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Preamble

The following rules have been adopted on the basis of Chapter VII of the CEP Statutes by the Board of Directors,





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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Scope of Application

1.01 The Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP), recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP), is the only organisation authorised to organise the European Cup and to award the title of European Cup Champion.

1.02 These present rules govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the organisation of a European Cup.

2. Definitions

2.01 In the context of these rules, the following definitions apply:

CEP:	Confédération Européenne de Pétanque.
Directors:	CEP Board of Directors.
Host:	Federation or other organisation designated by the CEP to organise the European Cup.
EuroCup:	The primary tournament of the European Cup.
FedCup:	The secondary tournament of the European Cup.
Team:	A club team of a Federation consisting of 6 to 8 players as defined in these rules.
Match:	The encounter between two opposing federation teams.

2.02 In these rules, any phrase introduced by the words "including", "include", "in particular", "for example" or any similar expression is illustrative and does not limit the meaning of the words preceding them.

2.03 In these rules, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example, names such as president, coach, participant, player, umpire, member of the jury, or pronouns such as he, they or them) shall be understood to include the feminine gender, unless specifically stated otherwise.

2.04 Unless expressly provided otherwise in writing, for the purpose of these rules, a year is a calendar year, beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December.

3. Frequency of the European Cup

3.01 The Directors shall supervise the organisation of the European Cup each year during week 45.

4. Organisation

4.01 The Directors will delegate the organisation to the host but will remain fully responsible for the supervision, conduct and the results of the European Cup.

4.02 The host, having made all the necessary preparations for the European Cup in accordance with the CEP's Specifications, shall submit a detailed programme to the CEP President or Secretary General for approval.

4.03 The host, through the CEP Secretary General, shall inform all participating federations of the exact location and all hotel information (including rooms and meals), at least four months in advance in order to enable them to make the necessary travel arrangements.

4.04 The European Cup shall be played under cover unless otherwise agreed by the Directors.

5. Registration

5.01 Only CEP member federations, having paid their fees, have the right to register a team.

5.02 Pre-registration forms will be sent to the federations by email at least four months before the date of the European Cup.

5.03 Federations must confirm their participation in the European Cup no later than three months before the date of the European Cup.

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5.04 Participating federations must return the completed Accommodation and Meals Reservation Form by the deadline specified in the Reservation Form and European Cup Invitation.

5.05 The composition of the federation team must be pre-registered two months before the date of the European Cup using the European Cup pre-registration form. Partial changes may be made up to the time of registering the team at the European Cup.

5.06 All forms issued for the European Cup must be sent to the specific email addresses indicated on each form and on the European Cup invitation.

5.07 The registration of the federation's team will be finalised at the European Cup, where the team and coach will have to present their licences and other documents (passport, etc.) to verify their eligibility.

6. Participation

6.01 In order to participate in the European Cup, each federation shall ensure that its players, team officials or other team personnel comply with and observe the European Cup Rules, including the conditions of participation and the WADA Anti-Doping Code.

6.02 Each federation shall establish its own qualification or selection criteria to determine which club team will take part in the European Cup. The application of these criteria is the responsibility of the federations.

6.03 Players, team officials and other team personnel participating in the European Cup may allow their name, image or sporting achievements to be used for promotional purposes during the European Cup in accordance with the principles determined by the Directors.

6.04 The entry or participation of a team or players in the European Cup shall not be conditional upon any financial consideration.

7. Insurance

7.01 Federations are responsible for and undertake to arrange, at their own expense, all necessary and appropriate insurance cover for their team, including players, coaches and officials.

7.02 All insurances must cover the full period of the European Cup.

8. Finances

8.01 The participating federations are responsible for ensuring that their team's registration, accommodation, meals and transfers are fully paid for.

8.02 The host shall make every effort to provide accommodation for the delegations at a reasonable price, giving preference to group bookings.

8.03 All participating federations are required to book their accommodation through the host using the e-mail address and form provided.

8.04 Each participating federation will pay a registration fee to the CEP for the European Cup which shall be based on the number of members of the federation and graduated as follows:

Members		Fee	Members		Fee	Members		Fee
< 101	=	€ 160	1,001 - 3,000	=	€ 400	10,001 - 15,000	=	€ 1,800
101 - 500	=	€ 170	3,001 - 5,000	=	€ 500	15,001 - 25,000	=	€ 2,000
501 - 1,000	=	€ 270	5,001 - 10,000	=	€ 1,000	> 25,000	=	€ 2,400

8.05 The registration fee must be paid to the CEP within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.

II. FEDERATION CLUB TEAM

9. Eligibility of Players

9.01 Each team will consist of 6 (minimum) to 8 (maximum) players as follows:

i. Team of 6 players - At least 1 player must be of the opposite sex to the rest of the team.

ii. Team of 7 or 8 players - At least 2 players must be of the opposite sex to the rest of the team.

