

ANGLIA PÉTANQUE ASSOCIATION

INTER-REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFIER COMPETITION RULES.

Entry

- Entries will not be accepted unless submitted on the entry form, please add team name to the entry form as this will be used to confirm entry on the Anglia Facebook Page, used for reporting results etc.
- Entry form must be submitted to the Playing Officer before the closing date which is the **20th April 2025**
- Entry fees must be paid before entry is confirmed.
- No other forms of entry are allowed

Team Format

- Teams on entry shall comprise of three or four named and licensed players.
- No team shall play more than four players during the qualifying competition.
- A licensed substitute shall be eligible to play for a three-player team, provided that they have not played for any other entered team
- All players must hold valid PE licenses registered through the Anglia Pétanque Association and these must be available for inspection, if requested, throughout the competition.
- **All** players will abide by the Anglia Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy,

Competition Format

- Anglia will use the Swiss System to run each qualifier.
- Each Qualifier will consist of a minimum of 5 Rounds. Exact Number of Rounds will be confirmed once entries numbers are known
- Round 1 of the 1st Qualifier will be a Random Draw, this will be completed by the Playing Officer and other committee officers, this will be published on Anglia's Facebook Page once completed.
- The 1st Round of games at the 2nd & 3rd Qualifying rounds will be seeded based on the final position of the previous Round. E.g., **1v2 3v4 5v6 7v8 9v10 11v12 13v14 15v16 17v18 etc.**

Byes

- If there is an odd number of teams a Bye will be added,
- these will be pre-drawn before the event starts and again published by round on Anglia's Facebook Page
 - If 15 or less team enter, then all teams will get one bye, additional byes will be drawn up to the number of 15
 - If 17 teams enter, then 17 rounds will be played, each team will be drawn a bye and this will be added to the System before the rounds are drawn, Qualifier 1 will be 6 Rounds, Qualifier 2 will be 6 Rounds and Qualifier 3 will be 5 Rounds.
 - If 19 teams enter, then 19 rounds will be played, each team will be drawn a bye and this will be added to the System before the rounds are drawn, Qualifier 1 will be 7 Rounds, Qualifier 2 will be 7 Rounds and Qualifier 3 will be 6 rounds
 - If more than 21 teams, the Committee will advise of the format to be applied

Scoring

- It is the responsibility of each team to report the score at the end of the game, to the Organiser, both teams will need to sign the scoresheet to confirm the result, once signed the result is final.

Qualification Criteria

- Only players who played in the Qualifying Events are eligible to play in the Inter Regional Championship & Challenge Competition
- Teams **MUST** have played in **ALL** of the qualifying rounds. If a team fails to play in all of the rounds their results will be void and deleted from the final standings.
- Teams 1 – 8 will qualify by right in order of qualification as the **Anglia Regional Championship Team**.
- Teams 9 – 12 will qualify by right in order of qualification as the **Anglia Challenge Team**.
- A **Junior Team** may be selected by the Regional Management Committee & Junior Team manager.

Team Qualification

- The first twelve teams qualifying will be eligible by right to play in the Inter Regional Championships, as detailed above, based on the results from the overall competition, decided by the following criteria:
 1. Number of Wins
 2. BHN
 3. fBHN
 4. Points Difference
 5. Points For

Ratification of Results

- Where possible results will be published after each round, and updated positions displayed, this is subject to electricity being available, these will be unconfirmed.
- At the conclusion of the Competition the results and Score Cards will be checked by the Playing Officer and a Scrutineer to confirm their accuracy and to validate the eligibility of participants.
- The Committee will publish the overall results at the earliest opportunity.

Further Qualification Notes

- Top twelve to play in order of qualifying unless a team requests to be placed lower, final decision to be with the RMC
- If one member of three or two members of a four-member team cannot play in the Inter Regional Championships then that team can apply to the Anglia Regional Committee (RMC) to use a substitute(s) who must have played in at least one of the Regional Qualifiers. The RMC will work with the team to provide a suitable replacement.
- If two or more players of a three-member team or three players of a four-member team cannot play in the Inter Regional Championships, then that place will go to the next team down.
- If a three-member team wishes to add a fourth player the team can apply to the Anglia Regional Committee (RMC) to use a substitute(s) who must have played in at least one of the Regional Qualifiers. The RMC will work with the team to provide a suitable 4th Player.

General

- Team Kit, All team members must be wearing match tops, this excludes outer layers.
 - Penalties are as follows:
 - 1st Offence Team Warning
 - 2nd Offence Team will have 1 win removed from the final standings

- 3rd Offence Team will have 2 wins removed from the final standings

Note: only 1 offence can occur at each qualifier, and these carry forward to all qualifier's.

- Any exceptions to the Rules can only be sanctioned by the RMC.
- Final decisions to be made by the RMC who may appoint a Sub-Committee to deal with all matters relating to the Qualification Competition.
- All teams must play in all qualifiers, failure to do this may result in individual players or the team not being able to play in the following years qualifier, the RMC will discuss each and any case on an individual basis.
- All Anglia Events are played using the Official Rules of Petanque, the relevant competition rules and Anglia's Code of Conduct.
- **ONLINE SAFETY BILL. NO PHOTOGRAPHY, STREAMING OR SOCIAL MEDIA WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE EVENT ORGANISERS.**

IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISPUTE THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL