of the competition and the results previously obtained in the same phase of the championship shall be annulled. In the event that the reason for absence is contested, the final decision shall be that of the championship Jury.

*Note: At present, the procedure chosen for qualifying rounds –five or six – is that of the Swiss system, followed by groups of three ( the first eight in the league do not play the first round of the group) then by direct elimination for the Men's; and by quarter finals and direct elimination for the Women's and the Juniors'. The losers of these quarter finals and the eight teams eliminated in the groups of three phase for the Men's may be able to compete in the quarter finals of the Nations Cup.*

### **Article 19**

All the world championship rounds shall be played to 13 points, with the exception of the rounds for which a time limit is applied: one and a quarter hours for the Men's world championships, and one hour for the others. As rounds cannot finish with a nil score, they shall go to extra time if no team attains 13 points.

### **Article 20**

Teams eliminated before the groups of three phase for the Men's world championship and before the quarter finals for the other world championships may participate in an additional competition called « The Nations Cup ». This will be played at the start by groups or by direct elimination, depending on the time and terrains available, with an eliminatory process (cadrage) being introduced – if necessary – only in the second round. The losers of the quarter finals of the Women's and Juniors' world championships may be given another chance and entered in the quarter finals. This happens automatically for those eliminated from the groups of three in the Men's world championships.

The Nations Cup shall have its own distinct league. The winner and the finalist may be seeded for the world championship in the event that one of the teams that has earned that right is not present.

## **Article 21**

Qualifying games may take place in order to rank federations for the international multisports competitions. In this case, the losers of the quarter finals shall play for the fifth to the eighth place, the first matches having been decided by a draw. However, an alternative method of qualifying – regional or other – shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Thereafter, the league standing shall be calculated according to the results obtained.

## **Article 22**

The winners and the losers of the final shall be declared world champions – with gold medals – and vice world champions – with silver medals – respectively.

The players of the two semi-finalist teams shall receive bronze medals.

FIPJP diplomas mentioning those titles shall be offered to the players and to the federations of those four teams.

In addition, the world champions shall receive rainbow jerseys and special trophies for themselves and their federation.

In accordance with the Specification, the organiser shall present the cups before the quarter final of the world championship and the semi-finals of the Nations Cup, as well as present prizes or souvenirs to all the players, delegates, umpires and officials.

## **Article 23**

The order of play for the qualifiers of the precision shooting world championship – which has its own specific regulations – shall follow the order of the draw for the world championships per team.

# **CHAPTER V – FEDERAL REPRESENTATION AND JURY**

## **Article 24**

The FIPJP shall be represented at the world championships by its President, his General Secretary and his General Treasurer, or their representatives designated by the Executive Committee.

The FIPJP doctor may also attend, particularly to ensure that anti-doping checks are in order and to carry out alcohol tests; the International Technical Director may also attend.

As an international umpire examination shall be systematically organised at every Men's world championship, the chairman of the umpiring committee and one or two other examiners shall be invited to the competition.

In accordance with the Specification, the travel costs of all the above shall be borne by the FIPJP and their board and lodging shall be covered by the organisers. Passes allowing them access to all areas shall be made available to them.

## **Article 25**

At each world championship, a Jury shall be formed, comprising the chairmen or heads of delegation of the two federations designated by the Executive Committee, one member of the organising federation (apart from its chairman) and two members of the Executive Committee (apart from the FIPJP President), one of whom shall be designated chairman, and the principal umpire of the world championship, or his deputy if the latter is involved in proceedings.

#### **Article 26**

In the event of a dispute or litigation before or during the competition, the Jury shall rule on the issues to be resolved. In the case of a split vote, the chairman shall have the casting vote. The Jury shall have no competence in the matter of applying of the Rules of Play and may not therefore be convened for litigation concerning that sector.

Meetings of the Jury shall be decided by its chairman, and shall be quorate when at least three of its members are present.

The Jury's decisions shall be final.

### **CHAPTER VI – PROTOCOL FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **Article 27**

An annex to the Specification deals with the protocol to be observed at world championships. The organisers shall ensure that this is scrupulously adhered to, whether it concerns the presentation of the teams or the awarding of medals. It is particularly advisable to ensure the solemnity of the ceremony by avoiding any intrusion by spectators.

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