

Portchester Community Association
Portchester Pétanque Club
Constitution
(Amended 2022)

Insurance

Pétanque is by comparison to other sports quite leisurely and the idea of obtaining physical injury seems remote, however, the mere fact that one is throwing metal balls into the air over a distance is a potential danger risk. No-one must under estimate or treat the use of boule lightly. It is for this reason that every player is covered by insurance automatically through membership to Portchester Community Association which covers playing at Portchester and other venues. To play elsewhere you may also be required to have an English Pétanque Association (EPA) licence which allows access to all competitions including the League.

1. Title

The name of the Club shall be P.C.A. Portchester Pétanque Club (hereinafter called “the club”).

2. Object

The objects are to carry on the business of a pétanque club by providing for its members the means to play the game of pétanque in a friendly club and non-smoking environment.

3. Membership

A candidate for election must be proposed and seconded by two existing members. Candidates must be members of Portchester Community Association. Election to membership shall be by the committee. Membership limits shall be set by the committee, if no vacancies exist then a waiting list shall be set up.

4. Subscriptions

Every member shall pay to the funds of the Club an annual subscription agreed at the AGM. This must be paid by January 1st in that year. The member must also pay to the Treasurer by January 1st each year the set membership fee and pétanque fee of the Portchester Community Association (PCA) for that coming year. Any person who fails to pay the PCA membership fee and pétanque fee by January 1st each year will cease to be a member of the club and PCA.

5. Expulsion of Members

The committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct shall in their opinion render them unfit for membership. No member shall be suspended or expelled without being summoned before the committee and a full opportunity afforded them to advance a defence. A suspended member shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of membership but will remain liable to pay their subscription. A suspended or expelled member may appeal to the Executive Committee of the Portchester Community Association.

6. General Meetings

The annual general meeting shall be held in November. At least fourteen days notice of the annual general meeting, with a copy of the agenda, shall be given to each member.

The business of the annual general meeting shall be to:-

- a) receive the account or accounts and balance sheet.
- b) receive the report of the committee.
- c) to consider such other business as may be submitted by the committee or any motion to be proposed by a member of which at least five days notice has been given to the Secretary in writing.
- d) to elect the committee.

A special meeting shall be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the committee or upon a requisition signed by one fifth of the total number of members. Notice of any special meeting and of the object to which it is called should be given to each member at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a special meeting.

A general meeting shall have a quorum of one third of the total number of members and each member shall be entitled to one vote on each motion. If weather inclement the members attending AGM if lower than quorum can be asked to vote if they wish to continue the meeting.

7. Rules

These rules may only be amended at a general meeting called for that purpose. Any amendment shall require the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such meeting. The committee shall have the power to make by-laws as it may consider necessary for the good governance of the club, provided no such by-laws shall conflict with any rules. Notices of by-laws should be brought to the attention of the members.

8. Committee

The committee shall consist of the President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain/ Tournament Secretary and other offices as needed. The committee shall control the management of the club and shall have power to do such things as it may deem necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the club. Nothing shall enable the club to apply the club funds to any other purpose except the club itself. Any member of the committee not attending for three consecutive meetings, without explanation that the committee consider satisfactory, shall cease to be on the committee. Any member of the committee who shall cease to be a member of the club shall vacate his seat. A casual vacancy shall be filled by the committee. A committee member selected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired period of office. Any member of the committee may be removed from office by the votes of two thirds of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose. Elected members of the committee must be members of the English Pétanque Association. The cost of this membership to be met by Portchester Pétanque Club.

9. Inspection of Books by members

Any member may at all reasonable times inspect all books and accounts at any place where the Secretary/Treasurer may produce them for inspection.

10. Property of the Society

The club may receive and disclaim property of any nature and purchase or otherwise acquire property of any nature.

The property belonging to the club shall be invested in the name of the club.

The funds of the club may only be applied for lawful purpose determined by the committee or any general meeting in support of the objects.

11. Dissolution

The club may at any time be dissolved by the consent of three-quarters of the members with the funds and property of the club which shall be handed over to the Portchester Community Association.

12. Records and Minutes

Records shall be taken and minutes kept in such form as the committee may direct of the proceedings at all General meetings and meetings of the committee. The minutes of every meeting shall be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at a subsequent meeting. When signed they shall be conclusive as to all matters and things therein recorded.

The Constitution and Rules of the Club shall be subject to the Constitution and Standing Orders/Financial Regulations of the Portchester Community Association.