



CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE PÉTANQUE

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Dr. Barnabas Novak*

As 2024 draws to an end, we can reflect on yet another historic year for the European Pétanque Family. For the CEP, 2024 was a year of change, with an almost entirely new Board having been elected at our Annual Congress in April. As the largest and most populous continental confederation, maintaining and continuing the high quality of work was the real challenge of this last year. Having a new Board, means that we had to find the best way to continue to work hard on running our European Championships, reviewing our policies and procedures, strengthening our internal procedures, improving our governance and compliance and most importantly, keeping our CEP brand reputation high as possible. Our member federations have played a fundamental role in pushing our mission forward while achieving shared goals.

The end of the year is always a good time to take note of progress made. This year started with strong images from the 4th Singles Men/Women, 2nd Doubles Men/Women/Mixed European Championships in Martigny, Switzerland which were a great success, whether it was the 11th Triples and Precision Shooting Women European Championships in Santa Susanna, Spain, 14th Triples and Precision Shooting Juniors and Espoirs European Championships in Isla Cristina, Spain or the 27th European Cup moved to the new location, in Sin-le-Noble, France.

Although these championships were a success, we cannot ignore the problems that arose, such as a team playing without coach for whatever reason without informing the CEP, ignoring the rules for the team kit or the accommodation on the European Cup, or some younger players' behaviour in the hotel after the tournament day. Of course, these problems, and the answers given to them, were all in the interest of developing our sport.

In addition to the successful organisation of the European Championships, together with the day-to-day tasks, we continued to pay particular attention to the training and development of our European umpires. As in previous years, during our 11th European Women's Triples Championship, we gave candidates preparing for 2025's umpire exam the opportunity to test themselves in a real-life umpiring situation. Success and being successful can be a great summary of any European Championship.

The results of the 2024 European Championships are available on our website [cep-petanque.com](http://cep-petanque.com) and Facebook page, where we also have many photos that capture the wonderful atmosphere. This also reminds me of the newly introduced Live Streaming Guidance, which, although it places high expectations on delegations, is the only way we can ensure the smooth running of our competitions and the integrity of the live stream. Finally I take this

opportunity to thank all the host federations and their volunteers for their great work and cooperation before and during our Championships.

There is always room for improvement and we will take this into account for future events. Looking ahead, the events for the 2025 season are available with all the details on our website, and we are of course working hard on the 2026 events and new initiatives.

Cooperation and collaboration with member federations, professionals and players is the basis of all success. In 2024 we have continued to make this our priority, in a predictable and financially stable environment. Unfortunately, the Luxembourg legal requirements put the CEP, the Register of Beneficial Owners (RBE) and the bank in a serious situation. However, with a lot of administration, proactive work by the Board members and a little legal assistance, the contradiction was resolved and almost 8 months after the election, the account was officially transferred to the new treasurer and president.

Looking at our latest survey available at - [www.cep-petanque.com/survey.html](http://www.cep-petanque.com/survey.html), it is clear that our members and their players are back on the terrain. Currently we have 39 member federations with more than 8,600 clubs, and more than 385,000 players. More recently we have been approached by three new federations enquiring about membership: Armenia, Cyprus and Georgia.

There is a similar increase in licence transfers which since its introduction has seen a steady upward trend, not to forget the excellent cooperation between federations



and the CEP, which is the key to our administration of these transfers. Last year saw more than 200 successful transfers across Europe, all in compliance with GDPR, to the greatest satisfaction of players, their clubs and federations.

I'm very proud of these results and numbers, which we could not achieve without our exceptional Board of Directors who bring their passion, hard work and dedication to our beloved sport every day. In addition, a special thank you to Mike Pegg, Signe Hovind and Tony Smith for their dedicated work and assistance over the past year.

When we talk about drivers of success, we're committed to investing in our future by providing a different training courses, creating a great and motivating environment for our young players, and keeping the CEP as a strong confederation as much as possible.

We continue to devise strategies that will make us improve as an organisation, improve pétanque in Europe and be positioned globally as a confederation that produces excellent players and professionals.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing dedication to pétanque. It's a pleasure to work alongside you all, the last year has truly been a special one.

