

FPUSA 2017 Board of Directors

May 2017 Agenda

Approval of April 2017 minutes

Please review the attached PDF [FPUSA_Minutes_Apr2017.pdf]

Business

Item 1– Club Assistance Program

Note: please review the attached PDF [2015_FPUSACAP.pdf], which is the most recent board action on this program.

Item 2–Approval of FPUSA Umpire Roster

Note: per the NSD, the list and supporting documentation are being finalized, and will be ready by the time this item is brought forth by the Chair.

Item 3–Finance/Accounting: Promotional Fund, Travel Stipend

- history and current status of the \$50K grant
- tracking and accounting of travel stipends

FPUSA Tournament Regulations

Regulations, Formats and Prizes for FPUSA Tournaments

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1. Eligibility

All players must meet the eligibility requirements for each competition.

Licensing requirements for Regionals:

- Regionals are open to all members who are licensed with the FPUSA or with a federation affiliated with the FIPJP, as long as they are an Associate Member of an FPUSA club. There is a limit of one such foreign license-holder per team.
- New members are eligible as long as they join a club, as a licensed member, by the registration deadline of the tournament.
- Renewing members must be licensed for at least 30 days before the date of the tournament. For tournaments held less than 30 days after the FPUSA renewal deadline (Jan. 31), all members who renewed before the deadline are eligible.
- "Independent" members are eligible for all regional title tournaments.

Nationals and National Qualifiers are open to all FPUSA license holders meeting the following requirements:

- New members must be licensed at least 30 days before the date of the tournament.
- Renewing members must be licensed for at least 30 days before the date of the tournament. For tournaments held less than 30 days after the FPUSA renewal deadline (Jan. 31), all members who renewed before the deadline are eligible.

Note: Foreign license holders may not play in regional or national qualifiers and in certain instances may not be allowed to play in singles. These exceptions and allowances must be made clear on the tournament registration form. If foreign license holder exceptions are made by the FIPJP their eligibility criteria shall be adopted by the FPUSA for the designated regional and or national qualifiers.

The Secretary shall generate an eligibility list and email it to the host club prior to the tournament. For those who do not have their licenses with them, their names should be checked against the list by the tournament director.

Note: The only eligible names that would not appear on a regional eligibility list might be any last-minute new members. At the discretion of the organizer, these players might be asked for some sort of verification that a license is forthcoming. (e.g. a copy of a club application form or check or confirmation with their club president).

2. Registration

Pre-registration is required for all FPUSA title tournaments. Entry forms and payment must be received in advance. Late registration is at the discretion of the tournament director. Exceptions for foreign license holders must be made clear on the entry form, if applicable.

3. Team Verification

Verification is required. All Team Captains must report to the Control Table during the reporting period as stated on the Entry Form.

4. Draw

Draw for position in the tournament is required. All team captains should be present for the draw. Draws may take place the day before a tournament. In cases when a team captain is not present, an umpire or designated official may stand in. If a random pairing format is used for qualification games a draw is required, but if using Challonge the software does the draw.

5. Check-in and Official Start Times

Official check-in and start times are required as printed on the entry form. Check-in time shall be no less than 30 minutes before the Official Start Time. Posting or announcement of the first round game pairings should be done after all the announcements have been made.

6. Announcements

Required morning announcements are:

- Location of the first aid kit,
- Number of qualifying games,
- If the games are timed,
- Number of prizes in both the Concours and Consolante,
- Bye conditions (see #7 below),
- Assignment of terrain,
- Lunch break or number of games to be completed before lunch,
- Designated and additional umpires.
- Names of the jury
- A short explanation of the court parameters by an Umpire is required before the official start of the Tournament.

Required announcements before the Concours and Consolante playoff:

- Explanation of format
- Court assignments
- Any time restrictions

No Smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes or vaping during games on or off the courts. No drinking of alcohol during games on or off the courts. Mobile phones must be silent during play and absolutely no phone conversation are allowed during games on or off the courts. No Open toed shoes, if there is a medical reason then some form of protection for the feet is still required. Designated Head umpire and additional umpires. The names of the jury. Tournaments will be run in accordance to the FIPJP rules adopted by the FPUSA.