9.02 Each player must have been a member of the club and hold a valid licence issued by the federation they represent for at least 6 months at the date of the European Cup.

9.03 The burden of proof in establishing whether a player is eligible rests with the federation and the individual concerned.

9.04 The federation must provide the CEP with valid and authenticated documentation of the player's eligibility and such other evidence as may be necessary to conclusively establish the individual's eligibility.

9.05 In accordance with these rules, the eligibility of a player shall at all times be guaranteed by the federation they represent.

10. Coaches

10.01 Each team must include a coach who, for the purposes of the European Cup, is not a player but who has been a member of the club and held a valid licence issued by the federation they represent, for at least 6 months at the date of the European Cup.

10.02 The burden of proof in establishing whether a coach is eligible rests with the federation and the individual concerned.

10.03 The federation must provide the CEP with valid and authenticated documentation of the coach's eligibility and such other evidence as may be necessary to conclusively establish the individual's eligibility.

10.04 In accordance with these rules, the eligibility of a coach shall at all times be guaranteed by the federation they represent.

10.05 The coach is responsible for the team and in particular their good sportsmanship and appearance as described within these rules.

10.06 The coach shall respond to any appeal or request from the control table or host federation and participate in any random draw for their team.

10.07 During the European Cup, the coach shall be present with the team at the playing area assigned to them by the control table or the umpire.

10.08 The coach must not move or gesticulate during play, and under no circumstances are they allowed to intervene on the terrain. However, at the request of the players, the coach may give advice, provided that this does not lead to an extension of the time allowed for throwing the jack or a boule.

11. Team Clothing

11.01 The rules concerning team clothing, which are common to all CEP Championships, also apply to the European Cup.

11.02 Throughout the European Cup, the players and coach shall wear clothing that is clean and designed and worn in such a way as not to be offensive.

11.03 The players and coach must wear matching team clothing. The tops (jackets, shirts, etc.) must have at least short sleeves and the bottoms (shorts, trousers, etc.) must be no shorter than the player's fingertips with the arms and fingers extended at the player's side.

11.04 The name of the nation or club shall be displayed on the back of the tops. The player's family name and first initial may appear on the back of the tops but must be smaller than the name of the nation or club.

11.05 Denim or Jeans, regardless of colour, are not permitted.

11.06 Federation teams may display a maximum of THREE (3) names or logos of commercial sponsors on their clothing for promotional purposes. Alcohol and tobacco advertising is prohibited.

11.07 These names or logos must be identical for each of the players and the coach and be displayed only on their tops. Each name or logo must be limited to 40cm^2 / maximum height 5cm and comply with the laws and regulations of the nation hosting the European Cup. The logo of the kit manufacturer is not considered as advertising.

11.08 Any player or team, who after a warning from the umpire, fails to comply with these team clothing rules, will be fined (max. 100 euros per person) or disqualified from the European Cup.

Note: The CEP is neither responsible nor liable for any disputes which may arise from advertising contracts between CEP member federations or clubs on the one hand and advertising companies or sponsors on the other.

12. Discipline

12.01 In the event of a licence holder breaching the published rules and regulations, the CEP will notify the licence holder's federation of their violation; the federation will be responsible for imposing the sanctions, in accordance with its rules and regulations.

12.02 The CEP reserves the right to exclude from the European Cup any license holder whose conduct is in breach, or repeatedly in breach, of the published rules and regulations or which in the opinion of an appointed umpire or official of the CEP is sufficiently serious to constitute an act of misconduct.

12.03 It is prohibited to smoke (including electronic smoking devices), to consume alcohol or to use mobile/smart phones in the area of play.

12.04 Doping controls and/or alcohol breath tests may be carried out during the European Cup.

III. COMPETITION

13. Draw

13.01 The draw will take place in the presence of an umpire at a time and place as deemed convenient by the Directors.

13.02 The top 4 federations, from the previous year's European Cup, will be seeded into groups. The remaining federations will then be randomly drawn into the groups and playing order.

13.03 The Directors reserve the right to change the number of seeded teams and groups to suit the number of participants.

14. Rules and Structure

14.01 The rules for play shall be the "Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque" as set by the FIPJP and any variations set out by the Directors in these and any other specific rules.

14.02 The European Cup will be played in 2 stages, Groups and Direct Elimination, with each stage comprising of a series of matches.

