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1. Introduction

This document is referred to as the 'NSWPL Competition Regulations' and it is reviewed and issued every year to all NSW-based petanque clubs that are affiliated to the New South Wales Petanque League (NSWPL).

The present competition year starts in January and finishes in December.

The targeted release date is November of the year prior to the year of its effect.

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the regulatory framework for competitions played under the auspices of the NSWPL and included in the NSWPL Calendar. These competition regulations:

- should be read in conjunction with the NSWPL Calendar.
- do not replace any Petanque Federation Australia (PFA) policies but act as an addendum.
- do not replace the NSW League Constitution or policies but act as an addendum.
- once approved and issued, replace any current or existing documents which relate to competitions, competition formats or rules.

1.2. Review and Approval

At a minimum this document should be reviewed annually, prior to the new season.

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1.3. Referenced Documents

Table 1 lists documents referenced in these competition regulations.

Table 1 – Referenced Documents

Document Name	Location
NSWPL Championship Competition Summary	NSWPL website
NSWPL Constitution	NSWPL website
NSWPL Ranked Club Competition Summary	NSWPL website
PFA Code of Conduct Policy	http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/documents
PFA Constitution (Amended Dec 2017)	http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/documents
PFA National Shooting Competition Rules and Regulations 2017	http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/documents
PFA Player Licence Policy	http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/documents

Document Name	Location
PFA/FIPJP Rules of the Game 2017	http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com/documents

2. NSWPL Competition Structure

There are 3 levels of competition played in the NSWPL. These are as follows:

2.1. Club Competitions

These are organised by a club primarily for its members and prospective members.

- Members of other clubs may be invited to attend but it is mainly for intra-club development and these events are not posted on the NSWPL Calendar.
- The club determines the format.
- Entrance fees go to the host club which also determines the prize structure.
- Successful players are **not** awarded points on the NSWPL Ranking Table.

2.2. Ranked Club Competitions

These are assigned by the NSWPL to a host club as part of the NSWPL Calendar.

- Members of the other clubs are actively invited to participate by the NSWPL.
- The club determines the format. **Note:** This includes the decision whether to hold separate gender competitions (Men and Women), Mixed or gender blended competitions.
- Entrance fees go to the host club which also determines the prize structure.
- Successful players are awarded points on the NSWPL Ranking Table. Refer to Section 2.5 on page 9 for details.

2.3. NSWPL Championships

These are assigned by the NSWPL to a host club to run on behalf of the NSWPL and are included on the NSWPL calendar

- With the exception noted below, to enter, a player must hold a PFA licence in NSW (referred to as a 'NSW Player'). Members of all affiliated NSW clubs are invited to participate by the NSWPL.
Important: The NSWPL Executive may invite licenced players from outside of NSW to enter NSWPL Championships at its discretion. However, a player holding a licence from outside of NSW cannot be the 'NSW Champion'. The highest placed NSWPL Player/s assume/s the title.
- The NSWPL determines the format. The format may vary from event to event, however it must be a format included in these Competition Regulations.
- Entrance fees go to the NSWPL which also determines the prize structure.
- Entrance fees for 2019 are as follows:
 - \$15.00 for adults (i.e. 18 and over)
 - \$7.50 for juniors (i.e. less than 18)
- Successful players are awarded points on the NSWPL Ranking Table. Refer to Section 2.5 on page 9 for details.

2.4. NSWPL Calendar

The NSWPL Calendar lists NSWPL competitions that award points for the NSWPL Ranking Table. i.e. Ranked Club Competitions and NSWPL Championships.

Note: The NSWPL Calendar includes a number of significant competitions organised interstate or internationally that have proved of interest to NSW players and may have an impact on NSW events. These events do not attract points on the NSWPL Ranking Table.

2.5. NSWPL Ranking Table

The NSW Ranking Table is a listing of each NSW Player who is awarded points from results generated in a Competition included in these Competition Regulations. The NSWPL is responsible for managing and updating the Ranking Table which is used as follows:

- Contributing to the awarding of the NSW Player of the Year in each category
- Seeding certain competitions. For more information about seeding, refer to Section 4.3 on page 13.
- May be used as a reference in selecting NSW representative players for State and National events.

For more information, refer to Section 4 on page 13.

2.6. Awarding of Prizes

NSWPL Championships

- Standard cash prizes are awarded to the player or team finishing 1st and 2nd in each category (men's and women's if applicable). The proposed amounts are listed in Appendix B:
- The prizes are awarded on the day of the competition.

Ranked Club Competition

- Prizes are awarded in accordance with the Competition Information.
- The host club is responsible for obtaining and presenting the prizes.
- Prizes are awarded on the day of the competition.

Club Competition

- Prizes are awarded in accordance with the Competition Information or determined on the day.
- The host club is responsible for obtaining and presenting the prizes.
- Prizes are awarded on the day of the competition.

2.7. Licencing

The NSWPL policy endorses the *PFA Player Licence Policy* for player licences.

Any player found to be in breach of licencing rules may as part of the penalty have some or all of their points on the Ranking Table withdrawn.

2.8. Postponing a Competition

A competition may be postponed if there is sufficient justification. There are a number of dates on the NSWPL Calendar reserved by the NSWPL as a contingency. Clubs wishing to postpone an event should consult with the NSWPL Executive.

2.8.1. Due to Weather

A competition may be postponed due to extreme weather conditions. If high temperatures, heavy rain or extreme winds are forecast, the host club should contact the NSWPL Secretary the day before to discuss postponing the event and setting an alternative date, if possible. An alternative date must be in the same calendar year and cannot be carried over.

During the competition, the umpire may determine with the host club management, that the competition should be temporarily suspended if by the rules of the game it is no longer possible, or the weather conditions are extreme. The umpire may allow the competition to recommence if the conditions improve.

If the competition cannot continue, the following applies:

- If the qualifying rounds have not been completed, then the entry fees should be returned to the players.

If a Swiss System is used, qualifying is regarded as the first four rounds.

- If the competition is cancelled during the quarter-finals, then the total prize money of the quarter finalists, semi-finalists and the 1st and 2nd prizes should be combined and divided equally among the 8 teams.

If a Swiss System is used, and the competition is cancelled during the 5th or 6th round, the match positions are treated as the final 'fixed' round and the prize money split between the two teams.

- If the competition is cancelled during the semi-finals, then the total prize money of the semi-finalists and the 1st and 2nd prizes should be combined and divided equally among the 4 teams.
- If the competition is cancelled during the final, then the 1st and 2nd prizes should be combined and divided equally among the 2 teams.