7a. Qualifying Games: Number of Games, Byes, Points and Formats

Teams play three games in a one day tournament and five games in a two day tournament. Qualifying games are timed and shall adhere to the times listed below.

In the event of an odd number of teams, the bye games shall be recorded as a “Win” with a score of 13-7.

Games are to 13 points. There are no tied games in petanque.

The formats listed below are allowed for 3 & 5 game qualifiers. If you are not familiar with some of these formats we recommend running a simulation tournament before using live.

Swiss System - The most popular program for running a Swiss System tournament is Challenge (challenge.com.). It is widely used for a variety of sports and games and has been used successfully for petanque. It is a reliable, and recommended method, for obtaining the best results in qualifying rounds. Challenge requires a computer and Internet connection. Challenge does the first round pairing for you, but if the pairings are unevenly weighted you have the option to reshuffle the first round. The Swiss System shall be the only format used in National World Championship Qualifier preliminary rounds. Note: The Swiss System is the format used in the World Championships.

GaneshaFX - A spreadsheet to help you accurately track scores, wins, point differentials and all the necessary minutiae to get to the next phase of a tournament. Note the additional tabs with instructions, suggestions and formatted printable score sheets. This format requires a computer.

Old Reliable – It is what you're most familiar with and have been using for years. In the past this has often been referred to as the Swiss Hotel System, but should not be confused with the Swiss System. Available upon request.

7b. Timed games

Note: This section does not supersede Articles 36 and 37 of the official rules.

All qualifying games are timed. Playoff games should be timed if the tournament director determines that there is insufficient time to complete the tournament.

When timing games, all games must start simultaneously. No early starts.

Regulation times are as follows:

- Singles – 45 minutes, plus one (1) end.
- Doubles – 60 minutes, plus one (1) end.
- Triples – 75 minutes, plus one (1) end.

There are no tied games. If a game results in a tie after time has ended play continues until a winner is determined.

The Tournament Director has the option of reducing the one-minute rule to 45 or 30 seconds at any point in the tournament, including games in progress.

When daylight is limited, and there are no illuminated courts, the tournament director has the discretion to reduce the regulation times, and/or reduce the one-minute rule, in order to complete all rounds of play in acceptable lighting conditions. The Sport Committee recommends that these options be used as a last resort. Tournament directors are further encouraged to consider earlier start times in order that and every attempt be made to accommodate the internationally recognized time limits. Planned exceptions must be noted on the registration form.

8. Seeding: Concours and Consolante

Rank the teams advancing to the playoffs according to the results in the qualification games. Top ranked teams qualify for the Concours and lower ranked teams for the Consolante.

- Number of games won. Higher number ranked over lower number.
- In case of a two-way tie where the tied teams have played each other, the winner of the qualifying game is ranked above.
- If the preceding cases does not apply in case of a two-way tie, or in cases involving a tie of three or more teams, rank teams according to their Point Differential by Subtraction, that is subtract each team's total "points against" from its total "points for." Higher number ranked over lower number.
- If there is a tie in the Point Differential by Subtraction, use the teams' Point Quotients, that is, divide "points for" by "points against" and rank the team with the higher number above the others.

Note: If a tie is not resolved by Items A-D, a coin toss between two teams, or a draw of straws among three or more teams, may be used as a last resort.

9. Playoff Games: Number of Games, Points, Terrain Assignment

For 1 day tournaments single elimination. For 2 day tournaments a morning seeded barrage to determine the final 8 teams, then single elimination. All games to 13 points. Playoff terrains should be announced prior to start of the playoff rounds. Each terrain should not be used more than once by a team during the playoff, whenever possible. At a minimum, the terrain for the final match should be designated in advance and not be used for any other playoff games. Semifinals may use one or two lanes; the Final up to three lanes. When multiple terrains are used, all edges, as described by string are dead-boule lines. The Tournament Director may impose time limits on playoff games, but only if it is necessary to complete the tournament on time.