SINGLES MEN



Jesús Escacho  
Spain

SINGLES WOMEN



Aurélie Bories  
France

DOUBLES MIXED



Belgium

DOUBLES MEN



France

DOUBLES WOMEN



France

TRIPLES ESPOIR MEN



France

PRECISION SHOOTING  
ESPOIR MEN



Louis Marsille  
Monaco

TRIPLES ESPOIR WOMEN



France

PRECISION SHOOTING  
ESPOIR WOMEN



Madison Vleminckx  
Belgium

PRECISION SHOOTING  
WOMEN



Sara Díaz Reyes  
Spain

TRIPLES WOMEN



Belgium

PRECISION SHOOTING  
JUNIORS GIRLS



Alba Valiente Querada  
Spain

TRIPLES JUNIOR GIRLS



France

PRECISION SHOOTING  
JUNIORS BOYS



David Charpentier  
France

TRIPLES JUNIOR BOYS



Italy

EUROPEAN CUP



France

# SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT



*Michael Regelin*

Same procedure as last year - same procedure as every year. With this famous quote from the British actor Freddy Frinton, Signe started her report last year. As this is my first report I can't say so.

I will just start with my impression in the new role.

I was surprised in September 2024 when Michael Dörhöfer asked me if I would be willing to run as candidate for the CEP, but the answer was fast - and positive.

Six candidates to be elected, six candidates presented, the chances weren't too bad and so it happened. Thank you for your votes, but then was still a second election, CEP was looking for a secretary general to go for Signe's' big footsteps. As I had already accepted, I was also elected to this responsible position.

In some intense Zoom-Conferences Barnabas, Mike and Signe helped me to understand what this role means, what they and probably also you are expecting. I must say, this is quite a lot.

Registration phase for the Singles and Doubles Championships had started and a lot of paperwork had to be done. Receiving and checking registrations, creating excel-lists just to get an overview. Uncounted mails, many Zooms.

Invitations for the Women Championships and later for the Juniors and Espoirs had to be sent, Participants had to be listed, and again reminders had to be sent to make sure everything is well prepared when the contests start.

Except La Palma I have been to every past-pandemic EC either as German Chef d'Equipe or in my role streaming the matches of the German team. EC's weren't really new for me but the view from the control desk in Martigny was totally different.

First time responsible for the registration on site, first time performing alcohol-tests, first time helping to keep a Championship running smoothly. And there is one strong impression: we are a team. Every time there was a task that I applied for coming to the control desk in my absence it was done by my colleagues.

Thank you Barna, Jean-Luc and Sjoerd to help me getting used to what it means to be member of the board.

But this was not the only help I got, all Players, coaches and Head of Delegations did the best to have perfect games.

So much for Martigny and the singles and Doubles. Santa Susanna and the Women EC was quite more relaxed. I knew what I had to do and it was not as new as for the first time - and so was Isla Cristina. Can you imagine how proud I was giving medals to the winners, especially if it is a German team?



This years Gold medallists:

- Men Singles      Jesús Escacho, Spain
- Women Singles    Aurélie Bories, France
- Men Doubles      David Doerr and Henry Lacroix, France
- Women Doubles    Charlotte Darodes and Aurélie Bories, France
- Mixed Doubles    Jessica Meeskens and Logan Baton, Belgium
- Women Triples    Nancy Barzin, Jessica Meeskens, Camille Max, Madison Vleminckx, Belgium

- Precision Shooting Sara Díaz Reyes
- Boys Juniors Triples Jordan Davide Debar, Jacopo Milazzo, Fabio Musso, Italy
- Precision Shooting David Charpentier, France
- Girls Juniors Triples Lena Merlin, Kaylie Victoor Demeter, Lou Labarthe, Camille Picard, France
- Precision Shooting Alba Valiente Quereda, Spain
- Mens Espoirs Triples Titouan Oliver, Flavien Sauvage, Jacques Dubois and Jayson Rycerg, France
- Precision Shooting Louis Marsille, Monaco
- Women Espoirs Triples Manon Pruvot, Océanne Bodenghiem, Laurine Roger and Pauline Reguenga, France
- Precision Shooting Madison Vleminckx, Belgium

Not to forget the European Cup for Clubs in early November, another CEP contest that means a lot of work for the CEP team.

- European Cup Fréjus, France

Congratulations to all winners and the federations they represent. But I also will say congratulations to all players and coaches that made it to our contests as their federation's best.

Most of what we had to do in preparation for our contests is supervising the work of our host organisations, they have to organise all in advance, searching for a venue, searching for hotels, matching the federations wishes with the infrastructure on site, organising, preparing and distributing drinks and food and ensure transportation. Everything that had to be done in advance and I say a big thank you to all host organisations with their volunteers.

