



PETANQUE AUSTRALIA

# PFA Player Survey May 2020 Anonymised

## Summary

This version of the results has had names and references that might identify the respondent removed. The results below are verbatim from the SurveyMonkey Survey conducted by the PFA in May 2020. It's a long document. Clicking on the relevant question in the Table of Contents takes you to the answers for that question.

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# Responses

477 Responses - Across about three weeks in May 2020



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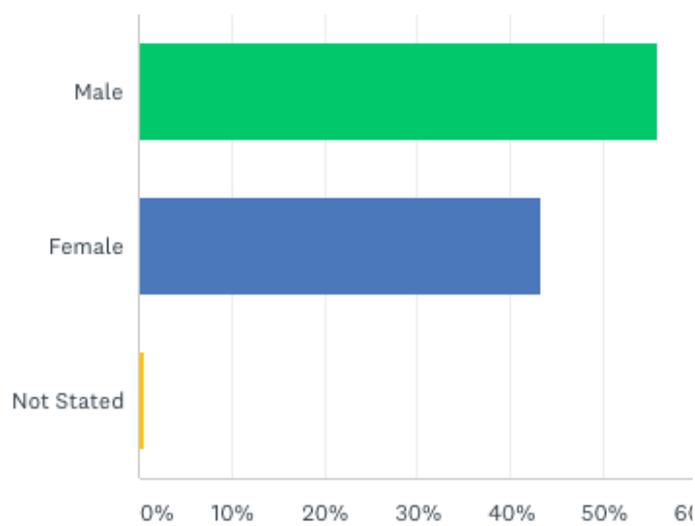
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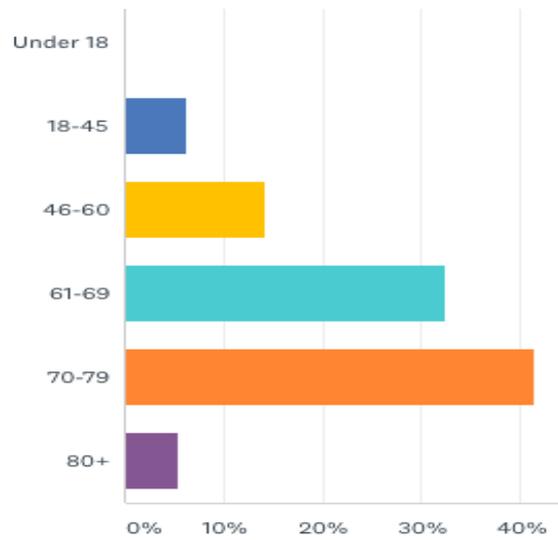
### 2. Gender

Responses: 477 - 56% Male



### 3. Age

Responses: 451



## Club Information

### 4. Club Name

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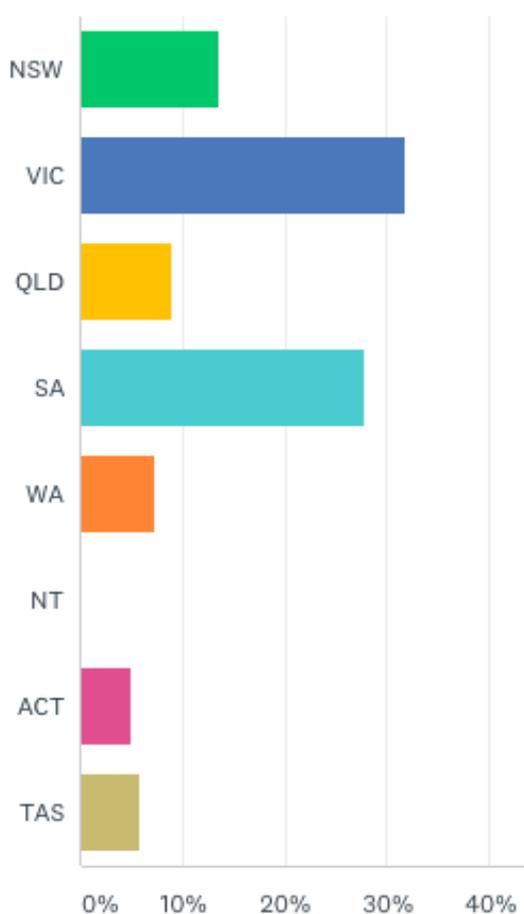
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Prospect	25	Eastern Suburbs	10	St Andrews Beach	5	Claremont	2
Novar Gardens	23	Mt Macedon	10	Benloch	4	France	2
Capital	19	Grampians	9	Deception Bay	4	<b>Port Douglas</b>	2
Brisbane	17	Mt Martha	9	Weird	4	<b>Port Macquarie U3A</b>	2
Newcastle	17	Mornington	9	Bayswater	3	Apollo Bay	1
Camberwell	16	Pyrenees	9	Club de Petanque	3	Ballina	1
Woodend Hanging Rock	16	Wollongong	9	Coonawarra	3	Bellarine Peninsula	1
Boule Artistes	15	St Kilda	8	Derwent	3	Dove	1
Smythesdale	13	Clochemerle	7	Maldon	3	La Maison de France	1
Bayside Boules	12	Hobart	6	Mornington Peninsula	3	<b>Mooroduc</b>	1
Main Ridge	11	Safety Bay	6	Nagambie	3	Port Noarlunga	1
Subiaco	11	Caulfield	5	<b>PMH U3A</b>	3	<b>Tenterfield</b>	1
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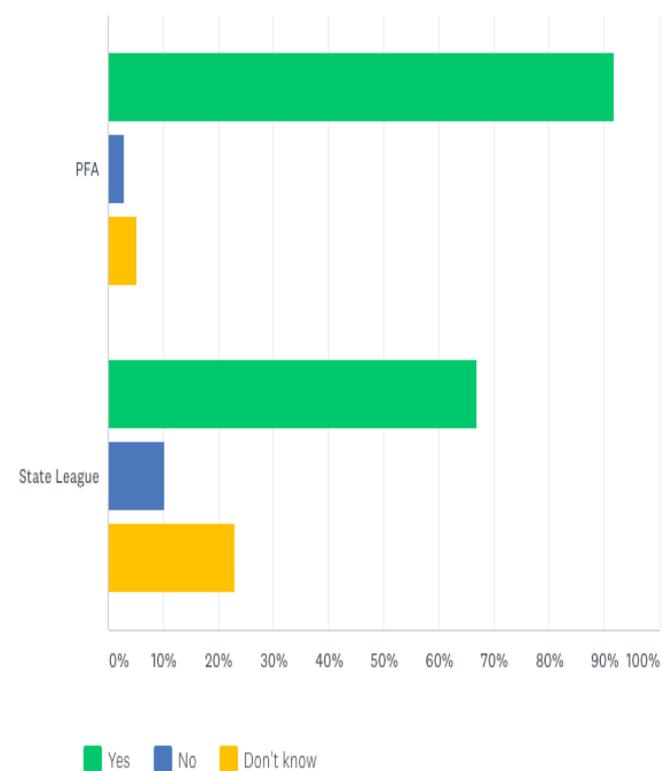
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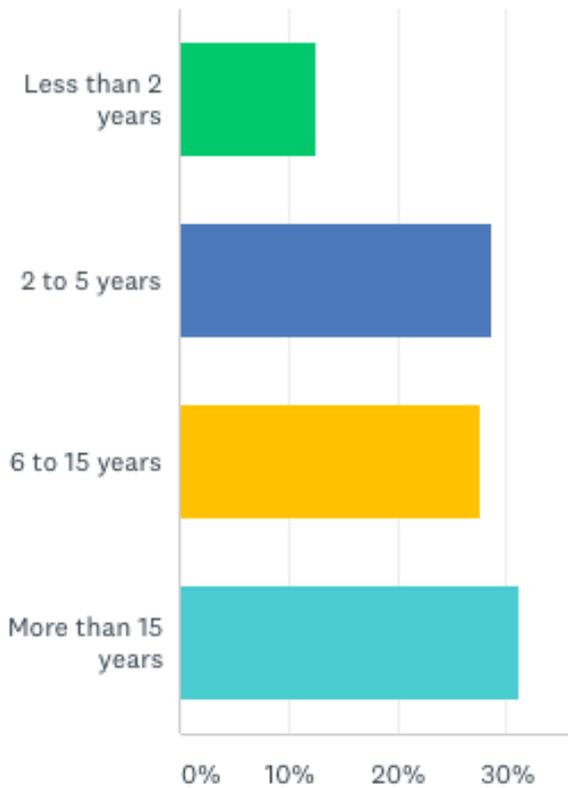
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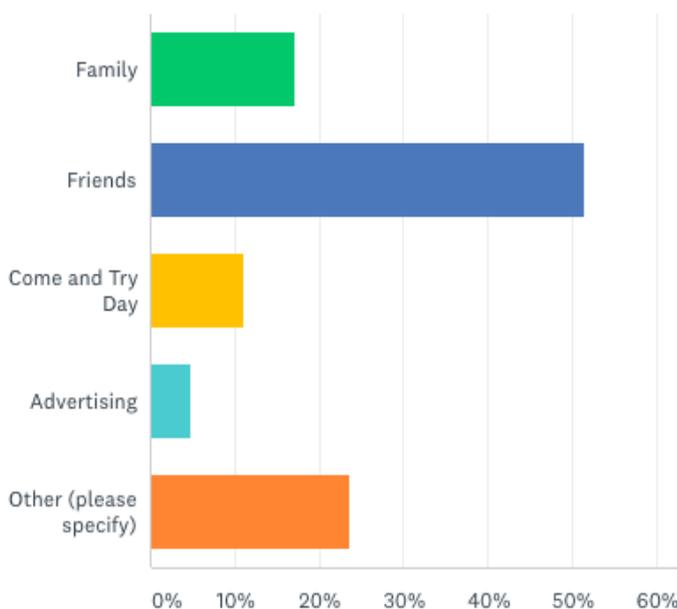
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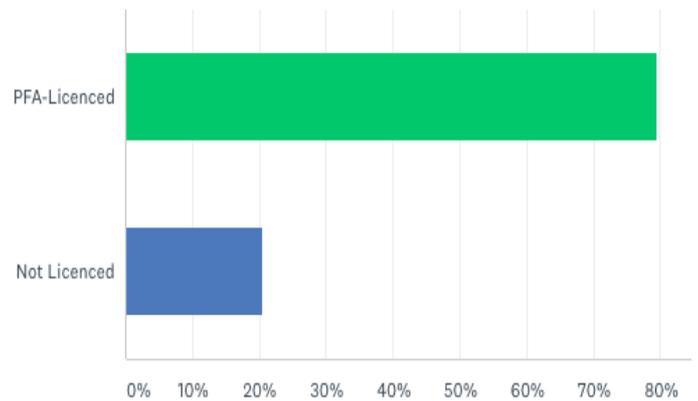
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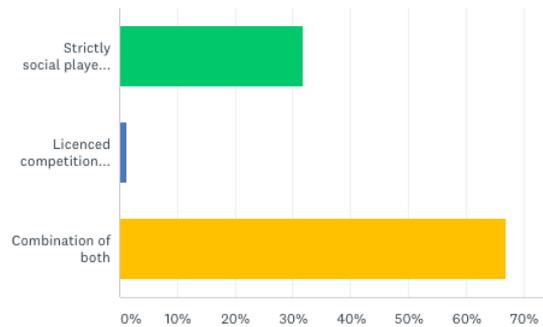
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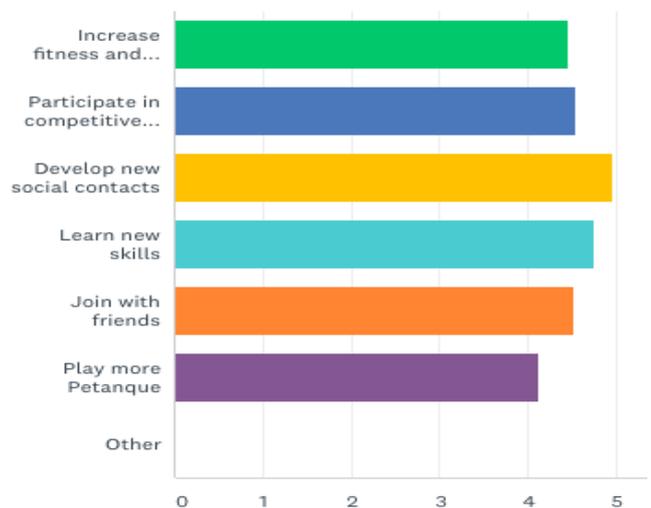


