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Objectives

This code was compiled in order to address the necessity for a set of guidelines for the application of uniform standards for umpires' behaviour throughout Australia. Any major breach of this code by any umpire may result in disciplinary action being taken.

1. General Conduct

- a. During the course of a competition or tournament in which he/she is officiating, an "official" umpire must visibly wear his/her umpires badge and have all the instruments necessary for the exercise of his/her function.
- b. All instructions and communications to players by an umpire must be in English.
- c. An umpire must not run the control table of a competition or tournament in which he/she is officiating
- d. An umpire must not socialise with a player or team during the course of a game.
- e. An umpire must not talk or comment about a player or team to another player or team (opponent), nor advise a team or player as to the tactics or previous indiscretions of another player or team.
- f. An umpire must not coach or advise a player or team during a game
- g. An umpire must not get involved in arguments with players during a tournament under his/her control.
- h. An umpire must ensure that no incident be permitted to develop, that may bring question on the integrity of the umpire thus leaving him/her without excuse.
- i. An umpire must not profit from the outcome of any game or tournament from any source, inclusive of bets, wagers etc. not receive any payments other than those approved by the organisers as payment for services.
- j. An umpire must show no bias, preference nor favour to any team or player, nor show any discrimination or malice to any team or player for any reason.
- k. An umpire, being the only judge on the piste, must act without hesitation. In difficult situations the umpire can call on the jury, which shall comprise of at least 3 people and at the most 5 people.
- l. An umpire must never criticise publicly any decisions made by another umpire.

m. An umpire must not enter a game to re-measure a point already measured by another umpire, nor re-assess a situation where another umpire has already made a ruling.

n. An umpire, if in any doubt as to a rule, should never be too proud to refer to a copy of the official F.I.P.J.P. rules.

2. Playing Umpires:

Umpires are permitted to participate both as players and as umpires in all Open tournaments excluding all **championships or international events.**

In such cases, the following rules of conduct shall be applicable:

a. An umpire may not assume the role of umpire in a game in which he/she is competing but may be called on to adjudicate in another game in which he/she is not involved.

b. Whilst engaged in a game, an umpire must not wear his/her umpire's badge.

c. An umpire, whilst engaged in a game, must never use his/her status of umpire in such a way as to unsettle or otherwise intimidate an opponent.

d. In the case of a disagreement over the state of play in a game in which he/she is participating as a player, an umpire must not dictate the state of play by using such phrases as "I know the rules ... I am an Umpire!" nor by using his/her status of qualified umpire to bully an opponent into complying with a decision.

3. General comments

a. An umpire is the representative of Petanque Australia and must implement its rules and policies to the letter.

b. An umpire must ensure that the official F.I.P.J.P. rules are observed at all times. He/She must be thoroughly conversant with the F.I.P.J.P. rules and be sufficiently authoritative and diplomatic to carry out the role of umpire efficiently and effectively.

c. An umpire must be conscious of the importance of his/her duties. The authority, surety and correctness of his/her decisions will give confidence to the players and will avoid problems.

d. At the end of the competition, an umpire should discuss difficult rulings with others umpires as it will ensure consistency in future similar situations.

N.B. – The umpire must never forget that the interest of the game is dependent on the clarity and authority of his/her decisions.

4. Signature

I..... (name) of.....(Club) hereby agree to be bound by this Code of Conduct

Signed.....

Dated...../...../.....