For the last event in 2024, I was allowed to represent Barna at the FIPJP Congress. I am quite used to the English language, but listening to speeches and discussions in French was really hard for me.

Being a guest at the following World Championship was quite more comfortable.

As 2024 changed into 2025 there again was a new task: getting all numbers together for our annual survey. I'm a big fan of excel-tables and with a lot of help by Mike I almost got everything together, but the numbers didn't match at the end. Mike was right and that's a good reason for our four-eyes-principle. The results of our survey can be viewed on our website now.

A new task as I wrote above means two: Also the review of the CEP's rules had to be done. Reading rules, reading notes, writing ideas and lots of mails to the technical commission.

Barna, Mike and Sjoerd with lots of experience and the newbie Michael who had the most questions. Look at the results, rules are clear, better to read and understand and this will help our next contests.

Directors spring meeting was next. After all those mails, phone-calls and Zoom-conferences it was so important to meet in person to generate more ideas, discuss what happened, to adopt the rules, to answer the federations questions – I left with a certain feeling of a good work that had been done.

If you ask me, what's next: Writing this report and preparing for the congress.

The invitation was sent, the registration forms are in the hands of the federations, so I just have to wait for the answers or wait and send reminders. I'm sure you all have responded in time and have made my work so easy.

Thank you to all member federations and people around for the good contact and all that good conversation throughout the year – you all helped me a lot.

Besides all the support I got from my colleagues in the board I want to mention Barna who was always present for every question I had and he encouraged me to do my work as I thought it was right. Thank you Barna.

Now Mike. I came with great respect and was nervous because I wanted to do everything right, but I met a person who was cordial and had a fine sense of humour, but he was strict also. I don't now how he can manage to be present almost 24 hours a day, responding to mails within seconds and having that general overview to everything that has to be done. Thank you, Mike.

Now the time has come that I can quote Freddy Frinton (you remember the guy I mentioned at the beginning), when going upstairs at the end "Well, I'll do my very best!"





## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - 2024 (CONSOLIDATED)

INCOME	Note	€
CEP Membership		28,188
FIPJP Membership		18,150
Licence Transfer Fee		4,380
European Cup for Clubs		16,290
Congress - Hotel/Meals		3,330
Agreement repayment (Ukraine, EC Singles & Doubles Umpire, CEP board)		9,923
Money received by BN - Cash from 2023		766
Luxembourg Ministry of Sport		7,500
BCEE Refund		1,719
FIPJP Repayment (Portugal - Paid directly at World Championships)		350
Overpayment Membership Fees (Monaco & Ireland)		672
Interest Reserve Bank Account and Credit card		1,422
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>92,690</b>

Notes:

EXPENDITURE	Note	€
Banking		149
Administration		13,444
FIPJP Membership		18,500
Marketing (CEP Board Uniform)		1,622
Championship Admin		21,013
Umpiring		7,789
Advance payment (Agreement)		8,408
Refunds and unclassified		1,201
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>72,126</b>
<b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>20,564</b>

Notes:

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Note	2024	2023
Outstanding Invoices: General			296
Outstanding Invoices: Licence Transfers		360	840
Sub Total		<b>360</b>	<b>1,136</b>

Current Account		46,554	45,711
Reserve Account		47,570	31,147
Petty Cash		5,082	1,783
Sub Total		<b>99,206</b>	<b>78,642</b>

Total Assets		<b>99,566</b>	<b>79,778</b>
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LIABILITIES	Note	2024	2023
Refund: Russia 2022 CEP Membership Fee		280	280
Payment: FIPJP - Portugal 2023 Membership Fee			350
Ukraine CEP41: Overpayment European Cup		20	
Prize Money: 2024 European Cup		4,600	
Total Liabilities		<b>4,900</b>	<b>630</b>

Net Assets		<b>94,666</b>	<b>79,148</b>
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Notes:

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION 2024	€
Balance b/f 01/01/2024	45,711
Add Receipts	87,180
Less payments	71,337
Transfer to Reserve Account	15,000
Difference	843
Balance as at 31/12/2024.	<b>46,554</b>

Balance per Bank Statement 31/12/2024	46,554
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INCOME	€
Current Account	87,180
Reserve Account	1,422
Petty Cash	4,014
Total	<b>92,616</b>