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## 12 Please rank in order of priority the reason you joined your Club



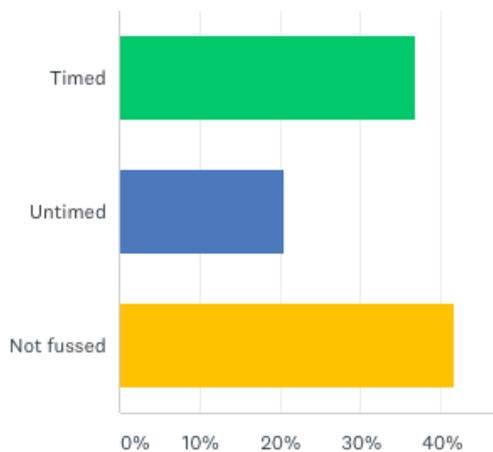
13 If the reason you joined isn't covered in the above options tell us here.

A Founding Member of our Club
Also, it was the only club in XXX at the time
Anything French 10
As a member of a smallish bowling club who's membership base had flat-lined & begun decreasing we were looking for ways to attract new people to the club & then hopefully increase membership. After personally trying petanque a couple of times decided it was an avenue worth pursuing.
Being part of the Broader Community along with my Local Community and as a result of the COVID 19, will remain a number 1 priority apart from Personal Investments.
Club was close to our home
Compete in big tournaments
Created and joined XXX Petanque Sports Club to try and get a more competitive petanque sport scene in Tasmania.
Foundation member of XXX Petanque Club in 1979
Have fun
Having seen Petanque played in France I was interested in playing it when I was back in Australia.
Helped create a new Club, started as Secretary.
I couldn't get question 12 to work. I first joined after I retired to play with friends. However, they had ceased going to the club because of health problems. I stayed to learn new skills and for the social aspect. I continue for the same reasons and because I like the game.
I enjoyed the attitude to petanque I had enjoyed in France...emphasis on the joyfulness of friends getting together and socialising, having fun, and not on competition
I had an ankle surgery and it is the only competitive sport I could do at that time. At the age of inclusion, this argument should be set forward. Back in the days it was also used by French professional football player to relax during the worldcup.
Join with family.
Join with my son to introduced him to a French Sport tradition
Just like petanque. Have surface at Hitler's Bunker, my new 2006 Home
My first club folded
Note: 1 being most important to 6 being less important in question 12 above,
One of founding members of the club
Partner played petanque
Play pétanque in a laid back manner
Raised into the sport with my family
Really just a new experience.
Social drinking and chatting whilst enjoying the challenge of the game in the company of others, since now living on my own.
Speak more French.
Started a Club
To enjoy the sociability, glass or two of wine, a few games and bit of a chat with friends/other players. Not really interested in any club politics, nor mixing much with the 'elite' or winning-is-the-priority brigades.
To have fun and a laugh
Too much social chit chat. Too much French speaking
We came to XXX for the Australian Masters Games 2019, due to the friendship of competitors from XXX, we joined their club before returning to New Zealand.
We had our own boules, however had no idea how to play the game.
We visit France often and like things French. Petanque appealed as a French last time that I could readily enjoy here. It is relatively cheap to play and it is good to mix with people of similar age. It is not too active so I should be able to play the game when I get older.
You forgot the principal reason for FUN.

## The Rules

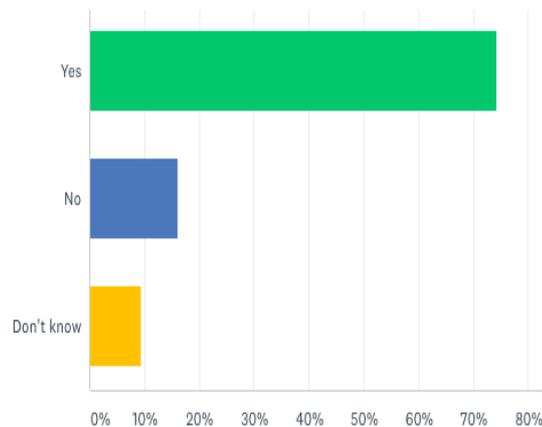
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### 15 Are you familiar with the different rules that apply to timed and untimed games?

