

Marches Pétanque Society Constitution 2021

1. a) The Society shall be known as Marches Pétanque Society
- b) All references to 'teams' shall mean registered Summer or Winter League teams from the previous 12 months.

2. The aims of the Society shall be:-

- a) to foster and encourage the playing of petanque within the area controlled by the Society.

To organise a representative Club Team.

- b) to organise a Summer and Winter League.
- c) to organise petanque competitions which will be open to all people who have played in Summer League games.
- d) to encourage members of the Marches Petanque Society to join and support the English Pétanque Association. (Pétanque England?)

3. Executive and Committee.

- a) The Executive of the Society shall consist of:- Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Results Secretary, League Team Captain, Public Relations Officer.
- b) The Committee of the Society shall consist of the Executive plus two members from each team, each member of the Committee having one vote. If a team has several members on the Executive, all of those attending the meeting shall have a vote.
- c) All members of the Executive will be elected at the Society AGM. The Committee may appoint a member onto the Executive only if the position remains vacant after an AGM or becomes vacant due to an Executive member standing down.
- d) The failure of an Executive Officer to attend three consecutive meetings (Executive or Committee) with no prior apology will result in that position being deemed vacant.
- e) The Committee shall meet at least three times per annum. **The Committee shall meet at least three times per annum. One of these meetings shall be held in October, and this shall be preceded by a separate AGM"**

f) At Committee meetings, any rule of the Society may be rescinded and any new rule introduced by a simple majority vote.

g) Minutes and records of each meeting shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary.

4. General Meetings.

- a) The AGM shall be held in October, for which each team will be given 28 days' notice in writing.

b) Propositions and nominations (duly seconded), either from teams or individual members, must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary before the AGM and be placed upon the AGM Agenda.

c. AGM's and EGM's shall be open to all members who have played that year for teams belonging to the league. On attendance at the meeting, all members so defined plus committee members, will be entitled to one vote only.

c) At AGMs and EGMs, any rule of the Society, having been in force for a minimum of a year, may be rescinded and any new, related rule introduced by the vote of two thirds of the total votes cast.

d) EGMs can be called at any time by the Executive or by agreement between four teams but with at least 14 days' notice to all teams.

5. Society Funds.

a) The Society must be financially solvent at all times.

b) An affiliation fee for teams wishing to be members of the Society shall be levied each year. The amount of this fee will be determined at the AGM.

c) A record of all income monies and expenditure shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer, who will produce a record of all income and expenditure at the AGM.

d) A sub-committee consisting of two verifiers from the Society membership to verify the previous year's accounts shall be nominated at the AGM.

e) The Society financial year shall run from 1st October to 30th September.

f) The Society funds shall be deposited at a recognised financial institution as approved by the Executive under the exclusive name of The Marches Petanque Society.

g) Affiliation to the Society for the current season will lapse if team fees have not been paid by the closing date for entries, either for the Summer or Winter League. These dates shall be posted on the Society website.

h) All reasonable expenses incurred by a member of the Society on official Society business approved by the Executive shall be reimbursed from Society funds.

6. Membership

a) The Executive has the right to withhold/withdraw membership from any member/team. There will be fourteen days in which to appeal, at which point the Committee will meet to address the matter..

7. Trophies

a) All trophy winners are responsible for the return of their trophy to the same competition event in the following year.