

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 **Petanque 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 Petanque et Jeu Provencale.

Part IV: Principles

Petanque Federation Australia seeks to consistently apply sound Sporting Principles to its Tournaments.

Petanque 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

This licence allows a player who is 18 years of age or over to participate in any tournament championship in Australia and internationally.

b. Club licence

This licence entitles the holder to participate in any social, club and open tournaments in Australia cannot be used for championships or internationally.

This licence can be upgraded to a full National licence any time during the year by paying the difference in price. This upgrade is subject to an administration fee as determined from time to time by the PFA Board

c. Junior licence

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

NOTE: Special age provisions apply to entry to the World Junior Championships. These players may at times need to be supervised by a guardian

d. Day licence

Licence allowing the holder to participate in an open tournament excluding all Club, state, National championships and international tournaments. A day licence can be issued to a player no more than Three times during the year

5. Petanque Federation Australia Officials

A Licence given to Petanque Federation Australia Board Members

6. Licence application

- 1 Application for a new Licence can only be made through the treasurer of the Petanque Federation of Australia via a member club secretary on the prescribed application form

- 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

- 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 Championships, open championships and club tournaments) or allowed to represent Australia at any International Competition. Any renewal after the due date has to be approved by the Treasurer and subject to an administration fee as determined by the Board. There are provisions for special circumstances

- 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 \$15 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 cannot play in that Tournament.

11. Transfer

- 1 A player wishing to change Clubs shall send a prescribed 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.

13. 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.