Responses: 408



### 16 Do you have any comments or thoughts on any specific rules as they stand now?

A few comments. Timed Games Currently in competition rules timed games require a non playing umpire. Let's face it most umpires would rather be playing than umpiring. I certainly would. If we can find a way to modify the rules & allow the umpires to play also. Maybe allow the match in which the umpire is officiating to run 5 or 10 minutes longer if needs be than the cut of time for games in which an umpire is not playing. There is no totally perfect solution but allowing umpires to compete should remove at least one obstacle as to why players shy away from becoming an umpire. Untimed Games Whilst this format is definitely my most preferred I know here in SA it is one of the biggest points of debate at the moment due to a handful or recent incidents where teams have been waiting 2 hours plus to start say game 3 of a 5 minor round day then finals on top of that. Some teams are into their 3rd or even 4th game whilst other teams might be just commencing their 2nd. This might sit OK with the purists but I can tell you there is also a lot of cursing & swearing going on under peoples breathe due to the hold ups. Interestingly from my observation it regularly seems to be the same teams & players who play in these long drawn out encounters which hold everyone up. If you are looking to improve the overall enjoyment for all competitors at a sanctioned State League event I believe there needs to be a mechanism which allows for guillotining of games that run well beyond the reasonable time frame. I would suggest you get hold of a very recently penned discussion paper put together by Anthony Pietsch the SAPL Tournament Director who has put a lot of time & thought into this including actual time measurements of games over the last SAPL Interclub season. If one of the key elements of our direction moving forward is to increase the enjoy-ability of the petanque experience for the majority there may need to be some flexibility shown & loosen up the rigidity of some of the rules which I have been told have been strictly enforced to date. But as I said, request Anthony's discussion paper. It's well worth consideration.

All players should learn the rules

All seems fine

As they stand, they are not good for social distancing. A modified game, with one person 'refereeing', and 4 to 6 people placed around the edge of a clock face, could participate in a modified game with the cosh thrown toward in the middle of the clock. You would need a square of about 15 metres on a side, to assure a 10 metre distance to the centre. XXXhas developed a set of rules that work. Ask her about them.

Bring back day licenses to try to get more young players into the mix.

Dislike extra ends when clock time has expired

Don't complicate a simple game

Don't play regularly enough to worry about it.

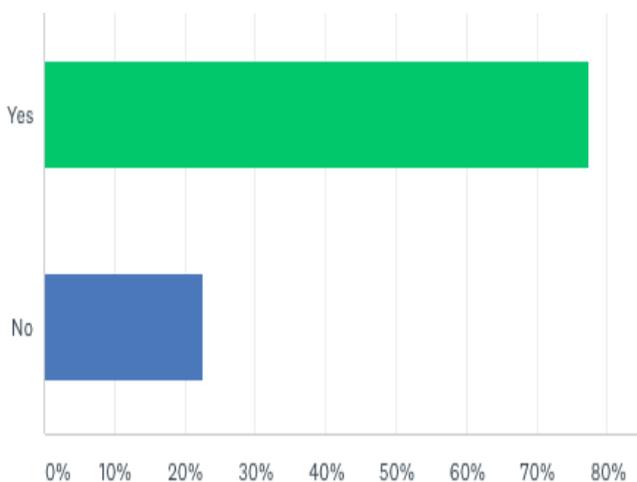
Don't like having a ring to stand in. I feel like they are a tripping hazard
Emphasis is placed on nit picking rules that have little impact on the result of the game i.e. standing on the side of the piste, yet foot faults are numerous and seem to be accepted.
Good to have final untimed. Need others timed so finish time can be determined more accurately.
I am enjoying playing by those rules as they stand
I don't like circles
I feel giving out cards by an umpire is a little pointless. Regardless of what has happened.
I have some ideas on beneficial rule changes that could be adopted which I will submit via my club in the follow up survey.
If you win an end you should be able to choose whether you start the next end or not
In a timed game with only one umpire it is very difficult for them to watch everyone who may be taking advantage of more than the minute to play.
In my experience Article 17 is not observed rigorously enough. People are sloppy about where they stand and frequently don't pay enough respect to the person in the ring.
Jack could be thrown at least twice
Keep them simple and stop changing them so often.
Let's go for a rewrite, simple and straightforward plain English version, hey? Hiding behind excuses like 'it's the French translation' etc doesn't cut it with many of us. Just do it...
More flexibility would be good
Moving rond back A PFA segment Ask the Umpire Mike Pegg would be helpful
No more than 1 minute to think how to play.
Not all that interested in rules
Playing timed game has slowed down the game. the 1 minute rules should change for timed games should be reduced.
Re the premature removal of the circle before an end is complete... the associated penalty is ludicrous.
Rule about throwing out coch and if too short or long opposition can place it where they prefer.
Rules can be subject to different interpretation. See Ask the Umpire Mike Pegg
Rules for timed games are fine.
Rules keep changing and players become confused
Seem fine
Some are unnecessarily arcane.
The game has become much more serious and competitive since we joined. So many rules !! It is taking the fun and enjoyment out of the game
The generally seem reasonable enough but I think there is too much emphasis on competition and more competition and not enough on social getting together
The opposing team should measure if the jack was thrown a valid distance.
The PFA timed game rules are poorly written difficult to put into practise and totally unnecessary
The rule requiring 'enclosed footwear' is unnecessary and ineffective for its purpose. Many wear flimsy shoes that are fully enclosed but offer very little protection, whereas sturdy leather sandals are not allowed. A better rule would require footwear that provides 'adequate protection', so that some discretion can be exercised.
The timing of playing of another end can confuse new players.
The use of the guillotine for untimed games should be up to the match day coordinator, not the umpire.
There needs to be more education for players on the rules and ensure umpires have full training . Some players don't adhere to the etiquette where to stand when playing . Better at measuring .
There seems to be differences between OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SPORT OF PÉTANQUE and PFA timed games rules. Eg piste sizes (15m long x 4m wide vs 12*3), scores 13/11 possibility of league games and heats!
They are fine
They are rules edited by world body and whatever one may think they stand
They need a rewrite remove gender words.
They seem adequate .
Throw of the jack. At least 2 tries

Timed game rules should apply to untimed games so both forms are sped up.
Timed games are a blight on good competition
Timed games favour the good start and do not allow "come backs".
Timed games- always seems confusing around how many ends you need to play once siren has gone off. It would be easier to say that once siren goes everyone plays one more end unless of course 13 score has been reached by a team.
To have a second throw of Cochonet when not valid first time.
Too many to mention
Too complex, badly ordered, leading to inconsistent interpretations. A poor mixture of general rules and incremental additions in response to specific issues
Too complicated
Umpires should be more strict on enforcing the rules
Usually explained at each tournament/event. or more experienced players/umpires will advise
Whatever we do in Social games should be in line with Tournaments, Personally I feel there is less risk players holding their own Boules with them during play and being "ID".
When players are aware of the rules, games flow easily and enjoyably. Conflict is eliminated.
With timed games the rule of "one more end" is not properly understood by most people
Would like to see the 1 minute between shots speeded up to 30 seconds between shots, might be difficult with lots of measuring.
YES YES YES. The 2m distancing from the circle, and the standing between the circle and jack by players during play.
Yes. The banning of smoking. Also the wearing of gloves? These should be covered.

## Licencing

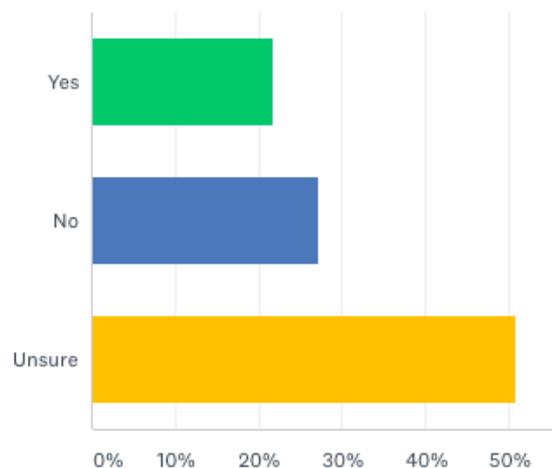
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18 Does your club have separate insurance that would cover your expenses in the case of accident or injury?

Responses: 398



19 Do you have any thoughts or ideas about any changes or additions to the licencing system that might be beneficial to your club to help them increase their membership & grow the sport?