The above actions should also apply to divisional competitions or consolante.

3. Ranked Competition Details

This section describes the main competition types that are included in the NSWPL Calendar and the Ranking Table.

NSWPL Ranked Competitions are played on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, unless otherwise approved by the NSWPL.

There are 2 types of NSWPL Ranked Competitions.

- NSWPL Championships
- Ranked Club Competitions.

Clubs are awarded Ranked Competitions based on the following:

- Up to 24 members= 1 competition (Club Ranked or NSW Championship)
AMA, FP and Lake Macquarie. **Note:** A NSW Championship may rotate through clubs allotted 1 competition (*but only if the club has an active Club or higher umpire*).
- 25 to 36 members = 2 competitions (Club Ranked and NSW Championship) –
Wollongong (but only if the club has an active Club or higher umpire)
- Over 36 members = 3 Competitions (2 Club Ranked and a NSW Championship)
BA and Newcastle (but only if the club has an active State umpire within the club)

Note: Clubs are not compelled to host a Ranked Competition.

Note: An active umpire is one that umpires a minimum of 2 competitions per year.

Note: As these criteria are being introduced for the first time in 2019, they will be applied with some flexibility to give clubs the opportunity to adapt.

The purpose of the criteria is to provide incentive to clubs to increase their membership and make a greater contribution to the progress of the game in return for additional competitions on the NSWPL Calendar.

Note: If the NSWPL is successful in increasing the number of clubs, the criteria may be revised.

3.1. NSWPL Championship Competition List

There are 5 NSWPL Championship Competitions as follows:

- NSW Mixed Doubles
- NSW Singles Championship – Men and women separate
- NSW Triples Championship – (Men and women in any combination)
- NSW Doubles Championship - (Men and women separate)
- NSW Mixed Triples Championship.

These competitions are played using one of the approved competition formats. Details are provided on the Competition Information sent in advance. Refer to Section 5.4 on page 19 for details.

3.2. Ranked Club Competition List

Ranked Club competitions are as follows:

- Wollongong Masters
- AMA Invitation Triples (Gender)
- Boules Artistes Mixed Triples
- Col McMillan Doubles (France Petanque)
- Dons Doubles Masters Edition (Boules Artistes)
- France Petanque Grand Prix (Doubles)
- Newcastle Doubles (Gender)

These competitions are played using one of the approved systems as described in this document. Refer to Section 5 on page 15 for details.

3.3. Special NSWPL Competitions

The NSWPL may host special competitions. The venues chosen for these competitions may be at the home of a NSWPL affiliated club or somewhere chosen for a specific purpose, for example, a public place that will generate exposure to publicise the sport of petanque.

Examples: The NSWPL Shooting Competition and the Player of the Year – Champions Challenge.

3.4. Reserved for NSWPL

A number of Sundays on the NSWPL Calendar have been reserved for the NSWPL. The purpose is to provide alternative days for competitions that may need to be postponed or for special events that the NSWPL decides to organise.

3.5. Remote Locations

Currently, there are no affiliated clubs located in areas other than Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. These regulations may need reviewing if new clubs are formed in more remote areas.

4. Ranking Table

To be eligible to participate in the Ranking Table a NSW Player must play in competitions which are approved under this Regulation as 'Ranked Competitions'. Only players that have gained points at one of these events are included in the table.

A player holding a licence from another territory, state or country is not included in the Ranking Table.

The Ranking Table only includes the events played in the calendar year however, for the purpose of seeding, points from the previous year are carried over at the value of 50%.

The Ranking Table is published within a month of an event being played that requires it to be updated and sent by email to each NSW Club to be forwarded to the players.

4.1. Awarding Points for the Ranking Table

Points are awarded based upon the finishing position of the player in a Ranked Competition, as follows:

- 12 teams or more participating, points are awarded for the top 8 teams.
- Less than 12 teams participating, points are awarded for the top 4 teams.
- Less than 8 teams participating, points are awarded for the top 2 teams.
- Less than 6 – If there are less than six teams in a competition then points may only be awarded if 50% of the participants are ranked in the top ten players of the Ranking Table and only to the top 2 positions.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 1st - 16 points.
- 2nd - 12 points.
- Eliminated Semi-finalists – 8 points
- Eliminated - 4 points.

All points awarded to a NSW Player are included in the Ranking Table however for the Player of the Year award only the player's best six (6) results are counted. In the case where a tie exists then a count-back using the following criteria applies:

- The number of points accumulated from the most recent two NSWPL Championships
- Winner of the last round
- Highest number of points gained in the last 6 months.

4.2. 2019 Ranking Table

The 2019 Ranking Table will carry-over the ranking points from 2018 at 50% of the value and will include men and women together. The Ranking Table will be 'split' at the end of the year for the purpose of assisting in determining the Player of the Year for both men and women.

4.3. Seeding

Seeding is a system used to separate the stronger players in a draw so that they do not meet in the early rounds of a tournament. The system has a number of benefits:

- the more highly seeded teams are more likely to qualify to the knock-out stage of the main competition
- the lower seeded or unseeded teams are more likely to go to the lower division knock-out stage or consolation with less likelihood of a strong team failing to qualify and potentially winning

- less qualifying rounds are required to achieve a realistic qualification so that competitions can be run in less time to meet the requirements of some competition formats.

The Ranking Table is used to seed the teams.

Example: If Team 1 consists of Player A who is ranked at number one and Player B who is ranked at number 9, the seeding points = 10. If Team 2 consists of Player C who is ranked number two and Player B who is ranked at number 3, the seeding points = 5. Team 2 has a higher seeding than Team 1.

Seeding is used to determine the top 50% of the teams in a competition for a 'Two-Hat Draw' whereby the qualifying rounds are drawn with teams from 'two hats' with teams from the 'top' hat versus teams from the 'other' hat. Seeding should be used in the following competition formats:

- 6 Round Swiss (1st Round only)
- 3 Round Seeded Qualifying (each round)
- 2 Round Seeded Progressive Qualifying (each round).

Any club wishing to use one of these systems for a competition should contact the NSWPL Secretary and request for registered teams to be seeded.

Note: Ranking Points gained in competitions that prohibit the other gender are **not** counted for the purpose of seeding. If women players/teams play in a gender blended competition then any points gained will be included in the seeding.

4.4. Player of the Year – Champions Challenge

In previous years the Player of the Year has been awarded to the highest ranked player in each category. In 2019 the NSWPL proposes a Champions Challenge for which players must qualify. The NSWPL Sport Sub-committee of players will determine the format. The venue is TBC. This must be determined by the end of April and will be included in a later iteration of this document.