EXPENDITURE	€
Current Account	71,337
Petty Cash	715
Total	<b>72,052</b>

Income over Expenditure	<b>20,564</b>
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## BUDGET - 2026 (CONSOLIDATED)

INCOME	Note	€
Membership Fees	1	27,500
European Cup		16,780
Congress Administration		4,000
Membership/Licence Transfers		6,750
TOTAL		55,030

### NOTES

1. FIPJP membership fees not included

EXPENDITURE	Note	€
Administration (Office, Tech, Banks etc.)		4,420
Meetings (Directors, Congress, Travel etc.)		14,985
Championships/European Cup		26,125
Umpiring Programme		4,000
Coaching for Coaches		4,000
Jeu Provençal		1,500
TOTAL		55,030

Contributions from Luxembourg Ministry of Sports are not included as the sum is subject to the annual grant application.



# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY



## Federations - 39

**2024**  
Clubs - 8,742  
Individual Members - 409,679

**2023**  
Clubs - 8,633  
Individual Members - 385,856

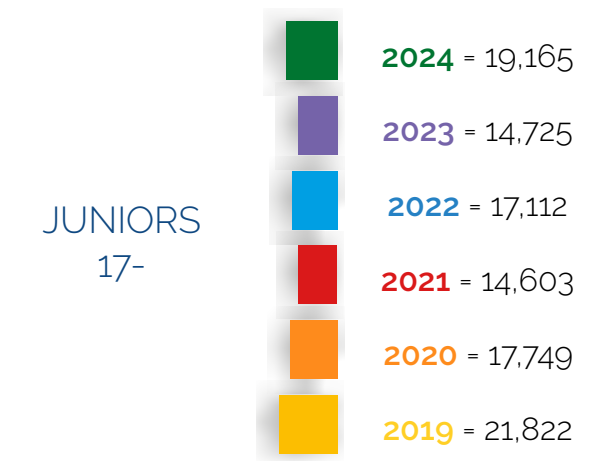
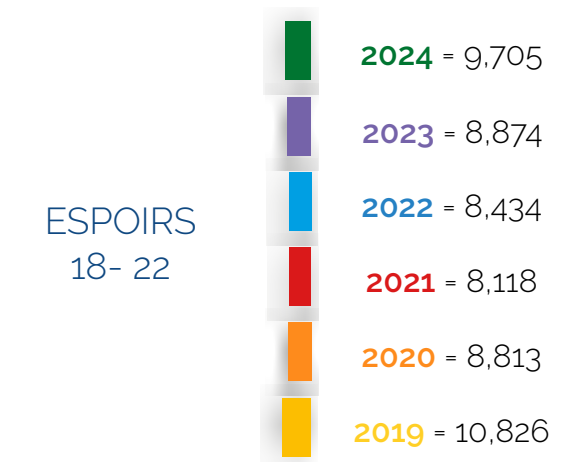
**2022**  
Clubs - 8,597  
Individual Members - 362,784

**2021**  
Clubs - 8,399  
Individual Members - 326,370

**2020**  
Clubs - 8,633  
Individual Members - 376,548

**2019**  
Clubs - 8,860  
Individual Members - 404,225

## Totals per category (Age)



## Totals per sex

193,268 Male / 53,761 Female
183,198 Male / 50,701 Female
173,260 Male / 45,827 Female
155,779 Male / 42,084 Female
176,583 Male / 46,721 Female
176,339 Male / 42,727 Female

105,655 Male / 28,125 Female
99,720 Male / 25,636 Female
94,390 Male / 23,761 Female
84,263 Male / 21,523 Female
101,385 Male / 25,297 Female
122,987 Male / 29,524 Female

7,237 Male / 2,468 Female
6,681 Male / 2,193 Female
6,360 Male / 2,074 Female
5,976 Male / 2,142 Female
6,697 Male / 2,116 Female
8,112 Male / 2,714 Female

13,920 Male / 5,245 Female
13,002 Male / 4,725 Female
12,460 Male / 4,652 Female
10,818 Male / 3,785 Female
13,553 Male / 4,196 Female
16,467 Male / 5,355 Female



