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Preamble

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Chapter VII of the CEP Statutes by the Board of Directors on the 17th April 2021

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As adopted by the Directors - April 2021

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 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 administration empowered to organise the European Cup for Clubs and to award the title of European Cup for Club Champion.
- 1.02 The present regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the organisation of a European Cup for Clubs.

Article 2. Definitions

- 2.01 In the context of these regulations, 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 for Clubs.

EuroCup: The primary tournament of the European Cup for Clubs.

FedCup: The secondary tournament of the European Cup for Clubs.

Match: The encounter between two opposing Federation Club Teams.

- 2.02 In the context of these regulations, any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular", "for example" or any similar expression is illustrative and does not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- 2.03 In the context of these regulations, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example, names such as president, coach, participant, player, umpire, member of a jury, or pronouns such as he, they or them) shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender.
- 2.04 Unless expressly provided otherwise in writing, for the purpose of these regulations, a year means a calendar year, beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December

Article 3. Frequency of the championships

- 3.01 The Directors shall supervise the organisation of the European Cup for Clubs each year in week 48.

Article 4. Organisation

- 4.01 The Directors will entrust the organisation to the host but shall remain entirely responsible for supervising, running and for the results of the European Cup for Clubs.
- 4.02 The host, having taken all the necessary preparatory measures for the European Cup for Clubs, conforming with the CEP's Specifications, shall submit a detailed programme to the CEP President or General Secretary for approval.
- 4.03 The host, in co-operation with the Directors, will inform all participating federations about the exact place 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 for Clubs shall be played under cover unless otherwise agreed by the Directors.

Article 5. Registration

- 5.01 Only CEP member federations, having paid their fees, have the right to register a club team.
- 5.02 Registration forms shall be sent to the federations by email at least four months before the competition.
- 5.03 Participating federations must return their completed entry forms at least three months before the competition, specifying, if possible, the number of people, the number and nature of the bedrooms and the number of nights' accommodation, so that the host can take the necessary steps to organise their stay.
- 5.04 The composition of the federation club team must be registered at the latest two months before the competition's date. A partial modification may be made later.
- 5.05 All these forms must be sent to the email address provided on the form and invitation letter.

Article 6. Participation

- 6.01 To participate in the European Cup for Clubs, each player, team official or other team personnel must respect and comply with the CEP Rules, Regulations and the WADA Anti-Doping Code, including the conditions of participation established by the Directors, as well as with the rules of the relevant federation.
- 6.02 Each federation establishes its sport's rules for participation in the European Cup for Clubs, including qualification criteria. The application of the qualification criteria lies with the federations.
- 6.03 Players, team officials and other team personnel who participate in the European Cup for Clubs may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the European Cup for Clubs in accordance with the principles determined by the Directors.
- 6.04 The entry or participation of a player in the European Cup for Clubs shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

Article 7. Insurance

- 7.01 Federations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover for their club team, including players, coaches and officials, at their own expense.
- 7.02 All insurances must cover the full period of the European Cup for Clubs.

Article 8. Finances

- 8.01 The participating federations will fully cover their club team travel expenses, accommodation and meals.

However, the host Federation must be prepared to help with the organisation of the accommodation for the visiting Club teams.
- 8.02 Each participating Federation will pay the European Cup for Clubs registration fee which is based upon a Federations membership numbers and scaled as follows:

REGISTRATION FEE TABLE

Members		Fee
< 100	=	€ 160
101 > 500	=	€ 170
501 > 1,000	=	€ 270
1,001 > 3,000	=	€ 400
3,001 > 5,000	=	€ 500
5,001 > 10,000	=	€ 1,000
10,001 > 15,000	=	€ 1,800
15,001 > 25,000	=	€ 2,000
25,001 >	=	€ 2,400