5. Competition Formats

For 2019 the NSWPL is increasing the number of competition formats that can be adopted by the clubs and still be recognised as a Ranked Competition. The purpose is to provide the freedom for clubs to choose an option that suits their requirements, including the possibility of less games, later starts, earlier finishes, etc. By providing options clubs can choose a system and market it accordingly.

Each format has advantages and disadvantages and some criteria could be seen as having both. For example, one club might see having an early start as an opportunity to raise funds by selling breakfast whilst others would rather not. Some players may prefer an all-day event whilst others prefer a sleep-in and breakfast at home.

This section includes high-level descriptions of the preferred formats for Ranked Competitions.

Once a club has decided on the format for its competition it should include this information in the Competition Information, providing a reference to these Competition Regulations.

The NSWPL Championship events will be run using a variety of formats and these will be decided by the Executive and announced in the Competition Information.

5.1. Random Draw Qualifying System

Note: The Random Draw Qualifying System has been the standard in NSW for over 10 years.

With 4 qualifying rounds drawn randomly plus 3 rounds of knockout, even with timed games it requires around 7 hours to complete (assuming no lunch break), which could be longer if the knockout rounds are untimed or matches are played at a slow pace. This necessitates an early start (usually 9:30) to complete, just in case the event does not go to plan.

At the conclusion of qualifying rounds, there are 2 options.

- **Option 1** - Teams are selected to participate in 'divisions' to contest knockout rounds of quarter, semi and final as follows;
 - 'A Division' consists of the first 8 qualifiers.
 - **Note:** Where there are less than 12 teams participating in the tournament 'A' Division qualifiers will be reduced to the first 4 teams only.
 - 'B Division' consists of the second 8 qualifiers.
 - 'C Division' consists of the third 8 qualifiers.
 - Extra divisions may be added as required.
- **Option 2** - The top 8 (or 16) qualify to the knockout stages of the main competition and the rest are included in the consolante.

Note: The consolante may be promoted as a standalone afternoon competition enabling players who cannot play all day to join the competition.

A disadvantage of a random draw is that a very good team may be drawn against two even better teams and fail to qualify, whilst a weaker team may receive an easy draw and qualify when they may prefer to be in the lower division or consolante.

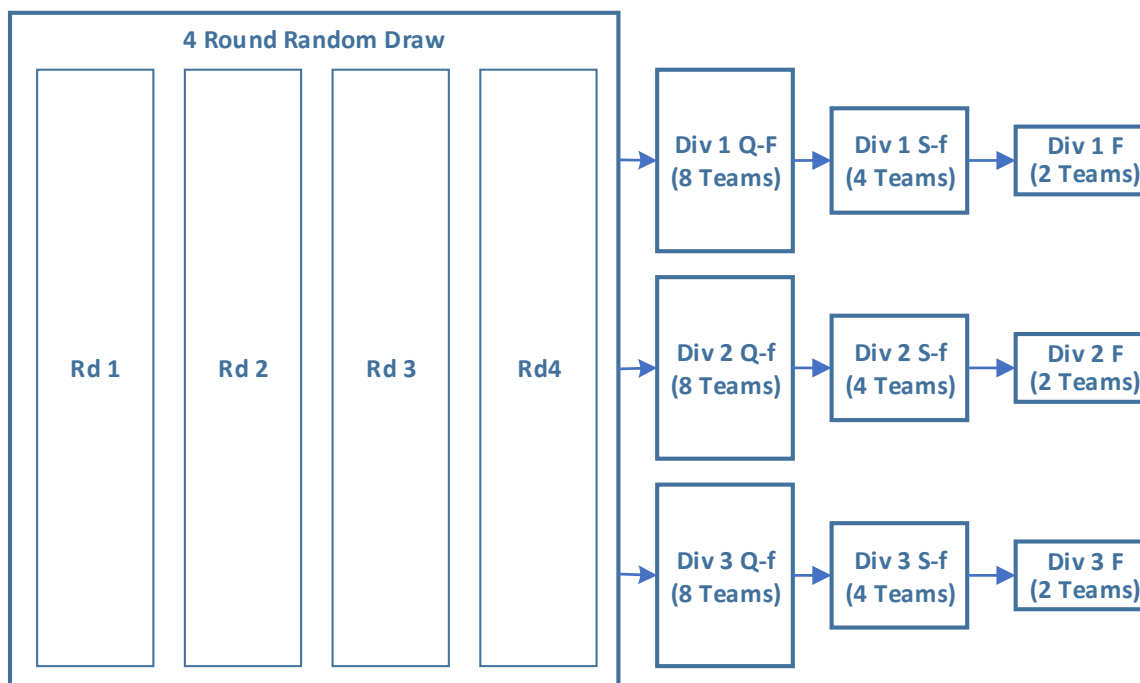


Figure 1 – Random Draw Qualifying

5.2. 3 Round Seeded Qualifying System

This is similar to the Random Draw Qualifying System but with one less round and a simple seeding in place. Refer to Section ## on page # for more information about seeding.

Note: This system could also be played using only 2 qualifying rounds, making a total of 5 games to completion.

The purpose is to shorten the competition (by one round) but still qualify the teams appropriately so those that should be in the main competition advance and the other are in the consolante where they have a better chance of winning a prize.

This system uses the Ranking Table to grade the teams into top and bottom half and then draws the games for each round with a team from the top group against a team from the bottom group, thus preventing the top teams playing against each other in qualifying and so increasing their chances of advancing. This is referred to as a 'Two Hat Draw'

Ideally, the teams that *should* be in the main competition progress and those that *should* be in the consolante are there which gives them a better chance of winning a prize.

For teams that do not qualify to the top 8, clubs may choose to follow the division system or a consolante/afternoon competition.

Note: Clubs wanting to use this format should contact the NSWPL Secretary to provide the seeding.