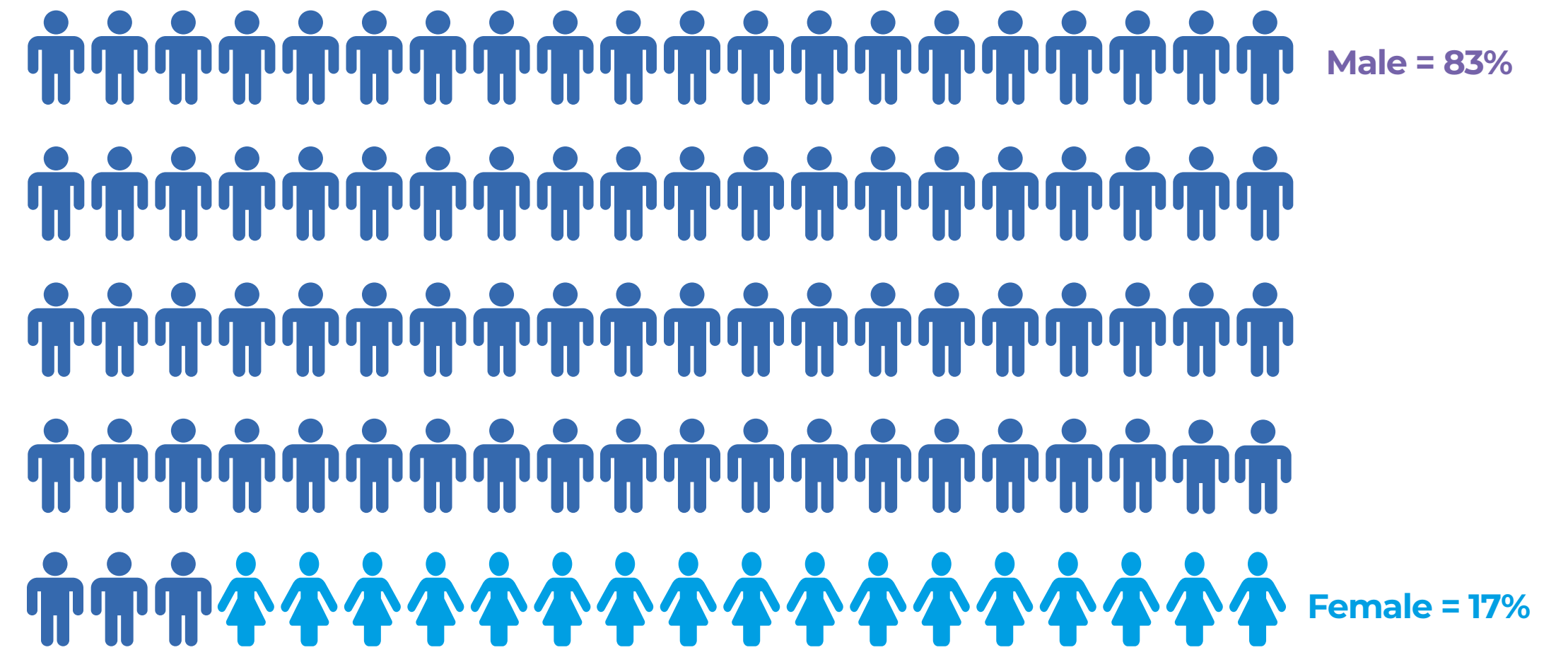
Jean-Luc Melleker

# TRANSFER STATISTICS

## Total by Category



## Total by Sex



Since 2020, the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP) has processed more than 750 international licence transfers. This large volume reflects the dynamic nature of exchanges between federations and the growing development of international exchanges within our sport.

However, we note that the quality of the documents transmitted varies considerably. All too often, we receive files that are illegible, poorly cropped or of low resolution, which slows down the processing of requests and leads to additional exchanges in order to obtain usable documents.

To improve the efficiency of processing, we would like to remind you of the importance of scanning documents and sending them in PDF format. If you do not have a scanner, you can use a smart phone with a dedicated application for flat-bed scanning to obtain a clear, legible image.

We would also like to stress that the only valid e-mail address for sending international licence transfer files is [transfer@cep-petanque.com](mailto:transfer@cep-petanque.com). We expressly request that you avoid sending these requests to the CEP secretariat address or via the contact form on the CEP website, in order to ensure that the files are processed quickly and efficiently.

I would also like to remind you that it is strictly forbidden to hold more than one official licence. We expressly ask the federations to take this point of the regulations into consideration and to do everything possible to check that the licence issued is indeed unique. If in doubt, you can always contact us, and we will pass on the requests to the federations concerned for verification.

Don't forget that the transfer protocol provides for a fine of €500 in the event of a proven infringement, not to mention the disciplinary action that may be taken against a player who deliberately obtains more than one licence.