The first option should always be to reduce the one-minute rule to 45 or 30 seconds. If this is not adequate, time limits can be imposed per the guidelines noted in #7b above.

10. Final Games

The two winning teams of the Semifinals will play for First and Second Place. The two losing teams of the Semifinals may play for Third and Fourth Place. The winning team shall be declared Champions of the Tournament. Prizes are awarded according to FPUSA purse guidelines.

For Qualifiers, both National and Regional, the match for 3rd and 4th place is not played and both teams receive bronze medals. Third and fourth place, as a matter of record, shall be determined by a coin toss. Note: Playoff brackets are single elimination and requiring a playoff for third and fourth place or for other places farther down a bracket is in effect double elimination.

If the Head Umpire, in consultation with the Tournament Director, judges the Final match and/or the Third place match must be called due to darkness, weather, or other factors, the result of the match will be the score at the time that play was halted.

11. Consolante

For one-day tournaments, teams who did not qualify for the Concours Playoff will enter the Consolante. The playoff format for the Consolante shall be same as the Concours. Participation in a Consolante is not mandatory, see Rules of Forfeiture, #8 below.

The tournament director, if limiting the Concours to 8 teams, may also use a three-game, random draw format for the Consolante. Winners will be determined by the method prescribed in Item #8 above.

For two-day tournaments, if on the second day the Consolante is not a separate tournament it may be played as either another 1 day tournament with 3 qualifying games, round robin if the number of games does not exceed 6 or as a single elimination if the number of teams is not sufficient for other formats. Seeded pool play (barrage) is also acceptable. Participation in a Consolante is not mandatory, see Rules of Forfeiture, #8 below.

12. Game Score Recording & Results

Both Team Captains shall report their scores to the control table immediately after each game (including playoff games). At the conclusion of each round where the won-lost record, point differential or combination thereof determines the subsequent rounds pairing, the tournament director shall post results in a format that is readable and accessible to all participants.

The National Sport Director or a Sport Committee member shall be notified of the results within one (1) week. All results shall be posted on the FPUSA website.

13. Forfeit Rules

Please refer to FPUSA Rules of Forfeiture below.

14. Inclement Weather

If in the course of a 1 day tournament weather conditions become hazardous to players, make the terrain unplayable or otherwise make the conditions for conducting a timely tournament impossible, any postponement, cancellation or other alteration shall be decided by the appointed jury and umpire(s) on hand for the tournament.

If in the course of a 2 day tournament the conditions stated above make completing the first day of play impossible, a minimum of 3 qualifying games shall be required to move forward to the championship round. If 2 games are completed on the first day then only 1 qualifying game carries over to the 2nd day to complete the 3 game qualifier. If only a single game is completed or play is interrupted and unable to continue on the first day then a 3 game qualifier followed by playoffs shall be the format for the second day. In any event any postponement, cancellation or other alteration shall be decided by the appointed jury and umpire(s) on hand for the tournament.

15a. Entry Fees – all fees are per player. Lunch not included

The host club may take \$5, maximum, from each player's entry fee to partially cover non-lunch expenses. If lunch is provided the host club may charge for it as a separate line item included in the entry fee.

These are minimums:

- National Qualifiers: \$60
- Nationals: \$45
- Regionals: Singles \$30, Doubles \$25, Triples \$20

15b. Purse breakdown, prize structure and medals

The purse breakdown and prize structure outlined below is recommended for all FPUSA Title Tournaments. As a rule 65% - 70% is allocated to the Concours with the remainder to the Consolante. If the host club wishes to increase the number of places and amounts paid out please keep these percentages in mind when allocating funds. Monetary prizes are not awarded in national qualifying tournaments.

Number of Prizes:

A bracket is either a Concours or Consolante. Please see the breakdown below for the number of teams per bracket based on total teams entered.

