

MARCHES PETANQUE LEAGUE

Beeline Trophy 2023

The Beeline Trophy will take place over a 4 week period, with the first round of matches scheduled to be played on Wednesday evenings after the end of the Summer League competition. The first round of the 2023 competition will take place on 23rd August, subsequent rounds on consecutive Wednesdays following this date. There are 12 teams entered, with 4 byes to make up 16. The dates of each round will be:

Round 1 – 23rd August

Round 2 – 30th August

Round 3 – 6th September

Round 4 – 13th September

Entry forms should be returned to Adrian Reeve (email adrian.reeve@hotmail.co.uk) no later than Wednesday 10th August 2023. The draw for the first round of matches would then take place on 15th August. Before entering the competition, teams should consider whether they will definitely be able to complete their fixtures on the specified dates (remember that up to 2 substitutes may be used by each team during the competition).

Rules are:

- Teams to consist of 4 players
- Matches are comprised of: two games of pairs played concurrently, one game of triples and one game of singles, also played concurrently, and another game of triples and a concurrent singles. A 'foursome' (i.e. all four players from each team, using two boules each) will be played in the event of a draw after the last triples and singles.
- Matches are won by the team which wins the most games.
- No player to play more or less than three games in each match unless the final 'foursome' is required to settle the outcome of the match.
- Games to be played under PE/MPC rules.
- Members of a team do not have to be members of the same team represented in the Marches League.
- Teams should have a unique name, and one member is designated as team captain.
- Matches in each round must be played on the specified date. Any variation from this date must be mutually agreeable to both team captains and must be played sufficiently in advance of the date of the next round to allow time for the identity of the winning team to be notified to the Results Secretary and their next opponents.
- For each match, one of the teams will be designated as having been drawn 'at home'. Although this entitles them to play on their 'home' piste, it does not prevent the match from being played at an alternative venue, subject to agreement between the captains of the teams involved.
- Team captains will be given the details of their opponents for each round as soon as this is known. These details will be published on the website.
- The 'home' team captain is to contact the 'away' team captain in order to confirm arrangements for the match. → It is the responsibility of the winning captain to convey the result to the Results Secretary as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in the offending team being eliminated from the competition.
- Lastly, enjoy yourselves and the best of luck