We are counting on the cooperation of all the federations to apply these recommendations and thus make the transfer process more fluid.

For any questions concerning a transfer, please do not hesitate to contact our Transfer Secretary, Jean-Luc Melleker by email: [transfer@cep-petanque.com](mailto:transfer@cep-petanque.com).



# GDPR

## General Data Protection Regulation

It was another interesting and busy year on the data protection front. As we know GDPR regulation establishes minimum obligations and standards for the protection of information in the processing of personal data and, at the same time, establishes rights for the data subject for processing.

Our European Championships attract an impressive number of participants. The CEP is primarily responsible for ensuring that the data of its member federations, including indirectly the personal data of the players, coaches, or other delegates are appropriately handled and managed. This not only enables the CEP to effectively manage records that contain both personal and non-personal data but also assists to prevent security incidents, that may incur risks to the individuals (data subjects) and their personal data, leading to a data breach.

The aim of this report is to inform our members, providing an overview of the state of data protection within the CEP, in particular by describing relevant events or actions and by suggesting future steps. As in previous years, the main objective remains to promote compliance and accountability in line with the EU's legal framework for data processing.

The past year was eventful. The importance of the digital operating environment has increased further and the amount of regulation has multiplied. So a number of important decisions were also made during the last year. Stands out among these the new Live Streaming (Photo, Video) Guidance. Live streaming at European Championships is becoming more and more popular, which is fantastic because it makes it really easy to share your team's games and events with others. The CEP is committed to ensuring that Streams, Photos and Recordings at our championships are captured and used appropriately. To this end, a proportionate controls were introduced by the CEP on the use of photographic equipment (cameras, and videos, including mobile phones)

and the use of social media as a very important part of general data protection and safeguarding good practice. Based on the experience of the past year, the new regulation has been very well received and followed by the federations/delegations, which on the one hand standardises the minimum criteria and on the other hand makes live streaming of the European Championships more seamless.

As in previous years our website and policies are up to date, the databases and Dropbox account are password protected and are used for the specific purpose of managing and organising CEP activities and competitions. The data is only accessible to a limited number of Directors or, in the case of a specific CEP event, with restricted access to the officials of the relevant competition.

It is critical that all the CEP member federations understand the importance of dealing with personal information appropriately, safely and securely. Getting it right means the personal information the CEP and the host federation hold about official delegations, and the CEP's own information, is protected.

From 2021 all European Transfers are recorded in a dedicated and well-protected database. Confidentiality and security of information about players transfer is extremely important, and the CEP has robust policies and processes in place to minimise the risks associated with collecting, storing, sharing and managing vast amounts of information.

Overall, it can be stated that data processing was carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the GDPR in the past year, and no data processing incidents occurred. The Board of Directors remains committed to complying with data protection regulations and to applying and adopting the best and most secure procedures possible.

# Umpiring



The CEP Umpiring Commission is dedicated to the objective of ensuring that the rules are interpreted with clarity and consistently applied by umpires during championships and competitions within our member federations. This commitment is further reinforced by directives issued periodically by the FIPJP.

During 2024, the Commission has been working on documents, “annexes,” that clarify various aspects of the rules and how they should be applied during a competition. The publication of these documents on the Umpiring page of our website, with the aim of enabling umpires within all member federations to benefit from them, is still awaiting approval by the FIPJP.

Also in 2024, the opportunity was once again extended to national umpires to collaborate with European umpires during a championship, thus enabling the acquisition of valuable experience. A total of five umpires were selected to participate in the European Women’s Triples and Precision Shooting Championships, where they received mentorship from the appointed European umpires, thereby acquiring significant knowledge.

Following a period of deliberation, it has been determined that in even-numbered years and with particular reference to the Women’s European Triples and Precision Shooting Championships, there will not be an examination. Instead, this championship will provide a valuable opportunity for national umpires to gain experience and knowledge of working at an international level in preparation for the umpiring examination, which will subsequently be held during the European Triples and Precision Shooting Championships for men. Accordingly, the forthcoming examination is scheduled for July of this year.

In the wake of a communiqué that was distributed earlier in the year, the commission had anticipated a comprehensive review of the regulations that govern our sport. However, it was subsequently announced that this review will now take place after the 2025 FIPJP Congress. The commission has already proposed amendments to the existing regulations, and the additional time provided by this deferral will be utilised to further contribute to the FIPJP review.

The Umpiring Commission stands ready to contribute to this process and to provide meaningful assistance and guidance to you and your umpires as circumstances permit.



