



KPA Representative Qualifier Rules

2010 Season

1. All players must hold a current EPA membership card issued by the Kent Pétanque Association and show it at their first competition. Any team member failing to produce a valid membership card when required will be levied a fine of £5.00.
2. The top eight teams, based on their accumulated total of points, will automatically qualify for the Association squad. Teams finishing in ninth to twelfth place will automatically qualify for the challenge trophy. If there is an EPA Select Squad then teams finishing in thirteenth to sixteenth places will be selected to play in it. The Association's Playing Committee will decide the playing order of the squads. Junior teams will be chosen by selection from players who have competed throughout the Qualifying Series. They will be selected by the Playing Committee, after consulting the persons involved with running the Kent Youth Academy. The top 16 teams are also eligible to play for the KPA in their Annual match against Nord Maritime.
3. Teams of three or four may enter and participate in triples events with the players alternating only between games or once only between the ends of a game having first notified the umpire or organiser. One substitute only is allowed per team during the qualifying series.
4. The team's best four results from the five qualifiers will count towards their overall total.
5. Teams with one or more players from a team of three, or two or more players from a team of four, who are unable to take part in four Association Qualifiers by the reason of conflicting commitments arising from their membership of the national squad, or from them representing the Association elsewhere, may apply to be awarded the average number of points gained over the other Qualifiers for the missing Regional Qualifier on payment of the requisite entry fee.
6. Registration will be open by 8:45 a.m. and will close promptly at 9.15 a.m. Only teams who have properly registered by close of registration will be permitted to play

Three players from a team of four must attend registration. A fourth member must be registered and paid for during registration and must report to the Organiser on arrival and may then participate from the commencement of the team's next game.
7. The draw will take place in the presence of the umpire or any member of the playing committee immediately after the close of registration. Play will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the draw is announced.
8. Entry fee is £8.00 per adult player. Junior players will not be charged for entry. An additional £10.00 will be charged at registration per team. Teams wearing matching tops all day will have the £10.00 refunded. Holders of national titles can wear the official title winners' top of the previous year in place of the team strip.
9. The format of play will be the "Swiss System" with sufficient rounds (probably 5) to reach the point where just one team has won all their games. If there are an odd number of teams then a bye will be entered into the draw. A team drawn against the bye will be allocated a 13-7 win. After the first Qualifier the top 8 teams will be seeded in the draw so that they will not play another team in the top 8 in the first round of the subsequent Qualifiers. Seeding will be based on cumulative points scored. Play will be on designated terrains. The organiser will assign lanes for the 1st round, thereafter the lane, within the designated area, will be at the choice of the team winning the toss. Start times will be at the time designated by the organiser.

10. After playing for one team in the series, individuals cannot play for another team. However, members of teams that have disbanded during the series, could join existing teams as a fourth member or form completely new teams to take part in the remainder of the series, but only on condition that the original team consented to the arrangement and agreed to forfeit any points it had accumulated.
11. Any reserve for the Inter-Regional Championship should have played in at least one qualifier for any team, and must be sanctioned by the playing committee.
12. Any matters not covered by these rules will be played according to EPA Competition Rules. Any disputes arising at a Qualifier will be dealt with by the playing committee or a Jury convened for that purpose. The decision of the Jury will be final.
13. All players that take part in at least one Qualifier but do not make selection for the Association squad, as defined in article 2, will be eligible to take part in the Chairman's Cup competition.
14. Guests, who are not part of the KPA squad, who stay in accommodation provided by the Association at the Inter-Regional Championship must pay £35.00
15. Points will be awarded according to the position achieved (32 points for 1st down to 1 point for 32nd) plus a 2 point bonus for each game won.

For a perfect entry of 32 teams it would be as follows...

5 wins		4 wins		3 wins		2 wins		1 win		0 wins	
1 st	42 points	2 nd	39 points	7 th	32 points	17 th	20 points	27 th	8 points	32 nd	1 point
		3 rd	38 points	8 th	31 points	18 th	19 points	28 th	7 points		
		4 th	37 points	9 th	30 points	19 th	18 points	29 th	6 points		
		5 th	36 points	10 th	29 points	20 th	17 points	30 th	5 points		
		6 th	35 points	11 th	28 points	21 st	16 points	31 st	4 points		
				12 th	27 points	22 nd	15 points				
				13 th	26 points	23 rd	14 points				
				14 th	25 points	24 th	13 points				
				15 th	24 points	25 th	12 points				
				16 th	23 points	26 th	11 points				

Regional Qualifier Dates & Provisional Venues

1 st County Qualifier	Sunday 18 th April	Lordswood S&SC
2 nd County Qualifier	Sunday 2 nd May	Hartley CC
3 rd County Qualifier	Sunday 16 th May	Tovil WMC
4 th County Qualifier	Sunday 13 th June	The George, Meopham
5 th County Qualifier	Sunday 11 th July	Star Meadow SC

Representative Competitions

Nord Maritime	Saturday 14 th August	Lordswood S&SC
Inter Regional Championship	Weekend 18 th 19 th September	Brean Sands, Weston Super Mare