15. Match

15.01 Each match will consist of 3 rounds played in the following order:

Round 1 Singles: 6 individual players versus 6 individual players where one game must be between female players.

Round 2 Doubles: 1 Mixed Double versus 1 Mixed Double and at the same time, 2 Open Doubles versus 2 Open Doubles.

Round 3 Triples: 1 Mixed Triple versus 1 Mixed Triple and at the same time, 1 Open Triple versus 1 Open Triple.

16. Scorecards

16.01 All players for the match must have their name recorded on the scorecard. No additional players can be added to a scorecard once the match has commenced.

16.02 The coach will enter the details of the players directly on the scorecard and in order to safeguard the composition of the teams, the selection of players (Singles, Doubles and Triples) will take place before each round of the match.

16.03 The scorecard should be folded in half so that the team coach may complete his side before giving it to the opposing team's coach to complete his team selection.

17. Replacement Player

17.01 Teams, with 7 or 8 players recorded on the scorecard, may replace 1 player in each doubles and triples game. However, for both mixed doubles and mixed triples, the replacement must not affect the mixed composition of the team, e.g. a team consisting of 1 woman and 2 men will remain 1 woman and 2 men.

17.02 The replacement can only be made between two ends, i.e. before the jack for the new end is thrown, and must be reported to the coach of the opposing team and recorded on the scorecard.

17.03 A player that has completed their game or has been replaced cannot play in any other team during this round.

18. Game Points

18.01 For each game won the team is awarded "game" points as follows:

- Singles: 2 game points for each win - total 12 game points.
- Doubles: 3 game points for each win - total 09 game points.
- Triples: 5 game points for each win - total 10 game points.

Possible total number of game points available is: 31.

18.02 The team with the most game points at the end of the 3 rounds is awarded 3 Match points.

18.03 If two or more teams are level on Match points in the group stage, the following formula will be used to determine the ranking order:

1. The result of the match between the tied teams (priority in favour of the winner).
2. The game points between the tied teams.
3. The points difference between the game points "for" and game points "against" of the tied teams.
4. The points "for" between the tied teams.
5. The total number of games won in each phase of the match between the tied teams.

18.04 If the teams are still tied after applying the above formula, the ranking will be decided by a precision shooting competition as explained in annexe 1.

19. Groups

19.01 Order of play for each Group will be:

- Round 1: A versus B and C versus D
- Round 2: A versus C and B versus D
- Round 3: A versus D and B versus C

19.02 Teams must play all their games in the group stage, as the results could prove decisive in the event of a tie.

19.03 The top two teams in each group advance to the EuroCup Elimination. The two remaining teams in each group will advance to the FedCup Elimination.

20. Elimination - EuroCup

20.01 The top two teams from each Group will play in the 1st round elimination for the EuroCup in the following order:

a. 1st Group 1 versus 2nd Group 8
b. 1st Group 2 versus 2nd Group 7
c. 1st Group 3 versus 2nd Group 6
d. 1st Group 4 versus 2nd Group 5
e. 1st Group 5 versus 2nd Group 4
f. 1st Group 6 versus 2nd Group 3
g. 1st Group 7 versus 2nd Group 2
h. 1st Group 8 versus 2nd Group 1

20.02 The winners will play in the quarter-finals of the EuroCup in the following order:

i. Winner (a) versus Winner (e)
ii. Winner (b) versus Winner (f)
iii. Winner (c) versus Winner (g)
iv. Winner (d) versus Winner (h)

20.03 The winners will play in the semi-finals of the EuroCup in the following order:

- Winner (i) versus Winner (iv)
- Winner (ii) versus Winner (iii)

20.04 The winners will play in the finals to decide the European Cup champions.

21. Elimination - FedCup

21.01 The 3rd and 4th placed teams from each Group will play in the 1st round elimination for the FedCup in the following order:

a. 3rd Group 1 versus 4th Group 8
b. 3rd Group 2 versus 4th Group 7
c. 3rd Group 3 versus 4th Group 6
d. 3rd Group 4 versus 4th Group 5
e. 3rd Group 5 versus 4th Group 4
f. 3rd Group 6 versus 4th Group 3
g. 3rd Group 7 versus 4th Group 2
h. 3rd Group 8 versus 4th Group 1

21.02 The winners will play in the quarter-finals of the FedCup in the following order:

i. Winner (a) versus Winner (e)
ii. Winner (b) versus Winner (f)
iii. Winner (c) versus Winner (g)
iv. Winner (d) versus Winner (h)

21.03 The winners will play in the semi-finals of the FedCup in the following order:

- Winner (i) versus Winner (iv)
- Winner (ii) versus Winner (iii)

21.04 The winners will play in the finals to decide the FedCup winner.

22. Awards

22.01 Players participating in the semi-finals and finals of the European Cup (including the FedCup) must attend the award ceremony in accordance with the instructions given by the CEP delegation, including, but not limited to, wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. team uniform).