- 4-7 teams in a bracket, 2 prizes are awarded per bracket.
- 8-16 teams in a bracket, 4 prizes Concours, 2 prizes Consolante.
- 16 teams or more per bracket, 4 prizes are awarded per bracket.

Prize Percentages:

- 2 prizes in both Concours and Consolante:
 - Concours 40%, 25% Consolante 20%, 15%
- 4 prizes in Concours and 2 Consolante:
 - Concours 25%, 20%, 12.5%, 12.5% Consolante 15%, 10%
- 4 prizes in both Concours and Consolante:
 - Concours 25%, 20%, 12.5%, 12.5% Consolante 12%, 8%, 5%, 5%

Example: Total prize money \$425

Concours 1st \$106.25, 2nd \$85, 3rd & 4th \$53.12

Consolante 1st \$51, 2nd \$34, 3rd & 4th \$21.25

For brackets paying 4 places, and when host clubs decide to increase the number of places paid, it is recommended that 3rd and 4th place be combined with equal percentages paid to each place. With increase places being paid, 5th – 8th place would receive equal amounts as well as 9th-16th. This method eliminates

playoffs for these places and increases, hopefully, the number of spectators for the finals. Remember playoff brackets are single elimination.

Medals will be supplied by the federation at no cost to the host club.

16. Paid non-playing umpires

Use of non-playing umpires is advised whenever possible, subject to current regulations.

17. Non-playing tournament directors.

Non-playing tournament directors shall be used for all FPUSA National and National Qualifier tournaments. Regional tournaments with more than 16 teams are also required to have a non-playing tournament director. Tournament directors are required to be available 1 week in advance of a tournament so regulations, registration and format issues can be coordinated with the host club and umpire.

18. Safety

A basic first aid kit and a written protocol for calling 911 is required at all FPUSA events. A written protocol contains detailed directions to the tournament location.

19. Other Regulations

- Approved prefabricated circles shall be used in all FPUSA title tournaments and provided by the organizers. Drawing circles is not permitted. Each circle must have an internal diameter of 50 centimeters. Folding circles are acceptable as approved by the FIPJP. All circles MUST be marked before the toss of the jack. There is only one toss of the jack.
- Competition-grade boules are required. Clubs should have extra boules on hand for loaning to new players.
- Appropriate attire, as determined by the tournament staff and in accordance with local ordinances, is required of all players. Team colors may be required, at the discretion of the host club and with the concurrence of the FPUSA Sport Director, but only if announced on the registration form.
- Only team captains may call for measurement by an umpire, but only after both teams have measured. If an umpire is requested for measurement of 4mm or greater, repeatedly or by the same team more than once during a tournament, a warning should be considered.
- The Tournament Director may, for any game in progress and if an umpire is available, assign an umpire to a game to expedite play. It is recommended that an umpire is present for all semi-finals and finals.
- Article 5 of the rules states: **When the terrains of play are enclosed by barriers, these must be a minimum distance of 1m from the exterior line of the playing area.** Note: high barriers such as fences that enclose playing areas and low barriers such as boards that separate playing lanes are different barriers. If the playing area (terrains of play) are enclosed by a fence then there must be 1m between the fence and the terrain. If boards separate playing areas then a minimum of 50cm must separate the dead boule line from the board.
- Any obstacle on a terrain where the obstacle is enclosed by a string line shall not increase or decrease the size of the approved width or length of a court. All string lines shall be no less than 50cm and no greater than 1m from the obstacle. All string lines shall be no greater than 1/8" and may not impede a boule or jack from going out of bounds. Circles must be placed in accordance with the rules. If an obstacle is not enclosed by a string line then it is considered live. Jack placement is per the rules contained in Articles 6 & 7.

Rules Governing Forfeited Games in All FPUSA Title Competitions

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FPUSA Board of Directors, March 2009 — Updated March, 2017

Barring medical or personal emergencies, all registered participants are required to play and complete all games in FPUSA Title Tournaments. Failure to meet this commitment may result in sanctions.