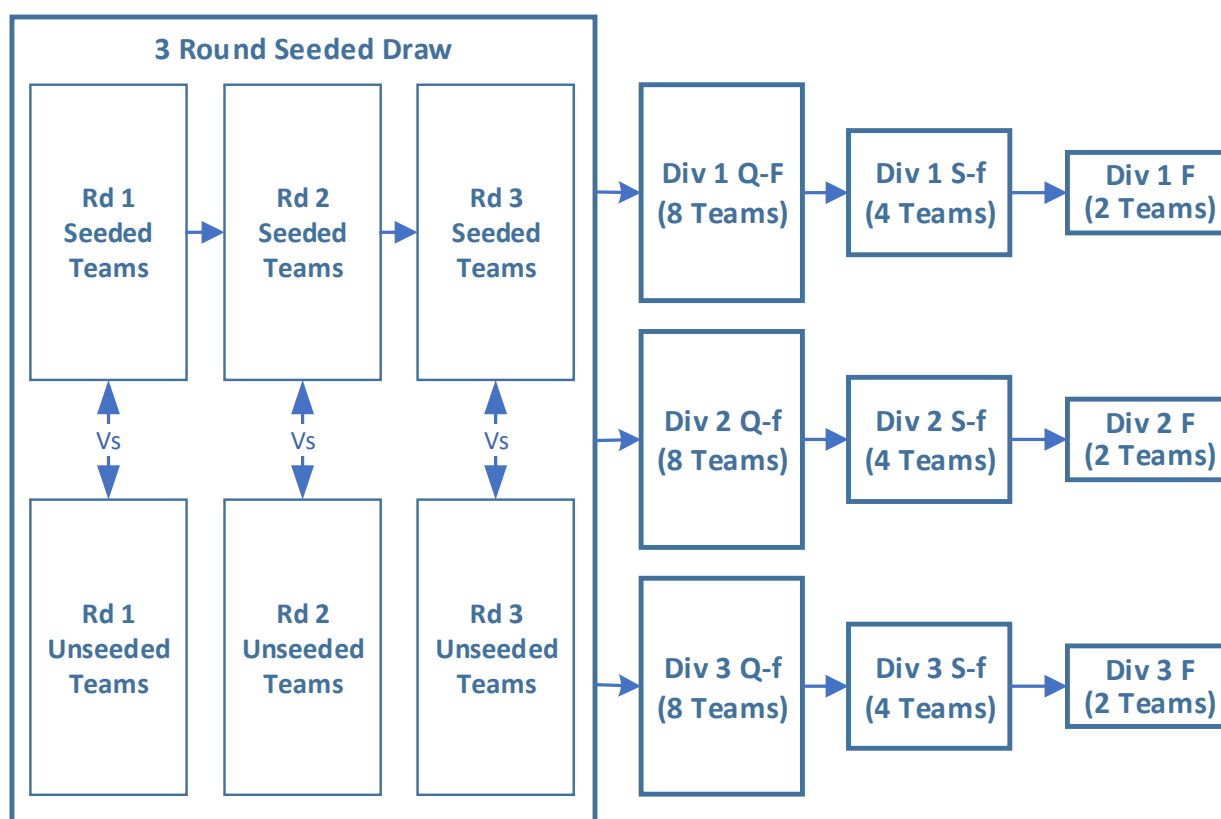


Figure 2 – 3 Round Seeded Draw

5.3. 2 Round Seeded Progressive Qualifying System

This is similar to the Random Draw Qualifying System but with two less rounds and a simple seeding in place. The purpose is to play a 6 round competition but still qualify the teams appropriately so that teams that should be in the main competition advance and the others are in the consolante where they have a better chance of winning a prize. It is called progressive because in the main competition there are two phases of qualifying with a second round featuring those that progressed from the 1st phase.

This system uses the Ranking Table to grade the teams into top and bottom half and then draws the games for each round with a team from the top group against a team from the bottom group (i.e. Two Hat Draw), thus preventing the top teams playing against each other in qualifying and so increasing their chances of advancing.

Ideally, the teams that should be in the main competition knockout progress and the teams that should be in the consolante are there, which gives them a better chance of winning a prize.

In the second phase the top eight qualifying teams play two more rounds with results added to the first 2 qualifying games. The top four teams progress to the semi-finals.

For teams that do not qualify to the top 8, clubs may choose to follow the division system or a consolante/afternoon competition.

Note: Clubs wanting to use this format should contact the NSWPL Secretary to provide the seeding.

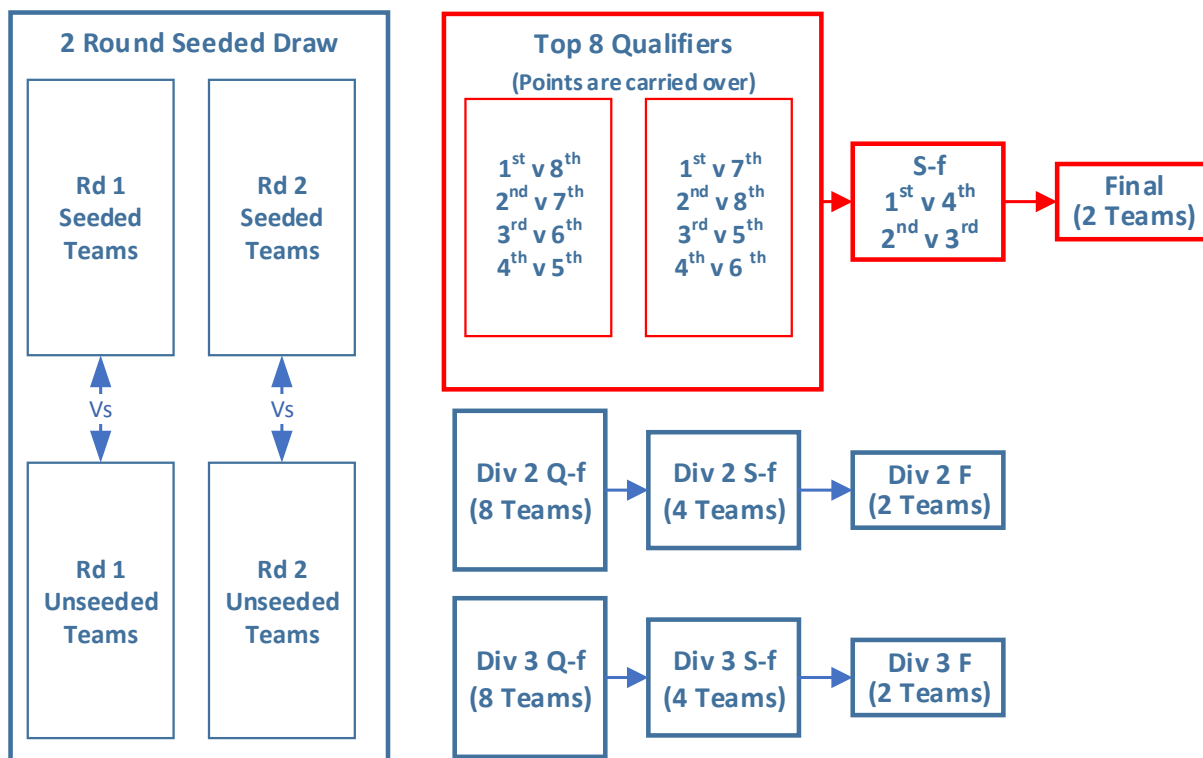


Figure 3 – 2 Round Seeded Progressive

5.4. 6 Round Swiss System

The Swiss System is an ideal format as:

- teams tend to compete against other teams of similar level
- no team is knocked out of the competition, and
- all teams can improve their position to the last round and increase the possibility of a larger prize.

