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Tournament Sub-committee report for the Annual General Meeting

Despite the ongoing Covid disruption to daily life, all WPA tournaments were held during the season. Several PNZ tournaments were rescheduled due to Covid lockdowns which meant that the Champion of Champions tournaments were moved slightly to avoid a clash of dates.

Participation numbers for most tournaments were higher than last season, with some entries being the highest for several years. In particular, the Singles entry was the highest since 2007, the Doubles since 2009 and the Senior Doubles since 2012.

The most notable exception to this trend was the Mixed Doubles, which saw a decline in numbers. This may be related to the change in date from March to September.

Wellington Petanque runs 15 events each season:

- Championships for Mixed Doubles, Singles, Doubles, Senior Doubles, Triples and Women's Singles.
- Pointing and Shooting competitions (held in conjunction with the Regional Singles and Doubles)
- Open Triples
- Women's Doubles and Triples
- Inter-club
- Champion of Champions for Singles, Doubles and Triples

With the exception of the Singles and Doubles Championships, all events are held as one day events.

Note: The Jacques Cochonnet matches are basically run by the holder and challenger. The WPA involvement is to stage the draw at the start of each round and review the competition rules.

Covid Pass requirement

From the Open Triples onwards, there was a requirement for participants and officials to have a Covid pass. This requirement will need to be reviewed for the new season.

Tournament Hosts

With Kapiti not hosting any events this season, Horowhenua stepped in to host most of the larger Regional Championships. It is hoped that Kapiti will be available next season.

Tournament Umpires

Non-playing umpires were available for the Women's Singles, Doubles and Triples; Champion of Champions Singles, Doubles and Triples; Inter-club and Senior Doubles.

Nadine Simpson ran two Umpire workshops this season. Three participants passed their club umpire exam.

Tournament Director Workshops

Two workshops were held during the season, one at Naenae and one at Manawatu.

Tournament Host Protocols

The host protocols were reviewed and updated during the season.

Tournaments

As clubs have now received training on how to run and umpire tournaments, it is time for the Tournament Sub-committee to facilitate the tournaments rather than perform a hands-on role. It is envisaged that the host club will provide a tournament director and an umpire. Where clubs do not have the capability then they should contract their neighbouring club(s) to provide that service.

Unregistered players

One member of a Champion of Champions team was not licenced for the 2021-22 season. There is no agreed process to a) stop an unregistered player from taking part; or b) sanctioning a team/club for fielding an unregistered player.

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