

Pétanque Federation Australia Ltd Affiliated With the F.I.P.J.P	Form No:	1.5.0.0		PA Player's Licence Policy		
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Player's Licence Policy

Part I: Objectives

- 1 To define the Licensing requirements for Players in the sport of Pétanque in Australia.
- 2 To describe the provisions of Petanque Federation Australia Licences and the procedures for the management of licensing.

Part II: Applicability

This Policy applies to all affiliated Clubs; Licensed Players, Competition Officials and Administrators involved in Petanque 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 Licensed Player:** A Player who holds a Player's Licence issued by a Member Federation of the Confederation Mondiale Sports Boule or the Federation Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provencale.

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 is about operating within the letter and spirit of the rules, and
- c in making informed and honorable 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 Petanque Federation Australia Player's Licence to ensure effective insurance cover.
- 2 All Umpires, Coaches, Petanque Federation Australia Board Members, Committee Members of State Leagues, and Committee Members of Member Clubs must hold a current Petanque Federation Australia Player's Licence.

Part VI: Provisions

1. Compulsory Licences

Every player must be Licenced to enter a Petanque Federation Australia sanctioned Tournament or event.

2. Issue of Licences

Only Petanque Federation Australia can issue Licences. The Licences can be processed on behalf of Petanque Federation Australia by Member Clubs or State Branches commonly known as Leagues.

3. Insurance

A Petanque Federation Australia Player's Licence ensures the player is covered by Petanque Federation Australia Insurance Policy.

4. Player's Licence Grades

a. National licence

Players who are 18 years of age or more, but less than 60 years of age at the 1 July in the current Licence year and eligible to play in all Tournaments and Championships in Australia and Internationally.

b. National Over 60's

Players who are 60 years of age or over in the current Licence year are eligible to play in all Tournaments and Championships in Australia and Internationally.

c. Club licence

Players who are 18 years of age or more, but less than 60 years of age at the 1 July in the current Licence year and eligible to play in all Tournaments in Australia

Except:

- National championships, interstate challenge and represent Australia Overseas

d. Club Licence over 60's

Players who are 60 years of age or over in the current Licence year are eligible to play in all Tournaments in Australia

Except:

- National championships, interstate challenge and represent Australia Overseas

e. Junior

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

NOTE: Special age provisions apply to entry to the World Junior Championships.

f. Day licence

Licence allowing the holder to participate in an open tournament excluding all Club, state, National championships and international tournaments.

5. Petanque Federation Australia Officials

A Licence is given to Petanque Federation Australia Board Members, State League President, Director of Coaching, Director of Umpires and all other Petanque Federation Australia Officials.

6. Licence application

- 1 Application for a Licence can only be made through an affiliated Member Club. The application will mention:
 - a Family Name and Given Name of the applicant
 - b Nationality
 - c Address, Tel No, email address
 - d Category
 - e Date of birth
 - f Gender
 - g A recent passport photo (less than 2 years) shall be sent with the application.
- 2 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.
- 3 Licensed players not **renewing** their Licence by the 1st July will not be eligible to play in any of Petanque Federation Australia National Competitions. (Interstate Challenge, National Triples Championships, National Open) or allowed to represent Australia at any International Competition.
- 4 A player **must be Licensed** in his/her state of residence and employment.

7. Loss of Licence

In case of loss or destruction of the Licence, a duplicate will be issued by Petanque Federation Australia at a cost of \$5 dollars to the Player through his/her Member Club.

8. Withdrawal of Licence

- 1 A Player's Licence may be withdrawn temporarily or permanently as determined in Petanque Federation Australia Discipline Policy.
- 2 Petanque Federation Australia is to advise the FIPJP of the withdrawal of any player's Licence.

9. Sanction

- 1 A player can only hold one National Licence.
- 2 A breach of this rule will incur an automatic 2 years withdrawal of Licence.

10. Presentation of Licence

- 1 The Licence shall be presented to the Umpires and Tournament Official at The Control Table at all Official Tournaments.
- 2 The Player must keep his/her Licence with him/her at all times (Except during a Tournament if retained by the Tournament Organiser).
- 3 Any player who cannot present a current Petanque Federation Australia Player's Licence to the Official Umpires or Tournament Officials of a State or National Championship Tournament cannot play in that Tournament.

11. Transfer

- 1 A player wishing to change Clubs shall send a letter of resignation and transfer form before the 30 June in any year. The Player must be the holder of a valid Licence.
- 2 A request for transfer to another Club will not be accepted after 1st August in any year. Requests received after 1st August (specific reason only) will only be considered with the approval of both Clubs involved, and Petanque Federation Australia.
- 4 No new Licence will be issued if the Player does not have a Clearance Form signed by his/her previous Club.

12. Dispute

- 1 If the previous Club refuses to deliver a Clearance Form, the Club must advise Petanque Federation Australia within 10 days, of its decision and reason.
- 2 Within 10 days Petanque Federation Australia will decide to accept the Club's decision or issue a new Licence to the player.

14. Affiliated Players

- 1 The FIPJP is affiliated with the Confederation Mondiale Sports Boules (CMSB).
- 2 A player holding a current player Licence from another Affiliated Federation may enter a Tournament sanctioned by Petanque Federation Australia other than a 'Championship' event.

15. Cases not covered by this policy

Petanque Federation Australia Executive Members can make a decision on matters not covered in this policy.

Part VII: Reviews and Approval

Petanque Federation Australia Executive Members shall review this policy as necessary from time to time.