The Ranking Table is used to seed the teams for the first round to create a Two Hat Draw.

Note: Clubs wanting to use this format should contact the NSWPL Secretary to provide the seeding.

- After the 1st round is played, a result table is created and from this 1st plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, 5th plays 6th, etc.
- After the 2nd round is played, a result table is created and from this 1st plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, 5th plays 6th, etc.
- This repeats for the agreed number of rounds.
- The winner is the team that tops the table at the end of the agreed rounds.

Note: A popular variation is to 'lock' the draw for the last round, meaning 1st plays 2nd for 1st and 2nd, 3rd plays 4th for 3rd and 4th, etc. A team cannot rise above or drop below the positions involved in the final game.

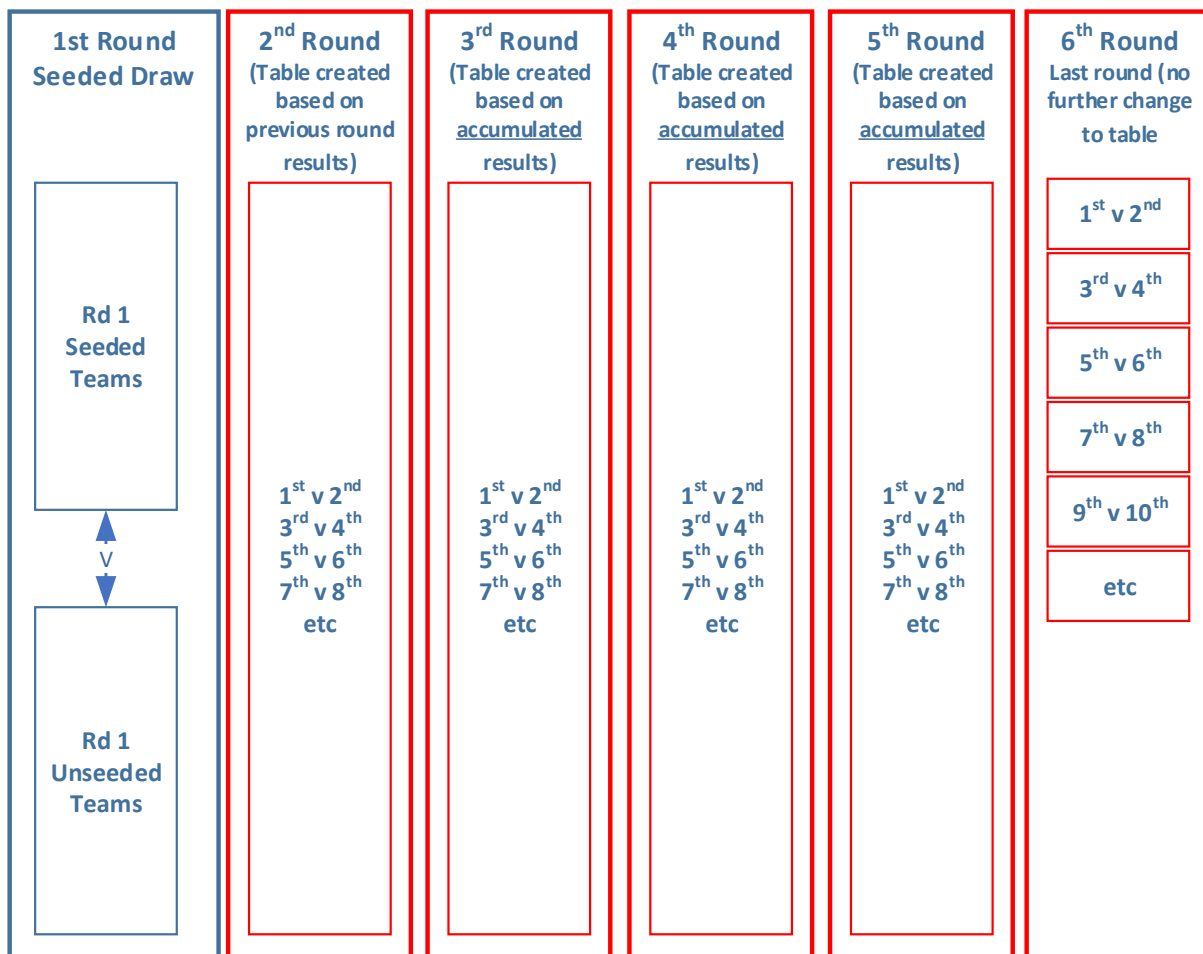


Figure 4 – 6 Round Swiss System

5.5. Pool System

Pool Systems may be used as the 1st round of a small competition (ideal if there are only 8 teams) or as the 2nd round of a larger competition with 2 or 4 groups being formed after qualification. In either case, it works better if seeding is used, either from the Ranking Table or as a consequence of the initial qualifying rounds.

If there are 4 groups, either seeded or based on the team's qualifying position, then the 4 groups are formed as shown in Table 2.

Table 2 – Groups Formed by Seeding or Qualifying Position

Group	Groups Formed by Seeding or Qualifying Position			
1	1	8	9	16
2	2	7	10	15
3	3	6	11	14
4	4	5	12	13

5.5.1. Round Robin Pool System

The Round Robin Pool System involves each team playing the other teams in the group. A results table is used to record the number of wins and the points for and against. The team with the most wins and best for and against margin. Games are played in the order shown in Table 3 so that top two ranked or seeded teams play last.

Table 3 – Round Robin Pool System

Round 1	Team 1	13	vs	Team 4	6
	Team 2	6	vs	Team 3	11
Round 2	Team 1	13	vs	Team 3	4
	Team 4	8	vs	Team 2	13
Round 3	Team 1	13	vs	Team 2	11
	Team 3	13	vs	Team 4	10

Table 4 shows the results collated into a table. Usually the top 2 teams qualify.

