JPA Ranking System

Guidelines and Methodology

Introduction

This document outlines the rules and methodology for our sport pétanque ranking system. The system is designed to provide an accurate and fair representation of the performance of teams or individuals and provide guidelines and rules on how the selection process will function.

Rules

Eligibility and Calendar

Participants must be officially registered and recognized by the sport's governing body (i.e., registered with the JPA).

All matches and events must be sanctioned and conducted in accordance with the official rules of the sport.

2026			
MONTH	DAY/DATE	EVENT	VENUE
January	Saturday 24th	Carrefour Indoor Doubles Open	Home Farm, St John
April	Saturday 11th	LPC Doubles Open	LPC
May	Saturday 2nd	Carrefour Open Double	CPC
May	Sunday 3rd	Carrefour Open Triples	CPC
May	Monday 4th	Carrefour Open Singles	CPC
May	Saturday 16th	JPA Open Singles	JPC
June	Saturday 6th	JPA Men's & Women's Triples	LPC
June	Saturday 27th	LPC SinglesOpen	LPC
July	Saturday 4th	JPA Open Triples	CPC
July	Friday 24th	LPC International Open Singles	LPC
July	Saturday 25th	LPC International Open Doubles	LPC
July	Sunday 26th	LPC International Open Triples	LPC
August	Saturday 15th	JPA Men's & Women's Doubles	JPC
September	Saturday 12th	JPA Mixed Doubles	LPC
October	Saturday 10th	JPA Veterans Triples	SMPC

Scoring

- Our scoring system is establish based on the numbers of entries, to encourage participation and reward appropriately our competitors.
- Points awarded to teams finishing in 9th to 16th position will be conditional to the format of the competition and be decided by the competition officer.
  (Note: your finishing position is considered strictly, for example in an international competition if a foreign team wins and a Jersey team finishes second the ladder will be granted points corresponding to the rank 2. In a double or triple competition each player of the team is awarded the points referred in the below table, there is no split).
- In case of a 3rd place play-off, a 5 points bonus will be credited to the team finishing 3rd and 5 points will be deducted for the 4th place finishing team.

  The suggested scoring system is designed to be both progressive and proportional to the number of participants in each competition.

Number of teams :		Number of teams :		Number of teams :		Number of teams :	
0/6		07/12		13/24		25+	
Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	30	1	65	1	100	1	150
2	20	2	55	2	80	2	120
3	10	3	40	3	60	3	80
4	10	4	40	4	60	4	80
		5	20	5	30	5	40
		6	20	6	30	6	40
		7	20	7	30	7	40
		8	20	8	30	8	40
				9	15	9	20
				10	15	10	20
				11	15	11	20
				12	15	12	20
				13	15	13	20
				14	15	14	20
				15	15	15	20
				16	15	16	20

Competition Formats

As there are several different formats for competitions, some of which after several rounds split players into different categories such as Main, Plate.

Tournaments included in the ranking will only be awarded points initially to the players / teams qualifying for the main competition. No bonus points will be allocated for winners of the plate

Format of the competitions (Swiss system or group stages) will vary and is left at the discretion of the competition officer.

If a Swiss System is used - Only top 8 go through to quarter finals. Therefore players/teams placing 9th to 16th are awarded points based on their Swiss ranking position or on their wins and points difference if for example they played in a group.

Penalties

- The Committee resolved that penalties for misconduct or repeated breaches of the rules may result in a reduction of ranking points awarded. In the absence of an umpire, the Competition Officer or designated club official shall have the authority to make decisions regarding such matters.
- Players shall retain the right to appeal to the JPA General Committee in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

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Points Calculation

The ranking system is based on a point accumulation model over **a rolling period of 2 years**. Points are calculated as follows:

- **Each year: top 8 results** from each player are retained.
- Total score for each player will be therefore capped to 16 results over a 2-year period.
- A global ranking will be calculated (for all competitors regardless of ages and gender)
- A separate ranking will also be maintained for women's and veterans (JPA veterans triples competition will only count toward the veterans ranking)

Team Selection Process

Qualifying criteria for selection for the following:

1. Home Nations

- Top 16 ranked players – automatically qualify
- Players ranked 17th to 32nd Qualify for consideration by the selectors.

- The selectors also have a maximum of 4 picks from players that fall outside the top 32

2. Inter Insular

- Top 8 Ranked players – automatically qualify
- Players ranked 9th to 16th Qualify for consideration by the selectors.
- The selectors also have a maximum of 4 picks from players that fall outside
- the top 16

3. European / World Championships

- Number one Ranked players (based on nationality requirements) – automatically qualify for any format of competition.
- Single: Ranked number one player automatically selected
- Doubles: Ranked number one player + one player to be selected between players ranked 2nd to 5th
- Triples: Ranked number one player + 2 players to be selected between players ranked 2nd to 5th

The selectors also have a maximum of 1 pick from players that fall outside the top 5, this could happen under exceptional circumstances only.

Ranking Update

All rankings and results will be updated on the JPA website as soon as practically possible, in the spirit of transparency and to maintain maximum interest and competitiveness within our community.

Conclusion

This ranking system aims to ensure fairness and transparency in evaluating the performance of participants. By adhering to the outlined rules and methodology, we strive to recognize and celebrate excellence in the sport.