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



II. FEDERATION CLUB TEAM

Article 9. General

- 9.01 Each club team must include a coach who is not a player but has a valid International Licence with the club that they represent, for a minimum period of not less than 6 months at the time of the European Cup for Clubs.
- 9.02 Each club team will comprise of 6 (minimum.) to 8 (maximum.) players as follows:
- i. **Team of 6 players** - 1 player must be of the opposite gender to the rest of the team.
 - ii. **Team of 7 or 8 players** - 2 players must be of the opposite gender to the rest of the team.
- 9.03 All players must have a valid International Licence with the club that they represent for a minimum period of not less than 6 months at the time of the European Cup for Clubs.
- 9.04 The burden of proof in establishing whether a coach or player is eligible rests with the federation and the player concerned.
- 9.05 The federation must provide the CEP with valid and authentic documentation demonstrating the coach or player's eligibility and such other evidence as may be necessary to prove the coach or player's eligibility on a definitive basis.
- 9.06 In accordance with these rules, the eligibility of a coach or player shall at all times be guaranteed by the federation which the coach or player is representing.
- 9.07 The coach is responsible for the team and in particular their good sportsmanship and appearance as described within these regulations.
- 9.08 The coach must respond to any appeal or request from the control table or host federation and participate in any random draw for their team.
- 9.09 During the European Cup for Clubs, the coach must be with the team at the playing area assigned to them by the control table or umpire.
- 9.10 The coach may not move or gesticulate during play, and under no circumstances are they allowed to intervene on the terrain. However, at the players' request, the coach may give advice, provided that this does not lead to extending the time prescribed for throwing the jack or a boule.

Article 10. Team Clothing

- 10.01 Throughout the European Cup for Clubs, players must wear clothing that is clean, designed and worn so as not to be objectionable.
- 10.02 The players of a club team must wear matching team kit, tops (jackets, shirts etc.) and the same coloured trousers or shorts (the length may not be shorter than the player's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the player's side).
- 10.03 The tops, with at least short sleeves, must be identical and display the logo or badge of the federation or club, they represent on the front and the name of their nation or club on the back.
- 10.04 Denim or Jeans, regardless of colour, are not permitted.

- 10.05 Advertising is only permitted on the players' tops and is limited to a maximum of 3 and each, no larger than 30 cm².
- 10.06 The advertising will be identical for each of the players in the club team and must comply with the laws and regulations of the nation hosting the European Cup for Clubs. The logo of the kit manufacturer is not considered as advertising.
- 10.07 A player, team or the Club team, who after a warning from the umpire, does not respect these rules concerning clothing, will be disqualified from the European Cup for Clubs.

Article 11. Discipline

- 11.01 The Directors reserves the right to exclude from the European Cup for Clubs any license holder whose conduct is in breach, or multiple breaches of the published rules and regulations or which an appointed umpire or official of the CEP considers may be sufficiently serious to constitute an act of misconduct.
- 11.02 Should a licence holder violate the published rules and regulations, the CEP will notify the licence holder's federation of their violation.

The federation shall be obliged to impose the necessary sanctions on the licence holder, as called for in the federation's own rules and regulations.
- 11.03 It is prohibited to smoke (including electronic smoking devices), to consume alcohol or to use cell phones in the area of play.
- 11.04 Doping Control and/or alcohol breath tests may take place during the European Cup for Clubs.



III. COMPETITION

Article 12. General

- 12.01 The rules for play shall be the "Official Rules of the Sport of Pétanque" as set by the FIPJP and any variations set out by the Directors in these and any other specific rules.
- 12.02 The European Cup for Clubs will be played in 2 stages, Poules and Direct Elimination with each stage comprising of a series of matches.

Article 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 8 federations, from the previous year's European Cup for Clubs, will be seeded into poules. The remaining federations will then be randomly drawn into the poules and playing order for the first round.
- 13.03 The Directors reserve the right to change the number of seeded teams and poules to suit the number of participants.

Article 14. Match

- 14.01 A match is the encounter between two opposing club teams.
- 14.02 Each match will consist of 3 rounds played in the following order:
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| Round 1 Singles: | 6 individual players versus 6 individual players where one game must be between the designated "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. |

Article 15. Game Points

- 15.01 For each game won the Club 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 9 game points
 - Triples: 5 game points for each win - total 10 game points.
- Possible total number of game points available is: 31.
- 15.02 The team with the most game points at the end of the 3 rounds is the winner of the match.