Table 4 – Round Robin Results Table

Team	Wins	For	Against	+/-	Final Position
Team 1	3	39	21	18	1
Team 2	1	30	32	-2	3
Team 3	2	28	29	-1	2
Team 4	0	24	39		4

5.5.2. Knockout Pool System

The Knockout Pool System is based on groups of 4 teams and has the advantage that the score does not matter, only the result, so it requires less work for the organiser. Ideally there should be at least 8 teams and preferably in multiples of 8, i.e., 16, 32, etc, although some groups of 3 teams are acceptable to achieve an appropriate number of groups to qualify teams in multiples of two, i.e. you need a minimum of two groups and then 8, 16, 32 etc.

It may be used for a one-day competition but to be fair would need to be seeded using the Ranking Table.

The pool requires 3 rounds of games to complete and means some teams that qualify after two wins must wait for the 3rd round to be completed before playing their next game in the next round.

Figure 5 shows how the teams play off in a single group.

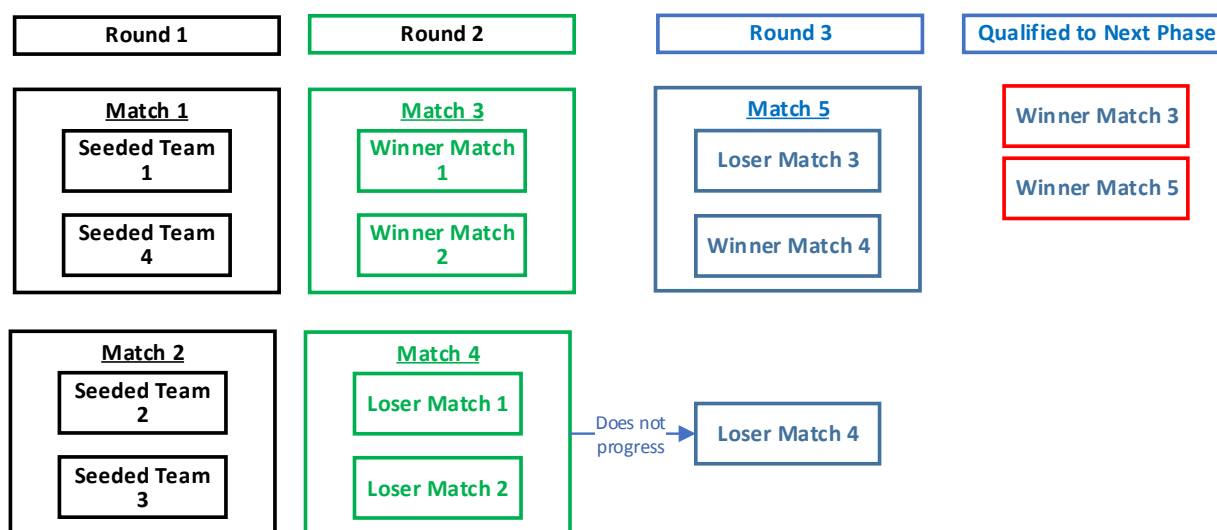


Figure 5 – Knockout Pool System (Group)

5.5.3. After the Pools

After the pools (of either system) have been completed, typically the knockout stages begin with matches formed as shown in Table 5.

Table 5 – After the Pools

1 st Pool 1	vs	2 nd Pool 2	Winner	Winner	Winner
1 st Pool 2	vs	2 nd Pool 1	Winner		
1 st Pool 3	vs	2 nd Pool 4	Winner	Winner	
1 st Pool 4	vs	2 nd Pool 3	Winner		

5.6. Shooting Competition

The shooting competition follows the format as defined in the *PFA National Shooting Competition Rules and Regulations 2017*.

6. Code of Conduct

The NSW Petanque League endorses the PFA Rules and Regulations including the *Players Code of Conduct* and all players and officials must comply with these policies.

Players, officials and spectators must:

- show respect to others so that each game can be played in a sporting manner.
- refrain from foul or abusive language be it directed at a team member, opponent, official or spectator.

6.1. Behaviour

Players must:

- Accept without argument any decisions made by Umpires and Officials alike
- Demonstrate awareness of games in progress when moving around the piste and refrain from shouting across games in progress so as not to distract other players
- Obey the rules and policies of the host venue
- Refrain from consuming alcohol to excess for the duration of the competition
- Not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages on or in the immediate vicinity of the piste, whether during or between games. Players may use the area nominated by the organisers for this purpose.
- Dispose of their litter, including cigarette butts, in the appropriate repositories
- Not place containers/bags/clothing/glass on seating which could prevent players from resting or may hinder passage.

Wherever possible players are to observe a standard of dress which meets the PFA national code.

Players are encouraged to wear their club uniform and in some competitions this may be compulsory.

Supporters, friends and animals must not encroach on the piste at any time.

Any player found to be in breach of the 'Code of Conduct' may be guilty of improper behaviour and liable to penalties as detailed in Article 37, 38 and 39 of the rules of the game (as adopted by PFA on 30 December 2016).

6.2. Player's Equipment

Players must possess a:

- set of boules that meets the requirements described in the *Official Rules for The Sport of Pétanque*
- jack that meets the requirements described in the *Official Rules for The Sport of Pétanque*
- tape measure
- personal scorer.

7. Host Policy

7.1. Ranked Competitions

Any Club hosting a NSWPL Ranked Competition must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Sufficient courts for the number of registered teams for the event
- Sufficient plastic circles for the number of courts
- Each court marked in accordance with FIPJP policies, if required by the competition format
- Adequate seating and shaded areas available during hot weather
- Free drinking water
- A nominated area away from the playing area for smoking and or the drinking of alcoholic beverages and players informed of the location before the start of a tournament
- Suitable lighting of at least 4 courts, if required
- An official 'Control Table', suitable seating and information board must be available prior to the start of the event
- Suitable space with table and chairs for the jury
- A free lunch and two soft drinks for a playing umpire (unpaid) at any official competition.

7.2. Hosting NSWPL Championships

Clubs hosting NSWPL Championships are responsible for organising the event according to these competition regulations.

8. Competition Organisation

8.1. Rules

FIPJP rules apply, together with PFA adopted Local Rules or NSWPL approved variations.

Games are played to 13 points or the time limit, whichever comes first.

8.1.1. Timed Games

All Ranked Competitions use timed games which means that all games must start and finish together. A device such as a whistle, bell or horn is used to signal the start and finish of the round. If a consolante or secondary competition is being held at the same time as the main competition, different devices should be employed unless both events start and finish at the same time.

- Each game is played to a maximum of 13 points but is timed to 45 minutes (or other as agreed) plus one additional end. In the case of the scores being level after the additional end, then one extra end is played to find a winner.
 - If the competition uses qualifying rounds plus knockout rounds or a defined final round (as per the Swiss System), the time may be adjusted or eliminated to meet the needs of the event.

