

APA Competitions Rules 2025

(these rules do not include the Inter Regional Qualifiers)

Rules

All entrants **MUST** be APA Licence holders at the point of entry, (excluding IWD, Gin Trap and Fixed Coche which are open events)

Entries **MUST** be received and **PAID** by the closing date published on the entry form, these entries will be confirmed by the Playing Officer. There will be no further entries after the closing date. The closing date will be the Wednesday preceding the event and will be on the entry form.

Payment should be made online or by cheque before the closing date of the entry, on either payment method please state what competition the payment is for. Any cheque payments need to be sent to the treasurer, details will be on the entry form. Payment on the day will **NOT** be accepted.

TEAM KIT, all teams **MUST** wear smart tops, preferably matching.

Teams of four will be allowed in the triples championship.

All competitions will have a lunchbreak of a minimum of 30 minutes, after the League's have been finished

Registration for all events will be 9am to 915am (all players must be at the venue for registration) and play will start at 930am unless otherwise stated on the entry form.

Prizes

Prize Money will be 30% of the entry fees, split as follows 65% to main winners, 35% main runners up

Prize Money will be notified at Registration and will be paid online only, once the claim sheet has been signed.

The following events also hold the prestigious honour of representing the region at the Champion of Champions, IWD, Veterans Doubles, Doubles and Triples.

- The Region encourages all teams entering the events listed above, to be available to play in the Champion of Champion events at the point of entry (if any emergency occurs this cannot be helped). If placed in 1st or 2nd place.
- The Region will subsidise travel to these events

Timed Games, as follows:

- Singles 45 minutes + 2 ends.
- Pairs 60 minutes + 2 ends.
- Triples 75 minutes + 2 ends.

Please note:

- *should any game be tied after the extra end a sudden death end will be played where the jack cannot be killed.*

Competition Format

Draw

Teams will draw their number at Registration

7 (seven) Entries or less.

The competition will be run on a 'Round Robin' basis, with games being 'Timed'.

The time duration will depend on whether it is Singles, Pairs or Triples.

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### **8 (eight) Entries and above**

The competition will be run on a League and Knockout, Leagues in the morning and knockout in the afternoon.

The time duration will depend on whether it is Singles, Pairs or Triples.

Morning Leagues will be a maximum of 3 games. League format will be based on entries, any bye will be awarded a 13-7 win. All knockout matches will be seeded, League Winners will automatically qualify for the QF and the remaining positions will be filled by the next best ranked teams.

League winners will be seeded based on Wins, Point Difference and then Points Scored.

Remaining teams will be seeded based on Wins, Point Difference and then Points Scored

#### **All Regional Title Events with more than 8 entries knockout stages will consist of :-**

Main – top 8 – no time limit

Plate – all remaining teams will be entered into the plate, at this point if a team or teams do not wish to participate in the plate, they must notify the Competition Organiser once the final positions are known, the plate competition will have the set time limits applied if there are more than 8 teams willing to participate.

The Competition Organiser will use the attached document for all events with over 8 entries, if there are more than 20 entries the attached document will be updated