

# **PÉTANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA LTD**

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**WE ARE OCCASIONALLY ASKED THE QUESTION**

**WHY SHOULD I HOLD A LICENSE?**

**HERE ARE A FEW GOOD REASONS**

## **PFA licenses**

- PFA Licence allows you to take part in any open competition organised by any PFA affiliated club.
- PFA Licence allows you to participate in all your Club and State Championships, it also allows you to take part in PFA National championships.
- PFA Licence allows you to play at any of the almost 50 affiliated petanque clubs in Australia. It also allows you to play, overseas, at clubs in any of the more than 60 countries affiliated with FIPJP.
- PFA Licence allows you the opportunity to represent Australia in competitions such as the Trans-Tasman series and in FIPJP events like the Oceania and Asian Championships, it will even allow you to represent Australia in a world Championship
- PFA Licence gives you access to travel booking assistance and some discounts on airfare purchases through our association with STA – see STA offer at [www.petanquefederationaustralia.com](http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com)
- PFA Licence provides an automatic insurance for licence holders whilst playing or practicing as per our FIPJP membership obligation
- PFA club membership and a licence provide a comprehensive cover and protection for Club Officials, committee members and players – See our Insurance on PFA website

## **Your PFA license fee contributes to keep our sport growing and developing**

### **Where does our money go?**

- 1 - Although we have now achieved recognition of Petanque as Sport throughout Australia, with all the associated benefits to players, clubs and leagues. We still need legal assistance from time to time to ensure we meet all the governance requirements of the ASC. Go to ASC website and see all grants available in your state-
- 2 - Coaches and Umpires workshop/training courses
- 3 - Visit of overseas coach to train our coaches and youngsters
- 4 - Trophies, medallions and Cash prizes for all our national tournaments
- 5 - Development of a Membership registration on line using our website, this new process will be available in coming weeks as announced by Joe Corcoran
- 6 - Webmaster to keep Website reviewed, updated and constantly improved.
- 7 - Development of a youth squad as seen in last year ISC in Victoria
- 8 - Uniform subsidies \$75 to all players representing Australia overseas
- 9 - Financial assistance to our national coaches travelling overseas at their own expenses to assist all our teams in the different championships
- 10 – Financial assistance to a national umpire to sit exam of International Umpire
  - a. PFA now has 2 international umpires the only 2 in the Oceania confederation who are well respected and regularly called on to umpire at major international competitions.
- 11 - Financial assistance to Board members to represent PFA at FIPJP congress or International events as required
- 12 – Part time bookkeeper and webmaster to assist PFA Board
- 13 – Our insurance policy

Some of you will wonder why this document, simply because around the country some clubs are not contributing as they should, defrauding PFA and its members of needed income and impairing the development, growth of our National Federation to the detriment of our licensed members.

Clubs not licensing all their members and organising open competitions/tournaments with other clubs in a similar situation for their licensed and non licensed members are in breach of their PFA membership and the PFA rules and regulations and are putting at risk their members and committee member's interest.

PFA Board estimation of around 300 to 350 non licensed players participating in Petanque activities costing PFA and its members around \$9000 in lost revenue. This situation has been occurring for the last few years.

We understand that you as members want the PFA Board to address the issue. The PFA Board has a duty to its members (clubs) to insure that all clubs comply with their obligations and as a board member I will be asking the PFA Board to take all appropriate action to protect its membership.

We are aware that some people have an aversion to pay \$30 to PFA for their yearly license fee; we have shown above how the \$30 fee is used year in year out. The PFA Board call upon the civility, honesty of the clubs concerned and ask them to license all their members so to help us to keep the game moving forward.

In conclusion we invite you to read the FIPJP constitution and PFA membership obligation stating clearly why we need to license players.

FIPJP constitution – [www.fipjp.com](http://www.fipjp.com)

## LICENCES – INSURANCE ENGLISH VERSION

**Article 52** Any licence established by a Federation must be recognised as valid by all the other Federations who are members of the F.I.P.J.P. and by all the associations which form the F.I.P.J.P.

National, regional and departmental championships are only open to licensed players of the Federations concerned, unless special clauses concerning foreign players have been inserted in the statutes or the Internal Regulations.

**Article 53** No player can hold more than one licence.

**Article 54** Workers living near national frontiers, players of school age and holders of dual nationality should consult Article 9 of the Internal Regulations.

**Article 55** All licensed players should obligatorily be insured by their own Federation. *The Federation should undertake this civil responsibility by means of a policy against accidents to third parties in official games, friendly games or practice, otherwise it will be liable for damage caused to another by the playing of the game.*

On behalf of the PFA Board

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