Timed games can continue through to the finals if preferred.
 - If the competition is delayed by weather or other event, the time may be reduced to prevent a late finish.
- Either way, the Competition Director must consult with the Jury and Umpire for the day to make the decision.

8.1.2. Events with Less Than 6 Teams

If there are less than 6 teams registered for a Ranked Competition the host club should contact the NSWPL Secretary to discuss postponing or cancelling the event. Should the competition proceed, refer to Section 4.1 - Awarding Points for the Ranking Table on page 13.

8.2. Information to Be Provided Before the Competition

For NSWPL Ranked Competitions, the following information must be sent to all clubs at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

For NSWPL Championships, the NSWPL Secretary provides the competition information in the form of a leaflet and sends it to the clubs.

For a NSWPL Ranked Club competition, the host club provides the competition information in the form of a leaflet and sends it to the NSWPL Secretary, who forwards it to the other clubs.

Refer to Appendix A for the details that must be provided.

The Competition Umpire should be determined prior to the event and communicated through the Competition Information sent to all clubs.

A Competition Jury should be determined and announced before the start of the event.

8.3. Registration and the Draw

Should registrations of players be taken prior to the event then each player must still check-in by attending in person at the Control Table at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, to confirm attendance and pay the tournament fee (if not paid in advance).

Late registration should only be accepted unless at the organiser's convenience (i.e. the competition has an uneven number of teams) and the start time will not be delayed.

The Competition Umpire should oversee the draw.

Following completion of the draw a team is not be permitted to replace any player.

All events should start at the advertised time and be completed by 6:00 p.m. or earlier.

The event details and format must be communicated to all players prior to the start and must be visible at all times during the event.

8.3.1. Odd Number of Teams

Irrespective of the competition format, if there is an odd number of teams, the odd team receives a 'bye' and awarded a score of 13-7. A team should only receive one bye in the competition.

If the competition format uses a seeded draw, the bye is awarded to a team in the seeded half.

8.4. Running the Competition

Play commences by authority of the Competition Umpire using an appropriate device (whistle, horn or bell). If a consolante or secondary competition is being held at the same time as the main competition, different devices should be employed, especially if timed games are used. Refer to Section 8.1.1 on page 24 for details of timed games.

Competition results are collated at the Control Table.

Following the completion of a round, a member of each team must:

- report the result to the Competition Co-ordinator or add the result to the competition draw/result sheet
- identify their next opponent (if the details are available) and
- be ready to start at the appropriate time.

Note: It is the responsibility of the first available team to make contact with their next opponent.

Note: The NSWPL is responsible for payment of any fee payable to a non-playing umpire assigned to tournament

8.5. After the Competition

Results of any Competition included in the Ranking Table should be sent to the NSWPL Secretary in the appropriate Summary Form for processing no later than one week after the conclusion of the event. The Summary Forms are as follows:

- NSWPL Championship Summary Form. Refer to Appendix C for an example.
- NSWPL Ranked Club Competition Results Form. Refer to Appendix D for an example.

The NSWPL Secretary sends the form to all clubs to forward to their players. Players should check the results and raise any issues with their club which may raise the issue with the NSWPL Secretary. Once confirmed the results are used to update the Ranking Table.

9. Terms and Acronyms

Table 6 lists the terms and acronyms used in this document.

Table 6 - Terms and Acronyms

Term/Acronym	Definition
Calendar	Calendar refers to the annual list of competitions and/or events published by the NSWPL.
Check-in	Check-in refers to players arriving at a competition and going to the Control Table to inform the organisers of their attendance and pay the entry fee, if not paid in advance
Club Competition	Club Competition is defined as a competition hosted, organised and managed by any NSW Club which is not a Ranked Competition and therefore carries no points in the Ranking Table.
Constituent	Constituent is defined as a financial member of any National or International club as determined by the FIPJP,
Court	Court refers to an individual marked playing area suitable for a single game. The minimum is 12 X 3 metres.
End	An end is a passage of play that involves the jack and all balls being thrown or the jack is moved out of bounds.
Executive	Includes the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the NSWPL.
League	League refers to an incorporated association deemed to be affiliated to Petanque Federation Australia. For a full definition, refer to Article 9 of PFA By-Laws (November 2002). For example, the NSW Petanque League (NSWPL)
League Championship	League Championship is defined as a competition that is hosted by a NSW Club but format and prizes are defined by the NSWPL. The winning player or team is recognised as the NSW Champion in the category.
League Competition	A competition on the NSWPL League Calendar hosted by a NSW Club with points being allocated to NSW Players. These points contribute towards the Ranking Table. See Ranked Competition,
Licence	A Licence is a permit issued yearly to each player who is a financial member of any Constituent.
NSW Club	NSW Club/s is defined as a financial member of the League and falls within the bounds of both the PFA Constitution and the NSW League Constitution.
NSWPL Executive	The group that manages and governs the NSWPL
NSWPL	NSW Petanque League
NSW Player	A player who lives in NSW and possesses a PFA licence
PFA	Petanque Federation Australia.
Piste	Piste refers to the playing area used for an event. A piste may be divided into courts. Further explanation can be sought from the International Rules of Petanque.
Player	Player/s is defined as a petanque competitor who is a financial member of any Constituent and holds a current petanque licence.

Term/Acronym	Definition
Ranked Club Competition	Ranked Club Competition is defined as a competition hosted by a NSW Club with points being allocated to NSW Players. These points contribute towards the Ranking Table.
Ranking Table	Ranking Table is a list of accumulated points for each player from any Ranked Competition. Results are used to determine NSW Players of the Year qualification.
Registration	The act of contacting the organiser of a competition in advance and informing of your commitment to play in a competition.
Two Hat Draw	This refers to a competition draw that seeds players into two 'hats', one for the top ranked players and the other from the remainder. Games are drawn with a team from each hat playing against each other.