6TH EUROPEAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP - VETERANS  
7TH EUROPEAN TRIPLES AND PRECISION SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN  
Santa Susanna, Spain 12-20 July 2025

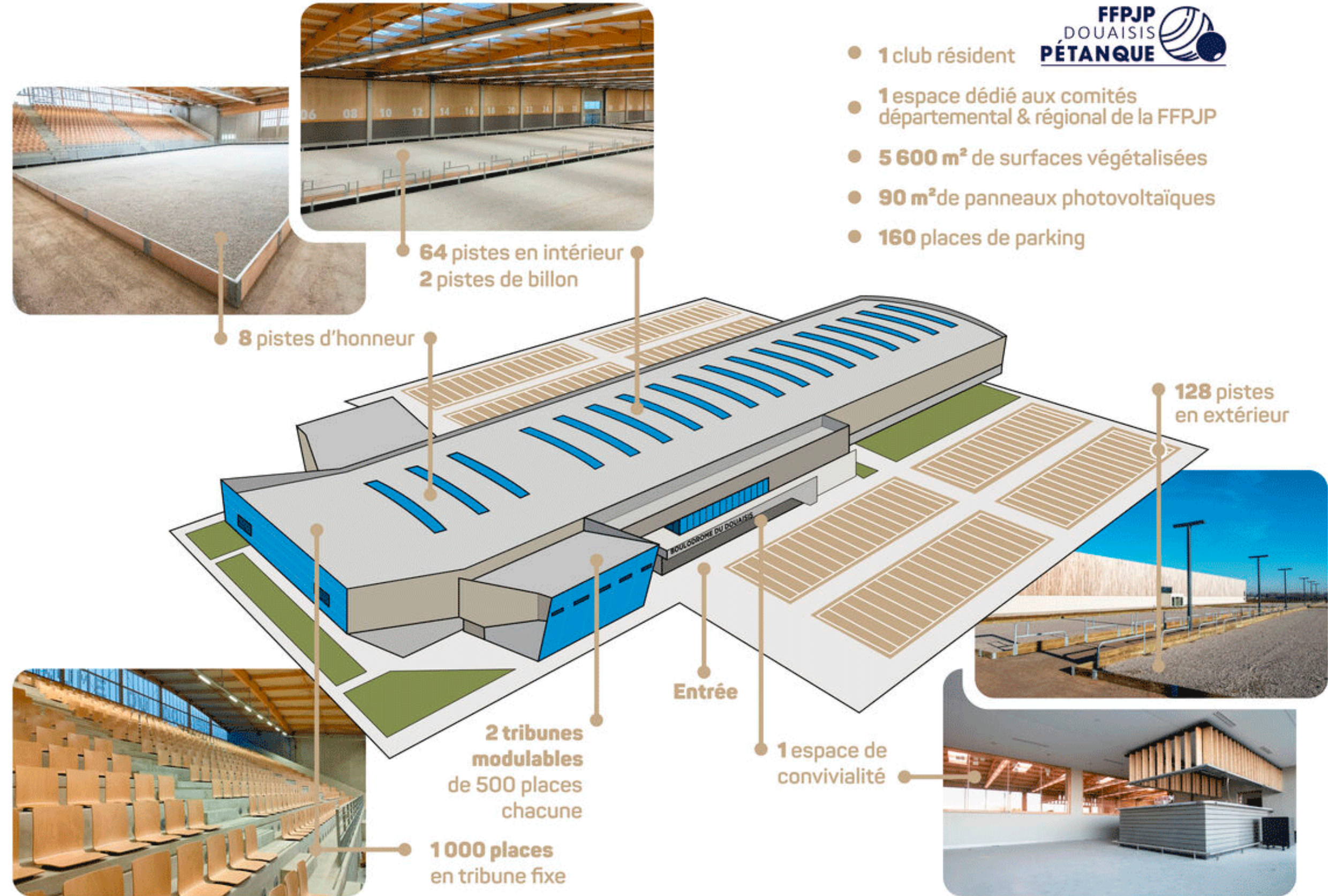


6TH EUROPEAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP - VETERANS  
13TH EUROPEAN TRIPLES AND PRECISION SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - ESPOIRS (MEN AND WOMEN)  
Benejúzar, Spain 02-05 October 2025



# 27TH EUROPEAN CUP

Sin-le-Noble, France 06-09 November 2025





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