A welcome pack to all new players..in due course..take time do it properly find a Sponsor 2.... After more research consider a variable levels of Licences 3...or a fixed Affiliation fee and lower per licence all ideas in mix but hasten slowly 4 template media releases and such like...but Leagues need to help with more localized knowledge of community groups by Municipality
A low cost 'one day' licence would entice me to fill in for league days.
A lower insurance rate for players who wish to play social petanque only
Addition of a family licence (dad, mum and children)
Advertise and promote the game to a younger audience. Be more social and relaxed when playing social game within the club
Allow non licenced player play all games and they will join up in time
Allow occasional unlicensed players
Allow unlicensed / new players to play a few games to see if they like it before making them pay PFA fees.
As our club includes a licence in the membership fee's & package for all our petanque members it's a non issue for us at the moment. There is no choice not to be licensed. It's a small fee & our committee is aware there is some form of capitation fee involved in just about all sports.
XXX are doing our best. However PFA promotion in Queensland seems to be a last resort. More please
Bring back day licenses to get people wanting to try to see if they want to join
Changes to the licensing system will not affect my club as it is a "social" club. Very few will participate in comps for licensed players.
Could there be a licence, possibly at a reduced rate, to cover disabled/pension or other concession holders?
Day licences were useful
Decrease yearly membership cost
Do we need them
Do you have any thoughts or ideas about any changes or additions to the licencing system that might be beneficial to your club to help them increase their membership & grow the sport?
Don't have fees during the current Covid crisis, or extend period of cover
Each club have his own way of attracting new players From open day to BBQ I don't have a solution to bring and keep younger player to the game
Everyone licenced is easier to control re insurance
Fine as is.
Happy with any rules that benefit the club.
Have all insurance covered by PFA as can get a cheaper price - economies of scale.
Have not gone into this subject as I would expect to have to be a full members (licenced) to participate in PFA approved competitions. Have had experience in other sports where casual or specific tournament membership (reduced rate) was allowed e.g. Masters.
Having day licences for individuals that don't want to play all the time or maybe a reduced fee
I am aware most of the licence goes to the PFA, as a club sitting at around 50 members it would be nice to see some of that coming back from the PFA to the club in training or promotion or equipment
I am aware that in some States including XXX there a substantial number of Social Players that do not support PFA the organisation. PFA may consider what type of strategy they can provide to encourage this cohort to better engage with PFA, the big stick approach does not work. PFA may consider a longer time frame for social members to consider being registered, my history shows that if clubs can encourage the competitive juices most people have and give them as much time as they need to become a Competitive - Social player, it may take a few years to happen. PFA does great work including the over 60s cohort in all its key competitions, many of the late bloomers we have fit into this age profile, some increased promotion of this category should be considered by the board, eg an over sixties focus person on the Board.
I believe the club fees are kept as low as reasonably possible for the continued operation of the club
I can't see how licencing could help increase membership.
I cannot really see that people work out whether to take out a PFA licence dependent on insurance issues. I think the current use of full licences and the sensible use, as at present, of 'day' licences is about right.

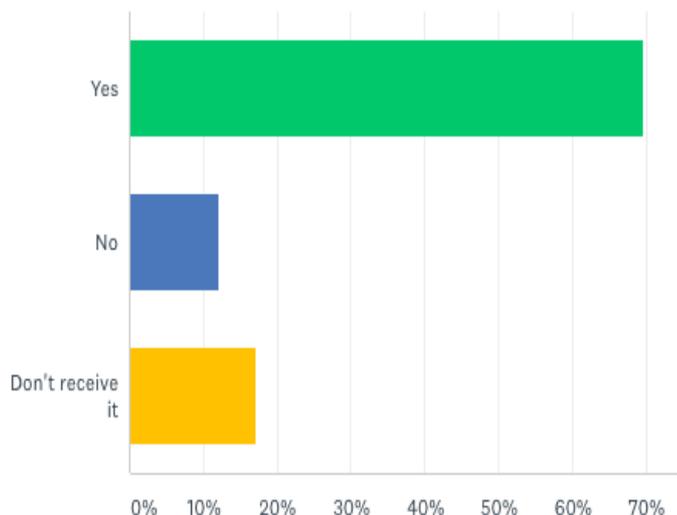
I don't think any new member would be swayed because of licence issues. They join because of an enjoyment of the sport. Issues re licence may only arise at a later date if at all.
I don't think it's the fees or licensing that are the problem ,its the lack of exposure... Play the game publicly as much as possible even in small suitable public area's . . I.e if XXX could find a small gravel area somewhere near the the throng near the beach with sign saying ask questions. Similarly with other clubs
I feel the time has come for a long time that Petanque is a game for all aged groups. At the same time I might have to consider how my PFA Membership can continue while we look for future generations.
I have but no one wants to listen. Money always talks louder...
I like the idea of clubs being affiliated where members get to choose if they want to be licensed. I would, but many members of my club wouldn't which makes it currently impossible for me to get a licence
I think we need more time for players to decide if the game is for them before they commit to buying a license.
I very much doubt the licencing system would benefit club membership numbers or help grow the sport. The majority of people, from my experience, prefer to play socially and not to be involved in competitions
I want the game promoted as a sport and to younger persons via state sports programs.
I was not happy to have to pay full price for my PFA licence when there was only four months of the year to go. And, on top of that to be told if I had waited one more month, after Easter, I could join for free. Not Happy Jan.
I would like our Club membership to be capped at 30 players. More than that is too many
I've been playing for over 30 years and can't say that this has ever bothered me
I've mentioned previously about a handicap system to attract more competitive and social players in playing tournaments and have both open (no handicaps) and handicap only competitions with proviso that all players are club members and have to compete at least 4 times in an open competition yearly to obtain a handicap to a maximum of 6. Handicaps will be revised yearly and if players do not meet the requirements, they lose their handicap. I'm willing to discuss this concept anytime.
If the PFA had a minimal fee for social players, which included a competitive insurance it may be useful for growth.
Introducing a "social player" licence at a reduced cost may help retain/gain more members. Full licence could be increased?
It might already be within the system, but granting a license for a particular competition would help me.
XXX and the members have done a wonderful job developing our club from nothing to preparing to hold the XXX
Let everyone know their PFA number.
Licencing will not increase membership or growth but rather the opposite.
Licensing is largely irrelevant to membership. Players will either register & play PFA comps, or they'll only want to play social. I don't think the licensing aspect has much impact on that decision.
Make membership of an overseas club all that is required to play socially at my local club
Make the game more friendly to play to encourage younger players
Many social players are reticent to pay for an annual license, when they may only compete in one or two competitions a year in addition to the club socials. I think better use of day licences for clubs for licensed competitions would be beneficial, particularly when the club is hosting. That way local social members may play to improve their skills against a better skilled players.
Maybe tiered where the players who want to play socially only pay less than the players that wish to participate in competitions . Or make the entrant fee for competitions pay include money for the central fund . Some clubs are associated with bowling clubs or other clubs that make it more expensive and do not use the facilities plus dictated by the bowling clubs . Having stand alone clubs are cheaper we just need council support . A bigger drive on sponsorship from the community and Government including Lottery funding .
More awareness days
More choice
More younger players needed. Competitions need to be more even or have two divisions so that more experienced players are can play how they want.
No, anyone can play with us regardless of having a licence.
No, players require insurance to play in any game at clubs.
No,all members at XXX are licensed, therefore giving them the benefit of insurance
No. I think the licensing system is fair and very good value.
Not enough space to adequately comment.
Not really - but on Club competition days I believe ALL members should participate if they come to play on that day and NOT have independent games (mainly the males) on the side because they perhaps they don't think we ladies are good enough.

