

# **Wellington Petanque Representative Programme Guidelines**

## **(A discussion Document)**

### **Background:**

#### **The First Match:**

The first match for a Wellington representative team was a match against Hawkes Bay which was played in 2001 in conjunction with the Bayview Summer Doubles. This event was a "one-off".

#### **The Clash:**

The following year Wellington Petanque was invited to participate in a multi-sport event between Wellington and Canterbury. This was called "The Clash". It lasted for four years. Teams were chosen from leading players in the Wellington winter competition.

#### **Haines Cup:**

In 2003 the first representative match for the Haines Cup between Wellington and Hawkes Bay took place. This is traditionally played at the Manawatu club over one day. It was originally played teams of 6 with each region fielding two teams. In later years it became one team of 12 for each region and in the last couple of years it has been whatever number Hawkes Bay could come up with Wellington has matched. All players registered in the WPA are eligible to put their name forward for selection.

#### **Central:**

In 2007 a one-off match between Wellington and Central was held. This was for teams of 12. Central was made up of players from Hawkes Bay and the Bay of Plenty. Wellington players were invited to put their names forward and the team was chosen from the Wellington seeding list.

#### **Chanticleer Cup:**

The Chanticleer Cup was first played for between Wellington and Auckland in 2007 and continues today. All registered Wellington players are eligible for selection except those who have represented New Zealand in an "open" category in the preceding 12 months. Eligible players are selected for the team using the Wellington seeding list. This competition began with open teams of 12 players but in recent years it has been played between 6 players in the open category and 6 in the senior (over 60 category). The host alternates between Auckland and Wellington each year.

## **Tristar:**

The Open Tristar competition was formed after initial discussions between Wellington and Canterbury and an invitation was issued to the Southern region for them to join in.

The first tournament was played in 2008 and the following year a senior category was added as a separate tournament.

Both Tristar tournaments are open to all Wellington registered players with, of course, the senior competition being restricted to players over 60.

This has been a very successful and popular tournament. The host region is able to field two teams. Selection of players has been by ranking on the Wellington seeding list although generally, applications from players when the tournament has been held in the South Island have been low.

The next Tristar senior tournament is due to be hosted in the Wellington region on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately Southern region has reluctantly withdrawn from this senior tournament for this year and a team from Bay of Plenty has been invited to replace them. The Bay of Plenty team is very keen to take up the offer.

## **Future:**

### Representative Programme:

The representative programme should be set by the WPA Tournament sub-committee no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March after negotiation with the other regions involved. The programme will then be placed on the WPA playing calendar.

### Appointment of Coaches and Selectors:

A coach or coaches for the representative teams for the ensuing season should be appointed/confirmed at the WPA AGM. A selection panel should also be appointed at this time and the panel is to consist of 3 people one of which may be the coach. Being a selector does not necessarily prevent that person from being selected in a team. In certain circumstances a coach may be a player coach.

### Timetable for Selection:

When a team is required to be selected for any of the above tournaments the team should be selected no later than one month before the tournament. A team training/practice session/s will be arranged by the coach either working as a complete team or (due to the large geographical area of the Wellington Association) in organised sub region "pods". This may be dependent on the playing calendar and venue availability at the time the team is selected. The coach/selection panel will advertise for prospective players by notifying each club contact by email and also by placing a post on the WPA website. The notification will include the event, the date and venue and any travel cost involved. It will also include a reference or link to the selection criteria.

### Selection Criteria:

Players will primarily be selected on their position on the WPA seeding list at the time of the selection process. However consideration will be taken into account with regard to the applicants preferred position (i.e. pointer, millieur or shooter) and team compatibility/dynamics.

In the future a selection day or weekend should be looked at with players playing matches in several combinations and the games being scored by the selectors and any assistants. These scores, results and position on the seeding list would all be taken into account.

### Venue Selection:

When the Wellington region is due to host a representative fixture application from clubs with suitable sized terrains and facilities will be sought. This will be done by the tournament sub-committee contacting clubs directly through their nominated contact person. A decision on the venue will be made on the basis of facilities available and easy location for any visiting teams.

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