

BRUNEL PETANQUE LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES 2017 – as amended at AGM November 2016

The Brunel Petanque League Rules shall be those of the English Petanque Association (Playing Rules) save where added to or modified below.

- 1 The League shall be made up of two Divisions. It shall be the responsibility of the League Secretary to issue a fixture list for each of the two Divisions divided into 2 “periods” each of one half of the fixture list. Each “period” shall include a final one or two week “catch up” which shall not have any assigned matches but may be used to play any matches postponed during the “period”.
- 2 A team must consist of a minimum of 6 players in any league match.
- 3 Any player having participated in a Brunel League match at any time during the season may not represent any other team playing in the league during the entire duration of that same season.
- 4 In each league match teams will play -
1st Round : 3 Doubles
2nd Round : 2 Triples
3rd Round : 2 Reverse Triples
- 5 Players may be substituted between games BUT not during games.
The away teams will stay on the same piste during the triples.
There can be no transfer of players between the triples of the same team.
- 5 All captains are to carry out a risk assessment on their home piste and inform all players of the risk before commencement of play.
- 6 Matches must start NO LATER than - Week-days at 7.30pm – Sundays at 12.30 pm
By mutual agreement captains may vary the start time of Sunday matches or play on a Saturday.
- 7 Names of all players taking part in a league match must be recorded on the scorecard.
- 8 Captains must ensure there are no undue delays between rounds and score cards should be completed as soon as practical to ensure continuity.
- 9 Smoking (including the use of electronic smoking devices) is not permitted during play.
Any player drinking during play must ensure that their glasses are placed carefully to prevent any chance of breakage.
- 10 All league matches will be timed, using a digital timer, to 40 minutes + 1 end. The end being played at 40 minutes (*an end is deemed to be completed and a new end commenced once a new jack, legal or not, is thrown*) will be completed then, if neither team has reached 13 points, one additional end is played and the game is then determined. Should the additional end be declared a “dead end” no further play ensues and game result is recorded at the scores of the previous end.
- 11 Play should be continuous. Any player leaving the piste during a game must notify the opposition. Play should be suspended until the player's return and time lost will be added to the 40 minutes game timing.

12 If, during a league match, there is an unresolved dispute concerning the rules of play etc., it shall be the responsibility of BOTH captains to report the matter to the league secretary. If no eventual agreement can be reached the ultimate decision of the Officers shall be final.

13 Captains shall be responsible for agreeing to the total points scored in each game and match. The match score shall be determined by one point for each game won, half a point for a drawn game. Each team shall be awarded one point for each game won and a half point for a drawn game.

14 It shall be the responsibility of both captains to report the match results to the league secretary within **7 days** after the match date. If the result of any match, or the decision to postpone it, is not reported within this same timescale, then after the issue of a formal warning, the match shall be declared void and no points will be assigned to that match.

15 A match may be postponed if

a) One captain is unable to field a full team. In this case at least 2 days' notice must be given to the opposing captain

b) There are adverse weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances and both captains agree to the postponement.

Both captains are then responsible for finding a mutually agreeable alternative date within the Period to play the match. If this proves impossible then the match shall be declared void and no League Points awarded to either side unless one captain accepts that his team has been primarily responsible for the match not being played when (s)he should concede the match to the opposition who will be awarded 4 league points (no game points).

16 Matches must be played within the scheduled Period. Any dispute about responsibility for a match not being played within the scheduled Period shall be reported in writing to the League Secretary by both captains giving details of offers of alternative dates given by both captains. The Officers will consider the reports and if they conclude that one team was primarily responsible for the failure to play the match then the game will be awarded to the opposing team with 4 league points (no game points). Otherwise the match will be declared void and no points awarded to either team. The decision of the Officers shall be final.

17 Should any team consider that exceptional circumstances have prevented a match from being completed by the end of the Period the Team Captain may apply to the League Secretary for an "exceptional circumstances extension". This must be submitted in writing and include the reasons for the request which shall then be considered by the Officers of the League. If the Officers agree to grant an extension the League Secretary shall issue a new date by which the match must be played, no further extensions being permitted. If the request is refused the match shall be declared void.

18 If a team is unable to play a game on the scheduled piste, the captain should inform the Secretary of the situation. If the Officers of the League feel that the team is justified in its decision, for example the piste is in an unsafe condition, they will seek a third party Brunel piste on which the game should be played.

19 Team positions in the league tables shall be determined

a) by the number of League points gained.

b) if 2 or more teams are equal on league points, then by the greater number of matches won.

c) should 2 or more teams still remain equal, then by the difference in the total number of game points "for and against".

- 20 At the conclusion of the season two teams shall be relegated from Division One and two promoted from Division Two
- 21 The League Secretary shall organise a Knockout Competition, open to all member teams, to take place after the completion of the League season