Only benefit to clubs is PFA insurance. No active player development program . ? value for money
Our charges to play a sport that can take your around the world is low enough. There are other ways to help promote the sport.
Our club recently conducted an internal poll from members to assess the need to continue as a licenced club and overwhelming result was to continue .
Perhaps allow potential new players a longer period of try outs before they are asked to decide if they wish to become members.
Perhaps cheaper fees for those who wish to play socially
Petanque as a sport that can be played with either hand can be used to rewire/or stimulate both sides of the brain could be used more by schools for this purpose
PFA needs to help promote the sport alongside clubs allowing the organisation of a competition (open to licenced and non-licenced) in a park alley (where petanque is practicable) in key location (like in France in Millau or Marseille) with lots of foot traffic would certainly help talk about the game and attract people
Printed Rules handout.
Promotional days are a great idea.
Remove the need for League affiliation - have it opt in/out. Would more people take licences if they cost less? People could turn up for a 'have a go' day and register for a licence - covered by insurance and have a relationship with the game. No sign up no play.
Social games should not require players to be licensed.
Take the strict formality out of competition Petanque
The after Easter extension for new players is complex to administer at the club level. Easier would be a discount for joining in Q2, Q3, Q4.
The licence doesn't appear to be an impediment and/or an incentive in getting interested players to sign up in our Club. For many however petanque is a casual/ad hoc sort of game subject to impromptu play. The concept of licensing is often interpreted as control(umpires) rather than protection(insurance) and runs counter to their idea of a game with minimal protocol and etiquette.
The old system day licence was good for newcomers to try before they buy so to speak.
The old system of Day Licences was advantageous in allowing people to try before they buy so to speak.
The PFA fee could be optional for those wishing to compete, with lower fees for those who play socially only. Personally I'm not bothered about the insurance and suspect that younger new players wouldn't be either. If the club has public liability that should be enough. Most people have private or public health coverage anyway.
The PFA is mostly full of social players but its primary emphasis is on competition. I think this tension is not well resolved currently. Social players usually don't feel any benefit from being in the PFA. This is not how I feel about it myself. I value the PFA as the governing body of the sport. Most people don't even view petanque as a sport.
There was at one time a useful and workable day licence system that was scrapped when PFA decided to use the licence system as a data gathering exercise
Time to open up the doors and let some light and fresh air in! It's currently all a bit too cosy and inner circle. Recruitment and renewal should be no. 1 in every organisation's strategic plan.
Try to get younger generation / kids to come with family members. Promote our sport to schools. Targeting specific nationality ( thai, Vietnamese Cambodian Italian French via local newspaper in their language, through fairs, festivals, also via Uni and Tafe notice board to target some of those students to join club at a reduce membership price.
Two tiers of licencing to encourage new players
Two tournaments with no licence, then three with a temporary licence (\$10 with licence number issued), any tournaments after that must be fully licensed (with the \$10 from the temp. licence deducted from the cost of a full licence if the option is taken up in that financial year).
We need to foster juniors (< 12 ), consider offering juniors with parent/s a discounted family licence fee
When you receive a license a package including rules of the game and the benefits that come from understanding how they apply to both the player and the game.
With XXX Pétanque Club it is going to be hard to get more non PFA members to rejoin unless their is a significant financial benefit to do so. XXX has an ageing membership. Their needs to be a willingness for an inter club competition stream to be part of each clubs program, if we want the sport to grow.
Yes allow individual clubs to play social events without applying official PFA rules. Thereby attracting and easing easing new players into first a socially competitive environment. The more competitive will then move onto more official tournaments. Most people start playing for fun not to win the world championship for Oz.
Yes, I support the model as presented by Jeff Langdon in 2018.

## Communications

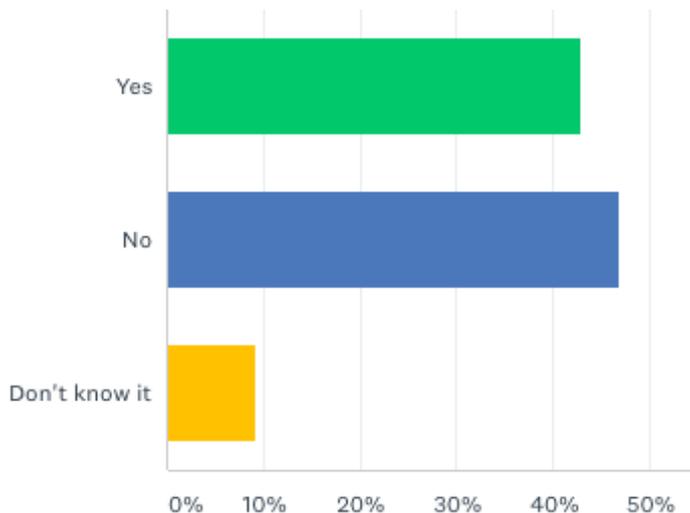
20 Do you find the monthly PFA Newsletter useful?

Responses: 387



21 Do you use the PFA website?

Responses: 391



22 If you are aware of the PFA Members Portal do you have any suggestions for improvements?

All player info must be included on the licence
At times in the past I have struggled to find what I need, have emailed and spoken to PFA responsible member for help with some member portal input difficulties, which was helpful and supportive Can't remember too many specific areas at moment. Happy to troll the site again and give a clearer response to this ?
aware but never used
Aware but not a user
aware but not sure how it works.
aware but not used
Aware of the portal but I don't have access
Defaulted to show current members
easier access
Encourage all clubs to have contact emails on the portal
Full details of each member should be completed on the portal.
Giving direct access to clubs and different commission not controlled by one person
good for the odd occasion we use it.
Have had problems with new members and uploading their photo.
Have only used it a couple of times
Haven't really used it
I am aware of the Portal. Its adequate for its purpose.
I am happy with it as it is
I had slight difficulty navigating my way through it the first couple of times
I have not really used it

I used to have trouble adding new members because there were three questions at the bottom that needed answering and I didn't know they were there as they were off the screen. I think this has been fixed. Maybe I'd like a list of things that can only be done with assistance from the administrator.
I will give it some thought for the club follow up survey.
I'm happy with it
If possible be able to see list of members at other clubs, this would assist when trying to ask members from other clubs if they are interested in forming a side to play in tournaments
information is coming too slow
It works well for me.
It would be good to keep contact details up to date
Keep it simple. Don't bother with a fancy website. You need to indicate place to play, people to contact for newbies, rules, national/regional ranking and a link to mypetanque.com for the next events.
Maybe feature one every now and then in newsletter.
Needs to be able to run competitions through it.
No. I think it quite good as it is
No. It's well-designed and easy to use.
Not sure
Printing licenses could be improved from IOS devices
Promote usage
See it as vehicle for committees not members
The printing of member cards is clumsy
Tried to access it some while back, and found it was only accessible to the elite, not ordinary member folks. Haven't followed up since.
use it only sparingly so no comments
Was aware of it but believe its not is use for players just the admin group at clubs , states and PFA
When putting teams together it's hard when details are out of date - it needs to be updated regularly
With a lot of members elderly and not competitive not sure how many are computer literate enough to use the site
works well
Yes
Yes aware and read but restricted to club committee
Yes I am aware of the members Portal, this a great addition provided over recent years, our Secretary has become a positive operator of the Portal.
Yes I am aware of the portal and have used it but would leave any changes/improvement decisions up to those far more able and qualified than me.
Yes I use it and after a false start find it relatively easy and useful. I don't like the restriction on photo size.
Yes use it and works fine
Yes. (Re: improvements, yes, but I'm engaged with PFA secretary regarding its replacement).

### 23 Suggestions for any additional communication content that should be provided from the PFA to Licenced Players and Clubs?

A list of pistes in Australia to encourage players to meet up while on the road.
A vision. A plan to achieve it. Measured progress against plan. Resources for clubs.
About new equipment / material / cloth
All good
All minutes from board meetings should be passed on so Clubs and players know what the board are working on.
Any additional communication would be helpful

Assume that everyone isn't 'in the know', doesn't have the deciphering code, and work upwards from most readers are busy people needing plain English, background, context - and openness and transparency.
Changes in official rules and PFA rules
Different social competition formats
Direct posting by qualified and responsible people (Coaches and umpires)
Face to face communication. Visit!! Zoom/ Webinar sessions for coaching, player development etc.
Good news stories about successful days particularly come and try or Community days Clubs should be made aware by PFA of National grant opportunities and should be part of an improved model working with States for State opportunities All possible affiliations registration should be by PFA and then drilled down to States
I am happy with the current level
I am state based
I don't see much of a problem with it, though there is a lot of negative comments regarding the PFA from a lot of the more experienced players. Though quite what their problem is, is a mystery to me.
I enjoy more information than less or minimum
I have always found the selection process for State and Australian representatives very unclear.
I support the President's newsletter each month, gives good updates of what is happening, the Clubs should be encouraged to have a link into the PFA for supplying local information to the Board.
I think state leagues could interact with clubs a little more.
I think the bulletin was a good idea and filled a gap I communication and do the board communique
I think the monthly bulletin is an improvement. Promotional material for clubs to use.
I'd love to know if there have been any insurance claims. This is our insurance policy and it seems vapid at the moment. Knowing there have been no injuries or claims for 422 days would also be nice, like they do on well managed industrial sites.
It is always good to know what other Clubs are doing.
It would be nice to have access to live scores, or at least regular updates, for major comps.
Make players more aware of website.
Maybe how selection process for state or national teams is made.
Minutes of PFA meeting to be made available
More information about Petanque Asia/ Pacific
More prompt correspondence & criteria on Teams & Selection processes
Need a stronger push on younger players - I know this has been discussed a lot but schools plus other clubs such as scouts etc should be approached .
News letters??
Nil. Communications have improved over the last few years and are good.
No. PFA communication seems to me to be very good
XXX is on Facebook and provides a very comprehensive communication.
Perhaps develop an app. I know that Pétanque USA have one. The app can open up a lot of other uses not just for content sharing.
PFA need to be assured that information is distributed by the State Committees in each State to all their members. Maybe a reminder of this.
PFA to State needs to be consistent & transparent. Victorian clubs contribute hugely & small clubs like ours don't really know how they benefit from being part of a large organisation if they don't want to play competitive Petanque
Player of the month - introduce a player each month from our community and do a funny Q& A
See comments in Q20.
Selection process is lacking transparency More communication is needed
The monthly Bulletin is a great improvement.
The mypetanque website has broadened its scope to provide tournament, team, player and result information on an increasing number of petanque events. I use this site more frequently than the PFA site as it provides me with much of the information I seek.