Article 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 players details directly on to the scorecard so that the "designated females" always play against each other.
- 16.03 To safeguard the composition of the teams, the selection of players (Singles, Doubles and Triples) will take place before each round of the match.

- 16.04 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.

Article 17. Replacement Player

- 17.01 Club teams, with 7 or 8 players recorded on the scorecard, may replace 1 player in each doubles and triples game. However, for both the mixed doubles and mixed triples teams, the replacement must not affect the mixed composition of the team.
- 17.02 The replacement can only be made between two ends 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.

Article 18. Poules

- 18.01 Order of play for each Poule will be:
- Round 1: 1 versus 4 and 2 versus 3
 - Round 2: winner versus winner and loser versus loser
 - Barrage: 1 win versus 1 win
- 18.02 The two teams with 2 wins proceed to the EuroCup Elimination.
The team with 1 win and the team that lost both games proceed to the FedCup Elimination.

Article 19. Elimination - FedCup

- 19.01 The 3rd and 4th placed teams from each poule will play in the 1st round elimination for the FedCup in the following order:
- a. 3rd Poule 1 versus 4th Poule 8.
 - b. 3rd Poule 2 versus 4th Poule 7.
 - c. 3rd Poule 3 versus 4th Poule 6.
 - d. 3rd Poule 4 versus 4th Poule 5.
 - e. 3rd Poule 5 versus 4th Poule 4.
 - f. 3rd Poule 6 versus 4th Poule 3.
 - g. 3rd Poule 7 versus 4th Poule 2.
 - h. 3rd Poule 8 versus 4th Poule 1.
- 19.02 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).
- 19.03 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).
- 19.04 The winners will play in the finals to decide the FedCup winner.

Article 20. Elimination - EuroCup

- 20.01 The top two teams from each poule will play in the 1st round elimination for the EuroCup in the following order:
- a. 1st Poule 1 versus 2nd Poule 8
 - b. 1st Poule 2 versus 2nd Poule 7
 - c. 1st Poule 3 versus 2nd Poule 6
 - d. 1st Poule 4 versus 2nd Poule 5
 - e. 1st Poule 5 versus 2nd Poule 4
 - f. 1st Poule 6 versus 2nd Poule 3
 - g. 1st Poule 7 versus 2nd Poule 2
 - h. 1st Poule 8 versus 2nd Poule 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 for Clubs champions.

Article 21. Awards

- 21.01 The European Cup for Clubs champions will be presented with the European Cup for Clubs perpetual cup trophy.
- 21.02 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 for Clubs may also be presented.
- 21.03 The FedCup Winners will be presented with a commemorative trophy.
- 21.04 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).
- 21.05 Each year, prize money to the total sum of € 4,400, subject to the number of participating federations, will be awarded by the CEP and allocated as follows:

AWARDS

FedCup

- € 100 each for 7th and 8th
- € 150 each for 5th and 6th
- € 175 each for 3rd and 4th
- € 200 for 2nd
- € 250 for 1st

EuroCup

- € 250 each for 7th and 8th
- € 300 each for 5th and 6th
- € 400 each for 3rd and 4th
- € 500 for 2nd
- € 700 for 1st

IV. CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 22. Implementing provisions

- 21.01 The Directors members appointed to the Control Table are entrusted with the operational management of the European Cup for Clubs and are therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt the detailed provisions and guidelines necessary for implementing these regulations.

Article 23. Jury

- 23.01 The Jury comprises of the official representative designated by the CEP Executive Committee, the umpire, a member of the Host Federation (apart from its President) and a member of the Organising Committee, one of whom will be designated as President of the Jury.
- 23.02 In the case of a split vote, the President of the Jury has the casting vote.
- 23.03 The decisions reached by the Jury are without appeal.

Article 24. Unforeseen circumstances

- 24.01 Any matters not provided for in these regulations, such as cases of force majeure, will be decided by the Jury, or if not possible due to time constraints, by the CEP President or, in his absence, by the Control Table. Such decisions are final.

Article 25. Non-compliance

- 25.01 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by the CEP in accordance with these Regulations and the CEP Statutes.

Article 26. Annexes

- 26.01 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.

Article 27. Authoritative version

- 27.01 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English or French versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.



Notes:



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