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1. Possible penalties

Possible penalties

- 1 Warning
- 2 Sporting penalty
- 3 Final warning
- 4 Financial penalties
- 5 Withdrawal of license
- 6 Life ban

2. Persons or Committee who can Award a Penalty

a. Umpires

- 1 Cancellation of boule played or to be played.
- 2 Temporary exclusion from a competition (one game or more)
- 3 Exclusion from a competition
- 4 Withdrawal of license followed by a report within 48 hrs to the relevant Hearings Tribunal.

b. Jury of a tournament


- 1 Warning
- 2 Immediate withdrawal of license
- 3 30 days maximum of withdrawal as long as the State League President (or a member of the State Hearings Tribunal) is advised within 3 days following the incident. Once he has approved the penalty, he needs to advise the party within 5 days following the incident, informing the party that it can appeal to the appropriate Appeals Tribunal.

c. Hearings Tribunal

The Hearings Tribunal acts on the reports from the umpires, committee members, or tournament organizer, received in the 5 days following the incident, or on the basis of the decision made by the Tournament Jury, received in the 3 days following the incident.

d. Special cases

- 1 Penalties taken immediately by the Jury and approved by the State League President
 - a Automatically gives the right to appeal by the party concerned to the State League Appeal Committee. The committee will have to give a decision within 3 months following the incident.

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- b The Appeal will have to be addressed, by prepaid mail to the State League President of the Hearings Tribunal, within 5 days following reception of the notice.
- 2 In the case of penalties given by the Jury of the Australian Championship, the appeal will have to be addressed to National Hearings Tribunal.

3. Prohibited products

Pétanque Australia sanctioned tournaments will be subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in PA-Pol: 2.11.0.0 Anti-Doping Policy.

4. Absence from Disciplinary or Appeals Tribunal Meetings

All committee members chosen or elected must assist at the meetings called by the President of the committee.


- 1 After 3 consecutives absences non-justified or for a reason not acceptable by the committee, the member will be excluded from the committee.
- 2 The member will be advised by prepaid mail in the 10 days following the 3rd absence, by the President or Secretary of the committee.
- 3 A board member sitting on a committee cannot be excluded without the agreement of P.A. Board.

5. Offences Bringing Penalties

a. As A Licensed Player

- 1 Category 1:
 - a Failure to comply with of the rules of the game
A warning.
 - b Second incident of failure to comply with the Rules of the Game
Temporary or Permanent exclusion from the competition.
- 2 Category 2:
 - a Game not played correctly in competition, as determined by the Umpire or Tournament Director.
 - b Change of player during a competition.
 - c Playing for money (any way or form) at a competition venue and during the competition.
 - d Failure to comply with the dress code, provocation, disturbance (excluding obscene gestures, verbal threat, pushing, trying to hit someone).
 - e Buying a game during competition.
 - f Writing, publication, or speech in public with the intention of defaming P.A. or to bring the game into disrepute or to defame its committee members.
 - g Abuse or insults towards a player or a spectator.

Withdrawal of license for 3 Months + \$50 fine

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3 Category 3:

- a Holding 2 license or a false license
- b Giving false information to obtain a license
- c Excessive language or unacceptable behaviour towards an umpire or committee member.
- d Verbal threat, aggressive behaviour, obscene gesture, pushing voluntary, trying to hit a player or spectator.

Withdrawal of license for 6 Months + \$100

4 Category 4:

- a Theft (money, clothing, trophy, boules etc)
- b Destruction of official documents (Registration, draw) or material (Control table).
- c Verbal threat, aggressive behaviour, obscene gesture, trying to hit an umpire or official (committee member).
- d Voluntary pushing, spitting at an umpire or a tournament official

Withdrawal of license for 1 Years + \$100 Fine

5 Category 5:

- a Writing, publication or public speech with the intention to defame P.A. or bringing the game into disrepute and defaming committee members, this with the intention of public distribution.
- b Physical attack, without injury, and not needing to stop work against a player or spectator.
- c Lending irregular boules, re-heated boules
- d Stealing money while in charge of a club, league or Federation.
- e Stealing money during the organisation of an Official competition.

Withdrawal of license for 3 Years + \$400 fine


6 Category 6:

- a Physical attack with injuries, leading to inability to attend work for 5 working days or more, (Medical certificate) against an umpire, official or committee member, during or not during the exercise of his/her duties.
- b Usage of irregular boules, re-heated
- c Refuse of accepting a control of boules.

Withdrawal of license for 5 Years + \$500 fine

b. As A Committee Member

- 1 Failure to comply with or to apply P.A. rules and regulations (By-laws)
- 2 False declaration or engaging in a false declaration
- 3 Organisation of a competition without the agreement of the League or P.A.
- 4 Refusal to apply the decisions taken during the AGM.

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- 5 Refusal to apply P.A. board directives.
- 6 Authorisation of “Money games” on the piste during an official competition.
- 7 Trying to induce a player to change club with donations of goods or money.
1st offence: Warning to 6-month suspension as a committee member.
2nd offence: 1-year suspension as committee member.
3rd offence: Life suspension as a committee member.

6. Financial penalties

a. 1st offence:

- 1 The players through their club will pay the fine.
- 2 Financial penalty will have to appear on the notification of sanction with indication of form of payment.
- 3 Fine will have to be paid within 30 days of reception of the notice of sanction. (The non-respect of this close will bring an increase of the sanction equal to the time lapse between the 30 days and the date of payment).
- 4 Fine will be cashed by the league or P.A. in function of which Disciplinary committee has applied the sanction.
- 5 In case of appeal, if the sanction is cancelled in its totality or the category modified, the totality or the difference of the fine will have to be reimbursed within the next 15 days after notification from the Appeal committee.


b. Repeat Offences

Clubs are responsible for the control of their members. To ensure that clubs control their licensed members, in case of repeat violations of the rules and regulations by the same player the club will receive the same sanction.

- 1 The penalty (fine) will be mentioned on the notice of sanction sent to the club.
- 2 The club will have 30 days to pay the fine to the league or P.A. in function of which disciplinary committee has imposed the fine.
- 3 The club has 10 days to appeal following reception of the notice. The Federation Disciplinary committee may hear the appeal.

7. Non-application, non-respect of rules committed by Umpires

- 1 The National Director of Umpires is responsible for the performance of umpires throughout Australia. (See PA-Pol 6.1.0.0 Umpire Policy Part VI 11 & 12)
- 2 The National Director of Umpires may, after consultation with the Petanque Australia Umpires’ Commission and the relevant State Umpire Commission, apply the following sanctions for poor performance of an umpire:
 - a Warning
 - b Non nomination for certain competition (State or National Championships)
 - c Withdrawal of Licence for a period
 - d Down grading

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- e Referral to Petanque Australia Board for expulsion as an umpire
- 3 In the case of misconduct or violations of Petanque Australia Constitution, Policies, Procedures, or Codes of Conduct by an umpire, the National Director of Umpires is to investigate and refer these matters to the National Hearings Tribunal. In these matters, Umpires will be treated as for Licensed Players.

8. Suspended sentence

- 1 Even with the existence of the codification of sanctions, once the offence is committed, the Hearings Tribunal will still have the option to apply “suspended sentences”.
- 2 In this case, they will be able to apply part or totality of the sanction suspended, or adds to the sanction a suspended sentence equal to the maximum at the full sanction.