To attract more umpires and coaches, report on the situation with umpiring. Who is doing; what is their level; how are they rewarded; how often are they doing it.
To set up a page with data, info, tips, contacts, City council requirements, grants...etc how to open/create a club
Use social media more
Would be nice to hear some output from the regular meetings to the Clubs.

24. Are there any other preferred forms of communication you believe PFA should consider using?

A comprehensive marketing assessment and plan for implementation should answer that.
A full meeting with all leagues so we can make sure we are all going in the same direction and if not it can be discussed.
All avenues available
All the social media platforms such as facebook, instagram, and twitter.
As mentioned above an app. There are so many social networks at the moment that are promoting in their own way but the app can provide content to anyone that uses it. It can be a basis of registration, payment of fees etc
Be nice if the umpires reports etc were all online rather than filling in a paper copy for submission.
Club news- nominate clubs to forward photos and news
Email is appropriate
Email is good
Email is good
Email is good as some of us older people are not on Facebook / Twitter et.c.
Emails
Facebook
Facebook
Facebook or instagram
Facebook well controlled and managed. .... maybe PFA could provide leadership by running webinars on use of Social Media
facebook, sms
Facebook.
I can't complain. Sometimes I feel that you send too much and then I don't necessarily read everything. Finding the balance is difficult.
I have not really thought about this, happy with current arrangements.
I really liked the Zoom AGM forum, maybe there could be more meetings like this?
I think PFA should consider having a Facebook presence, this enables rapid up to date information to interested parties.
I think the current form is probably the most practical and would embrace the majority of players Australia wide.
I think they could contact all licenced player directly by email, instead of sending news and information to one person to then be distributed to clubs, to then be distributed to players...
I'm not into social media but perhaps youngers ones would prefer it.
If the Bulletin does actually tell us month-by-month what PFA is discussing and about decisions they make, that's probably adequate.
Instagram?
Internet and the portal should be the preferred options
maybe SMS - is that available from your portal / website? or could you try using teamviewer ?
More social media eh Facebook
No as I feel the organisation has utilised a good range of member communication tools.
No fine as is.
No, I think email is the best way to reach people.

No, information is well covered on the website.
not specifically for myself
Perfectly happy. I don't "do" politics so just take what comes.
Perhaps clubs could display a copy of communications and newsletters on their notice boards as they come out for those not into internet
Perhaps texting for emergencies such as tournaments being called off at short notice.
Push notifications via SMS
Social media
Social Media for general info - not for docs or members portal stuff though
Text (SMS)
text and/or whatsapp
the website is sufficient for my needs, but younger players could well respond more readily to social media
Updated Facebook , twitter - we need a drive on younger players
visit us!! Zoom player development sessions.
Yes - stick to email and calls between members where necessary, but keep in mind that some players do not have access to (and sometimes lack interest in) computers and internet.

## Growth of our Game

### 25 What are the positive factors that attract you to Petanque?

.Competitions. Physical activity. Social activity
(1) Social interaction (2) playing a sport
* Helping in development & set up of new club * Creating an avenue for local community/club members to enjoy * Meeting & working around club with some really fine people * Learning the skills & tactics of a new sport * Competitive competition * Seeing our players improve & enjoy the game * Positive social side
1 Fun 2 Friendship 3 Good value for money
1 Playing by rules. 2 Being aware of basic rules to eliminate conflict during social play. 3 Belonging to a club 4 Friendship 5 Licensed players mean shared outcomes. 6 Playing in many locations on a range of terrain.
1 social 2 fresh air 3 skill improvement
1, Petanque, as an activity played socially filled a hole in my life. Once I fell in love with the game my priorities changed. 2. I want to see petanque develop as a sport. I want more people playing, in more places, in more ways. I want more shooting happening and more younger people. When I look around me I feel like I am surrounded by fossils and that young people will never be attracted to play the game while endeavours are not made to provide a place for them to play together without feeling like they have stepped into an outing from the senior citizens home.
1. petanque competitions - able to move around to different locations with possible weekends away. 2. Social aspect.
1. A friendly game 2. Inclusive of all comers 3. Supportive of skill development 4. Competitive
1. A very strategic game which can be played at any level of skill 2. Social aspect 3. generally a low cost of equipment ( we do need a local or Australian supplier of equipment) 4. Can be played almost anywhere you can find some open gravel space 5. Australia has the climate
1. As competitive as you wish, 2. Caters for all ages. 3. A good social atmosphere generally.
1. Challenging myself 2. Active participation 3. Working with others
1. competition 2. camaraderie 3. meeting new people
1. Everyone was friendly, welcoming, helpful and encouraging. 2. As a total beginner it seemed straightforward without a lot of complicated rules. 3. To begin it wasn't necessary to buy a lot of expensive equipment and clothing. 4. Attendance fees are low. 5. I can play as often as I wish and there is no difficulty if I am away or unable to come. I can be as committed as I wish.
1. Inclusive & accessible 2. Relaxing 3. Strategy 4. Need for consistency
1. Meet new friends 2. Learn new skills
1. Outdoor activity 2. Sport that both sexes participate 3. Learning skills 4. Competitive

1. Social aspect 2. Challenge to develop skills further
1. Social contact 2. Competitive spirit
1. wonderful game 2. a lot of fun to play 3. social game
1.Social interaction 2. Low cost of participating 3. Easy to learn 4. Anyone can play no matter their age or physical abilities. 5. State and Australian competitions are open to most players.
a easy game any one can play
A fun game and good social interaction. Opportunity for light exercise and to begin the outdoors. A perfect game for healthy ageing as it is gentle sustained exercise which builds stamina.
A fun social, competitive game.
A game any one can play .. any age , and with little amount of coaching
A nice social sport, which requires minimal physical fitness, with some degree of competition, lovely sport to play outdoors and use some strategy when playing in competition. More one plays better they get. Practice is key
A social outing and exercise combined.
A sport allowing competition when no longer young I also play royal tennis
A sport where mixed teams can play equally, height, age etc need not be an advantage or disadvantage
A well organised competition
Able to play at all ages
Addictive
Allow me to travel regularly competitions Friends
As a social player, I find it fun. The people are very friendly and easy going and quite patient with me.
as listed above
As senior good activity for mind and body Challenge Social
Been with friends
Being out doors, company
Bit of a Francophile with connections to France so was attracted to the game.
Both Competition and social aspects
Calendar comps State ranking
Camaraderie, outdoor activity, skill development.
can be played by a majority of people regardless of age or gender low introduction costs
Challenge to improve my game ,opportunity to play at higher levels, being able to play against better players
Cheap and easy to learn.
Community Socialisation Outdoor entertainment
Competition
Competition and socialising with the other competitors
Competition Meeting new people Passing on skill and tradition to my son Learning new technic from others
Competition and socialising
Competition in sport but not too strenuous. Fun & comradery
Competition travel opportunity meeting friends
Competition, skills, social, travel
Competition, Socialising, Friendship.
Competitions
Competitive and social activity
Competitive but still fun. It is a mental game, tactically stimulating. It's social. You can eat and drink an still play boules. It isnt too strenuous and I'm unlikely to get injured.
Competitive fun Social interaction Country competition with travelling.
Competitive nature Social gathering
Competitive, skilful and friendships