Appendix A. Competition Information Sent to Clubs

The following details should be included in the Competition Information at least two weeks before the date the competition is to be played:

- Name of Host Club
- Address of Host Club
- Name of Competition
- Date of Competition
- Competition Format (with Reference to the NSWPL Competition Regulations and Section)
- Time
 - Check-in Start and Finish
 - Competition Start and Finish
- Prize structure, i.e. Set amount or percentage, places that win prizes
- Means of registration (i.e. contact details or MyPetanque)
- Entry Fee
- Umpire
- Jury
- Breakfast and/or lunch being served?
- Whether BYO alcohol is accepted or not

Appendix B. Prize Money

B.1. Swiss System

Table 7 - NSWPL Comps - Proposed Cash Prizes (Swiss System)

Est. Entries - 45 @ \$15		675	675	675	675	675	3,375
Available Prize Money @80%		540	540	540	540	540	2,700

Category		Singles - M/W	Mixed Doubles	Doubles	Mixed Triples	Triples	Total	
Men	1st	70	140	140	210	210	770	
	2nd	50	100	100	150	150	550	
	3rd	40	60	60	60	60	280	
	4th	30	50	50	45	45	220	
	5th	30	40	40	30	30	170	
	7th	20	40	40	30	30	160	
	9th	20	30	30	15 (*30)	15 (*30)	110 (160)	
	11th	15 (*20)	30	30	15	15	75	
	13th	15	20 (*30)	20 (*30)	15	15	55	
	Note: *This amount will be awarded in when the number of teams exceeds 18. It has not been included in the 'Total'.	15th	10 (*15) +18=10	(*20) +18=10	(*20) +18=10	*15	*15	10 (*10)
Total		300	530	530	570	570	2500	
Women	1st	70					70	
	2nd	50					50	
	3rd	40					40	
	4th	30					30	
	5th	30					30	
	7th	20					20	
	9th	20					20	
	11th	15 (*10)					15	
			275					275
	Total		575	530	530	570	570	2,775

B.2. Knockout

Table 8 - NSWPL Comps - Proposed Cash Prizes (Knock-out)

Est. Entries - 45 @ \$15		675	675	675	675	675	3,375
Available Prize Money @ 80%		540	540	540	540	540	2,700

Category		Singles - M/W	Mixed Doubles	Doubles (M/F)	Mixed Triples	Triples	Total
Men	1st	70	140	140	210	210	
	2nd	50	100	100	150	150	
	SF	30 (60)	20 (80)	20 (80)	20 (120)	20 (120)	
	QF	15 (60)	10 (80)		5 (60)	5 (60)	
B Division	1st	10	20	20	30	30	
	2nd	5	10	10	15	15	
C Division (only if at least 2)	1st	5	10	10	15	15	
Total		280	440	360	600	600	2280
Women	1st	70		140			
	2nd	50		100			
	SF	30 (60)		20 (80)			
	B Division (only if at least 4)	1st	10		20		
	2nd	5		10			
Total		195		350			545
Overall Total		475	440	710	600	600	2825



Appendix C. NSWPL Championship Summary Form (Example)

This form must be completed by the Competition Organiser of the Host Club and sent to the following within 3 business days of the competition:

NSWPL President – grantthreadgate@hotmail.com.au

NSWPL Secretary - nswplsecretary@yahoo.com

NSWPL Treasurer – neil@kelbiz.com.au

Competition Name	
Competition Date	
Host Club	
Venue	
Competition Organiser	

Name (Umpire 1)		Playing or Non-playing	
			Fee \$
Name (Umpire 2)			
			Fee \$

Subscriptions

Money to be deposited within 3 business days into the NSWPL Account

Number of Adult Entries @ \$15		Amount	\$
Number of Under 18 Entries @ \$7.50		Amount	\$
Total Amount			\$
Minus Total Prize Money (See next page)			\$
Minus Umpire Fee (if applicable)			\$
Amount to be Banked in NSWPL Account			\$
Deposit Notation: 'Form DD-MMM', i.e. Mixd 2 24-Feb Account Name: NSW Petanque League Bank: Westpac Branch: Bateau Bay Account No: 152315 BSB: 032 629			



Teams and Prizes

For conditions relating to the number of teams in the event and the prizes awarded, refer to the prize breakdown is available in the NSWPL Competition Regulations 2019. **Note:** The 'Prize' column = Team Total

Swiss System (if used)

Men or All	Team Member Names	Prize (\$)	Women	Team Member Names	Prize (\$)
1 st			1 st		
2 nd			2 nd		
3 rd			3 rd		
5 th			5 th		
7 th			7 th		
9 th			9 th		
11 th			11 th		
13 th			13 th		
15 th			15 th		
17 th			17 th		
19 th			19 th		
21 st			21 st		
23 rd			23 rd		
25 th			25 th		
27 th			27 th		
	Amount		Amount		
Total Amount					

Knockout System (if used)

Men or All		Team Member Names	Amount	Women's		Team Member Names	Amount
1 st				1 st			
2 nd				2 nd			
S/f (2 teams)				S/f (2 teams)			
Q/f (4 teams)				Q/f (4 teams)			
Q/f (4 teams)				Q/f (4 teams)			
Q/f (4 teams)				Q/f (4 teams)			
Q/f (4 teams)				Q/f (4 teams)			
Q/f (4 teams)				Q/f (4 teams)			
B Division	1 st			B Division	1 st		
	2 nd				2 nd		
C Division	1 st			C Division	1 st		
	2 nd				2 nd		
D Division	1 st			C Division	1 st		
	2 nd				2 nd		
Amount				Amount			
Total Amount							



Appendix D. NSWPL Ranked Club Competition Results Form (Example)

Ranked Club Competition Summary

This form must be completed by the Competition Organiser of the Host Club and sent to the following within 5 business days of the competition:

NSWPL President – grantthreadgate@hotmail.com.au

NSWPL Secretary - nswplsecretary@yahoo.com

NSWPL Treasurer – neil@kelbiz.com.au

Competition Name	
Competition Date	
Host Club	
Venue	
Competition Organiser	

Name (Umpire 1)		Playing or Non-playing	
Name (Umpire 2)			

Teams and Places

Swiss System (if used)

Men or All	Team Member Names	Women	Team Member Names
1 st		1 st	
2 nd		2 nd	
3 rd		3 rd	
5 th		5 th	
7 th		7 th	
9 th		9 th	
11 th		11 th	
13 th		13 th	
15 th		15 th	
17 th		17 th	
19 th		19 th	
21 st		21 st	
23 rd		23 rd	
25 th		25 th	
27 th		27 th	

Add as applicable

Knockout System (if used)

Men or All		Team Member Names	Women's	Team Member Names	
1 st			1 st		
2 nd			2 nd		
S/f (2 teams)			S/f (2 teams)		
Q/f (4 teams)			Q/f (4 teams)		
B Division	1 st		B Division	1 st	
	2 nd			2 nd	
C Division	1 st		C Division	1 st	
	2 nd			2 nd	
D Division	1 st		C Division	1 st	
	2 nd			2 nd	

Add as applicable