22.02 The European Cup Champions will be presented with the European Cup perpetual cup trophy.

22.03 At the discretion of the host federation and with the approval of the Directors, Cups or similar trophies for the top 4 teams of the European Cup may also be presented.

22.04 The FedCup Winners will be presented with the FedCup perpetual cup trophy.

22.05 A maximum of ten medals will be presented to each of the top 4 teams in both the EuroCup and FedCup respectively (1st Gold, 2nd Silver and 3rd Bronze).

22.06 Each year, prize money to the total sum of € 4,600, subject to the number of participating federations, will be awarded by the CEP and allocated as follows:

EuroCup
- € 700 for 1st
- € 500 for 2nd
- € 400 each for 2 x equal 3rd
- € 300 each for 4 x equal 5th

FedCup
- € 250 for 1st
- € 200 for 2nd
- € 175 each for 2 x equal 3rd
- € 150 each for 4 x equal 5th

IV. CLOSING PROVISIONS

23. Implementing Provisions

23.01 The CEP Directors appointed to the control table are responsible for the European Cup and are therefore authorised to take the decisions and issue the guidelines necessary for the implementation of these rules.

24. Jury

24.01 The Jury will be composed of the official representative appointed by the CEP, the umpire, a member of the host federation (except the President) and a member of the Organising Committee, one of whom will be appointed as Jury President, and will decide on matters not covered by these rules or by the authority of the Control table.

24.02 In the case of a split vote, the Jury President has the casting vote.

24.03 The decisions reached by the Jury are without appeal.

25. Unforeseen Circumstances

25.01 All matters not provided for in these rules, such as cases of force majeure, will be decided by the control table after consultation with the umpire and, if necessary, the Jury. Such decisions are final.

26. Non-compliance

26.01 Any infringement of these rules may be penalised by the CEP in accordance with these Rules and the CEP Statutes.

27. Annexes

27.01 All annexes form an integral part of these rules.

28. Authoritative Version

28.01 In the event of a difference in the interpretation of the English and French versions of these rules, the English version shall prevail.

Annexe 1
Precision Shooting - Tie-break

If the teams are still tied after applying the formula explained in article 18.03, the ranking will be decided by a precision shooting competition as follows:

Materials Required:

- 1 m diameter "target" circle (position of the target)
- 0.5 m diameter "shooters" circle (position of the shooter)
- One target boule size 74 mm diameter with a weight of 700 g, smooth and of a light colour.

The target is always placed in the centre of the target circle, which is 8.5 metres from the edge of the shooter's circle.

For the precision shooting lane, there must be:

1. An umpire or an official to check the position of the feet of the shooter. They should have a white signboard to announce that the shot is valid and a red one to announce that the shot is void.
2. An umpire who shall determine the shot was valid, then using signboards with numbers 0, 1, 3 or 5 indicating to the control table the number of points awarded.

Progress of the precision shooting tie-break.

1. The precision shooting tie-break consists of 2 rounds where each player has one boule per round, i.e. each player has a maximum of two boules to shoot.
2. The order in which the teams will shoot is decided by a draw.
3. The coach will select 6 players from the team for this tie-break.
4. For each round, players will play in the order listed by the coach, e.g. 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, etc.
5. Only an umpire or an authorised member of the organisation is entitled to replace the target boule.
6. It is forbidden for the coach or other players to intervene in the shooting lane.
7. Only the coach may stand beside the player, they are not allowed beyond the shooting circle.
8. The players waiting for their turn to shoot are positioned to the side and at least 2 metres behind the shooting circle.
9. The points are awarded by the umpire and recorded by the control table as follows:
   - 1 point: The shot is valid when the target boule is hit correctly without leaving the circle.
   - 3 points: When the target boule is hit correctly and completely leaves the target circle.
   - 5 points: When the target boule is hit correctly and completely leaves the target circle and the shooting boule does not leave the target circle.

The total points scored by each team at the end of the 2 rounds will determine the ranking order.

If the teams are still tied after these 2 rounds, a sudden death shoot-out will be used to decide the result under the same conditions as in the previous 2 rounds, but without counting points, the team that misses the target first loses the tie-break, provided that each team has shot the same number of boules.

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