Competitiveness Social aspect Outdoor environment Opportunities to be selected for state or country
Competitiveness, social contacts.
Comraderie
Comradeship
Comradeship, competitiveness, friendly people.
Comradeship. Skill acquisition. meeting new people.
Conraderie, friendly competitiveness, outside activity. Lunch afterwards.
drink smoke talk picnic
Easy and simple
Easy exercise and social interaction
Easy game to start with, but plenty to master.
EASY TO JOIN A VERY SOCIAL GAME
Easy to learn and play- very friendly group
Easy to learn, tricky to master, relaxed if not taken too seriously, gets me outdoors
Easy to play and learn Very sociable
Easy to play game. Very good to evacuate stress
Enjoy competitive sport & is suitable for my advancing years
Enjoy routine meeting people with a game skill of challenge in the beautiful outdoors. The social and competitive factor and the laugh and joy it gives one to be associated with all the scrutiny of millimetres - who is the closest boule to the cochonnet!
Enjoy the game Catching up with other members
Enjoyable Applicable to many skill levels
Enjoyable social aspect. Enjoy the challenge of a simple yet complex game.
Enjoyable, Outdoors, Inclusive, all ages. It is a game that can and should be played casually in most car parks. Let's not get too pretentious at grass roots level.
Enjoyment, competition, and sometimes friendship
Exercise and good social game
Exercise in the outdoors, social contacts, developing skills
Exercise without intensity. Outdoors. A game where I can apply skill and strategy. Social interaction.
Exercise, social interaction and fun
FAB members
Fabulously friendly people, fun environment, very good social group, never play or compete for monetary prizes
Family and friends. Our family has made so many long life friends but the sport itself has longevity to players and it is a great way to spend a Sunday
Fitness Social contact Competition
Fitness, friendships, fun, financial (not expensive to join or the gear)
Fitness, social opportunities, competition, opp to speak French
For our club it is a casual game and experience. People do not have to turn up if they do not feel like it...they do not let down others if they fail to show up on game days or take off on holidays. Game organization is easy and flexible. There are no regular team that you play with or against and the emphasis is on having a good time while playing your best.
Fresh air, strategy good for brain, competitions.
Friend ship and then competition
Friendliness of club members. I enjoy the competitiveness within the club. Good game to play.
Friendliness of people playing. Its fun to play
Friendly all inclusive sport, supporting diversity & fairness Easy to play, not high cost Supports positive ageing, health & wellbeing
Friendly and helpful group

Friendly and relaxed atmosphere
Friendly atmosphere Well organised competitions
Friendly atmosphere, fun social competition, great Christmas parties!
Friendly Competition State League Competition Social elements of the Club/Meeting people Exercise Increased skill and competitiveness over time
Friendly game. Ability to improve with practice The more I play the more I think I can learn about the game Gets me outdoors with like-minded people.
Friendly members who enjoy playing petanque
Friendly people
Friendly people Fun
Friendly people, game that can be played by virtually anyone, good varied level of competitions
Friendly social activity that provides challenges to keep on trying
Friends
Friendship
Friendship
Friendship
friendship trying to win
Friendship Competitiveness Opportunity
Friendship & social contact
Friendship fresh air& not too strenuous for older folks
Friendship, light exercise, competition
Friendship, socializing, competition.
Fun
Fun at all skill levels
Fun social , an outdoor outdoor Morning each week with others
Fun, exercise and social friendships.
Fun, friendship, competitiveness, teamwork.
Fun, learning new skill, social interaction
Fun, outdoor activity,mixing with friends.
Game and social interaction.
Game foe all ages. Much faster than Bowls. More aggressive and should appeal to younger generation.
Game is always in motion Requires skill and strategy Interesting mix of people.
Gentle exercise, social interaction and a game older people can enjoy without a big cost getting out into beautiful surroundings (hanging rock). meeting a group of really nice people. trying to become more successful at a challenging game.
Good company of like minded people. Enjoy the competitive challenge that the game offers.
Good social game Low entry cost Skillful Competitive Played around country Can be played on many surfaces Maintenance of piste low cost
Good thing to do on Sunday. Meet new friends. Have lunch
Great club, lots of social interaction and friendship. Good game to increase skills in.
Great competitive atmosphere without too much aggressive behaviour
Great game for Seniors Light exercise Being in th e outdoors Social contact Very affordable Commaraderie Friendship Hood fun
Great game, feeling connected, sense of community.
Great social, friendly competition.
Great sport for my age gives me a degree of exercise but. Not excessively strenuous, interesting competitive nature, great social contact
Great welcoming and community spirit Team sport Good mentoring

healthy active sport Social wonderful Friendships between members Skills developed in game Love of Petanque History of Petanque
I am very competitive so it fulfils that need and I love to watch and be among like minded people but I realise the importance of accepting that one doesn't always win
I can participate as a single and no pressure to attend each week
I just enjoy playing.
I just like the game
I love the game and playing with others who are competitive. Friendly people (mostly)
I'm very competitive so it's fun trying to win and after so many years in the game I've made good friends who I look forward to seeing each week.
Im there for the social games, its a night out of the house, a few beers and a bit of light competition makes it fun.
Inexpensive, low impact, suits mixed teams, it encourages social activity.
informal interaction for friendly social play connects people in a healthy manner people with mild disabilities are still able to play
Informality in its competitiveness
interaction with other players and forming of social contacts, more serious game in preparation for competition, as well as lighthearted play for fun
It helped me to get out of the house and meet new friends after my wife passed away. I like it because I seem to be fairly good at it. I have made new friends that I otherwise would not have.
It is a social game It is quite easy to become competent it requires a lot of practice to become a good player Playing in competitions at all levels very enjoyable
It is a pleasurable game to play with good company
It's a calm game with friend and usually very fair play
It's a fun social event, that is played with family and friends
It's a great game has skill and strategy whilst retaining a great social context.
It's an international game which is great when you are travelling. I enjoy the diversity of the people it attracts it's friendly and sociable, and I like the competition aspect as well. Petanque runs on its stomach! so sitting down to a good meal is generally associated with social and competition days/evenings. Builds great camaraderie.
It's a sport that can be played anywhere in Australia .
Its played in France and I can do it.
Just loved the game
Learning a new skill, socialising with people & committing to a club.
Learning skills from more experienced people
Like the sport
local community participation and involvement
Location of Club
Love getting lost in the motion, caught in the moment, the meditation of practice and meeting some lovely people and making friends across generations and geography
Love of the game Connection to members Community
Love of the sport
Love the game itself. Love the atmosphere at the club. Love to compete and love to win. Love the diverse fantastic people who play petanque from all walks of life. Love the fact that petanque is universal and you can play our fabulous game anywhere.
Love the game! Not dependant on age, gender. Outdoor, exercise, social.
Love the puzzle of working out pistes. Love competing.
low impact to the body any age can play great way to meet people
Mainly friendship with other players
Making new friends catching up with old friends and having fun.
Making new friends, something different, learning new skills
Meeting new people Fun Skill development

meeting new players and remain in contact.
Meeting up and playing the game. Going to the other teams home grounds. Any age group plays the game.
meeting up with friends I have made over the years when going to tournaments
Meeting up with friends I have made since starting to play Getting out for fresh air & exercise The social activities post play Getting to play Petanque at competition level
mental stimulation, physical fitness, outdoors
Minimal fitness required
Movement, skill, fresh air, social
My history of playing petanque with XXX and these days purely for a social games.
Networking/outside involvement/growing local community
New friends, positive social connection
New skill, meeting new people
New skills, Activity outside. Good friendly people.
Nice social environment Outdoor Fitness
Non contact, mixed team game. Great for hand eye coordination.
None
Not too strenuous exercise. Being out of doors for a few hours during winter months.
Opportunity to be part of a leisure/sporting /social club without the constrictions of rosters, uniforms, compulsory attendance.
out and about playing sport
Outdoor activity
outdoor activity, competition, catch up with friends
Outdoor, social, fun to increase skill level, fits into a weekend
Outside activity Small number of players needed to play Can play almost everywhere
People and Fun
People you play with
Persons of any age can play; Social and competitive options; Supportive and encouraging Club; Rules easy to understand
Petanque is a game for everyone regardless of ability,
Physical activity. Using skills. Social aspects.
Play a sport with a social side, similar to the 19th hole at golf
Playable on many surfaces, doesn't need a special venue. Great casual socialisation anywhere/anytime with friends and newcomers.
Playing the game with a variety of people and levels, camaraderie, improving skills, being outdoors, provides structure to the week.
Playing, fun, inclusive, exercise
Pleasant group of members
Pratiquer mon français
Readily available. Relatively inexpensive. Can play the game anywhere. It's French. There are social and competitive opportunities.
Relaxed competition
Relaxing non strenuous sport. Easy entry level for new players.
Skill and challenge
Skilled game
Skills and fitness and sociability for most age levels.
Sociability, portability, competition, simple rules.
Social
Social