In case of forfeit, the following rules apply:

1. Article 33 of the official rules applies to teams who arrive late. Teams arriving less than one hour late, but who have forfeited their first game, may remain in the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
2. For any game that is not played due to forfeit, at any stage of the competition, the record shall show: “W(F), 13-7,”— that is, “Win by Forfeit, 13-7” for the team who is ready and able to play.
3. For any game that is started, but not completed due to forfeit:
 - a. if the forfeiting team is ahead in the score, or if the score is tied, “W(F), 13-7” is recorded for the team who remains on the terrain and is able to play.
 - b. if the forfeiting team is behind in the score, “W(F), 13-7 is recorded for the team who remains on the terrain and is willing to play.
4. “L(F), 0-13” is recorded as the result for any team that forfeits, no matter how the forfeit occurs.
5. All teams who forfeit are automatically removed from the competition, except as described in item 1 above. All scores prior to the forfeit shall stand as previously recorded.
6. All forfeiting players must be reported to FPUSA within 1 week after the competition.
7. The initiation of any disciplinary action must be conducted in accordance with the FPUSA Bylaws, unless the player(s) had a valid medical or personal emergency and/or were excused by the Tournament Director.
8. In the case of a team that drops out before its placement into a Consolante, there are no penalties recommended, provided the team has informed the tournament director. Once the Consolante has begun, all the teams are subject to rules 1-7 above.

Paid (non-playing) Umpire Regulations and Guidelines

Revisions as Approved by FPUSA Board of Directors, July 2014 – Updated March 2017

1. This is a voluntary program, available to all regional and national umpires.
2. Maximum of one paid (non-playing) umpire at any single event.
3. FPUSA pays the umpires. Not the host club.
No money from the purse is deducted to cover the expense.
4. Total Budget for each season: not to exceed \$2,000.
5. Per diem stipends per tournament and/or per day:
 - Regionals and Nationals
\$75 - 6 rounds or less
\$100 - 7 rounds or more
 - Qualifiers and 2 Day Nationals
\$200 – 2 day WCQ or other 2 day National tournaments
6. No travel stipends unless approved by the Board of Directors.
7. Appointment system
 - Umpires contact the Sport Director with the event(s) that they are interested in. Or, club officials may contact the Sport Director or Sport Committee representative with a request.
 - Qualified umpires from the host club have priority. Qualified umpires from the host region have priority over other regions.

- Assignments are at the discretion of the Sport Director.
- Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance by the umpire - to both the Sport Director and to the host club.
- Assignments are made until the budget is exhausted.

8. Duties/Responsibilities of the Paid Umpire

In addition to what is listed in the FPUSA Umpire Regulations, a paid umpire must:

- report to the Tournament Director before the competition and assist in the draw if necessary.
- be available at all times during the competition and not leave the event until the final match is completed.
- not play pick up games or practice while there are tournament games in progress.
- consume no alcohol at any time on the day of the tournament until the final match is completed.
- not smoke on the terrain or while stationed alongside the terrain.

Concours/Consolante Breakdown. During months with short days, tournament directors may limit the Concours to 8 teams, regardless of the number of teams entered; thereby limiting the Concours playoff to three games.

# of Teams	Concours	Consolante	# of Teams	Concours	Consolante
10	6	4	30	16	14
11	6	5	31	16	15
12	8	4	32	18	14
13	8	5	33	18	15
14	8	6	34	18	16
15	8	7	35	18	17
16	10	6	36	20	16
17	10	7	37	20	17
18	10	8	38	20	18
19	10	9	39	20	19
20	12	8	40	22	18
21	12	9	41	22	19
22	12	10	42	22	20
23	12	11	43	22	21
24	14	10	44	26	18
25	14	11	45	26	19
26	14	12	46	26	20
27	14	13	47	26	21
28	16	12	48	28	20
29	16	13			