Social Learning new sport skills Ability to play with and against wide range of players Experienced players willingness to share skills to improve my game. Age no barrier to playing. The French connection
Social - Fun Competitive Simple to play a bugger to master. No requirement to commit to every weekend
Social and activity
Social and friendly atmosphere Ability to compete Visiting other clubs Playing anywhere in the country or o/s
Social and interesting activity
Social and physically easy for elderly
Social and the game of Petanque i
Social aspect Great game Outdoor activity
Social aspect, friendly nature of club members and interest in the game itself.
Social aspect, the way the club has successfully developed over a short period of time since it's inception, and the dedicated people that run the club.
Social aspect. Generally getting an event/tournament over in one day. Mix of social and competitive aspects.
social aspects
Social aspects
social connection able to play in older years available competition
Social connection Challenge Competition as skills develop
Social connection Personal challenge
Social contact
Social contact Enjoyment of the game
Social contact and play
social contact, fresh air, exercise,
Social contacts Outdoor sport Skill required
Social events
Social game Outdoor activity Skill development
Social interaction
Social interaction Love playing Petanque Great afternoon out.
Social interaction A game that doesn't require athletic ability It requires skill It requires tactics It is a team event
Social interaction Travel Exercise
Social interaction & skill set with minimal physical exertion
Social interaction with a physical aspect and the ability to compete at a level suitable to my skill base. Learning the strategy and improving my skills.
social interaction, challenging sport without physical fitness being an advantage, all ages can play together
Social interaction, competition, skills development
Social play and friendships.
Social sport
Social, all year game, all ages and genders can enjoy the game.
Social, but with an element of friendly competition. Keen to improve my own skills
Social, Competitive, Skillful, Multicultural
Social, fun, exercise
Social, gender equal, generation equal, strategic, subtle skill base, Mediterranean heritage game.

Social, outdoors, fun, sport.
Social, strategic and while you are playing against others you play against yourself in terms of technique, ability to read the piste terrain and shoot/point accordingly
Social. Fun. Location
Social. Competitive.
Socialability, meeting up with long lasting pétanque friends. Its a fun game that can be very sociable and enjoyable. We have traveled about Australia to play which was great.
socialising - game improving exercising
Socially fun time.
Sport and Recreation.
Staying active and freinds
Suits a variety of ages and abilities. Fun social activity. Inexpensive. Satisfaction with ongoing skills development.
The camaraderie between players and meeting players from other countries.
The casual approach to the sport of so many participants. The new friendships. An activity that is not so committal.
the competition
The continuing challenges the game provides in practical playing skills, working as a team, the competitiveness, after 24 years playing am still learning about the game and me as competitive player.
The fact that both sexes can play the game.
The French origins, the challenge of playing well, the fact that anyone can do well if they try hard and practise, the multi-cultural social aspect, the tactics (makes you think), the teamwork involved, the simple equipment and terrain requirements for practise, the fact that you can play by yourself
The game does not require a great deal of skill or expensive equipment at entry level; can be played socially on almost any terrain; suitable for children (under supervision)
The game suits my age group and I love the game. People are more interesting than Bowls members
The game, friendship, competition,
The game. social contact, the diversity of people playing (demographically, ethnically, skill level)
The opportunity to have a social game which can be played at many levels
The players at our club are very welcoming and always happy to "coach" a newcomer. Petanque requires very little equipment ( and our club does have some spare boules for general use if players cannot or do not buy their own). It is also a sport that can be played at any age. I hope to be playing into my 90's like some of our existing members! I also like the idea of competing interstate and meeting other players - but I have a long way to go before my game reaches that standard.
The Social Aspect
The social scene The ability for anyone to be able to compete
To play here on aust and play in france
Trying to improve the way I play without getting too serious about it
Various places to visit
Very friendly Suits people of all ages
Very social game, lots of new friendships because of petanque. Easy to play and suitable for all sporting abilities.
We have enjoined catching up with players at annual events ad
Well run comps Commeraderie ( ? Spelling. I'm not French!!) Seeing self improvement- eg Ranking, results etc
Wonderful game that people of all different skills can play any age try to encourage younger players

## 26 Can you identify any negatives which may detract from your overall Petanque experience?

* Bad sportsmanship * Negative attitude of some other club administrators * Seems to be a unhealthy amount of friction between some of the upper hierarchy which I 'd think is damaging the ability to get unified national cohesion
1. Competitions are too long

1. costs to travel to tournaments, particularly when coming from a rural/regional club
1. Some players can be overbearing in their insistence on their being the ones that decide tactics and don't play as part of a team, that is, consulting all players on their team 2. Some shooters seem to think they are the mainstay of a game and should take preference and dictate the play. They need to realise pointers are an important part of the game too
25 minute drive to club
A few people's lack of personal responsibility while representing Aust. I.e..their drinking habits. Sorry!
A lot of negative feelings about the governance of the sport.
Aggressive behaviour of some players especially during competitions
Ahhh, a few take it too seriously and spoil it for others, or maybe provide some entertainment sometimes...! It can be a bit 'clubby' rather than welcoming for newbies and the less serious types.
all the above when it's their turn to toss
Allow female participants to try new skills when playing socially
Almost constant political fights amongst administrators
Always playing against same players. Not enough players in Australia
an annual club membership fee that encouraged members to visit other clubs, rather than having to become ? members
Anti social behaviour, arguing over rules
Arguments. keep the game fun
Bad player behaviour.
Bad politics and ego
bad sportsmanship
being zipped
Bossy, rude people
Bullying officials and members (not my current club very supportive)
Can be a bit of a 'clique'
Can become political and prone to developing 'cliques'
Cheating by some that always want to win.
Cheating players!!!
Cliquey nature of members
Competition days are too long
competitiveness
Competitive players who take the game too seriously. Save this for competitions, not social games. The boules are expensive and not readily available locally.
Concerned about the lack of numbers at comps plus some are not enjoyable due to non strict adherence to the rules.
controlling arseholes more interested in raising money for dinner dances
Criticism from those who are not prepared to give their time or useful ideas.
Criticism of poor skills by more seasoned players
Do not always have time!
Excessive heat
Financial rewards for Competitions bring financially motivated players rather than social interaction
Fund raising can be a challenge.
Fussy people
Generation gap not enough youngsters and middle age players. Too many disagreement between club members and not working together for the good of the sport and promoting it. Competition prizes not generous enough Not enough support for player to attend inter state / overseas comp with accommodation and flight.
Hard to get younger players to get involved.
Have the feeling bureauracy has imposed itself on the organisation of the sport

I am not hugely competitive and playing against People who are too INTENSE will put me off! I want to play for enjoyment. Sorry.
I am only interested in the social aspect of the club. The club has developed very successfully and as a consequence has more members that take it more seriously than I do. I totally understand and agree the club desires to become more professional, but I prefer to use the club as a social experience rather than becoming too serious about the game.
I don't enjoy playing with people who play for " Social " reasons only but fail to follow rules and etiquette and then complain when you do.
I don't like club politics. I prefer to just get on with playing the game.
I don't like the idea of playing in the rain.
I find some people overcompetitive. Some people have an ego trip from their 'ranking' and success and that sours the experience for me. I the ranking table should be eliminated.
I find some people to be very negative towards certain gender and ethnic groups and wish that there was some way to curtail nastiness and gossip I know that some people have turned away from pétanque because of it I am not talking about general difficult situations but sustained bullying and lack of care
I hate the way that people get in a corner and criticise others, but then I guess that happens everywhere. There's no way of stopping them.
I have lots of issues but they are (hopefully) in the past and won't be repeated. Clear and honest dealings with all players would be a good starting point with the new PFA Board, plus prompt addressing of issues. While it is hoped that complaints will now be few and far between, the fact that the only 'petanque' MPIO is also a PFA Director is a clear Conflict of Interest and must be rectified. The whole complaint section of the PFA Policy needs re-visiting. The PFA Board cannot be judge, jury and executioner when PFA Directors are involved in disputes. The role of State Leagues in handling complaints (or not) also needs to be clarified.
I have noticed that as soon as money prizes are offered the social side of the game suffers. Arrogance, scoffing and general unsportsmanlike behaviour comes to games. If money is really necessary then umpiring standards must be better to stamp out bad behaviour. Better still don't have cash prizes.
I totally disagree with playing for money (which does not occur in Canberra). It lowers the tone of the game and attracts the wrong type of person. The love of the game should be what motivates players.
If games are not graded it can take the enjoyment away when playing top teams and being beaten in 3 ends !!!
in an country where pétanque is close to nothing it doesn't make sense to fight among clubs !!!! Petanque Australia is on an international base a joke. Get your act together and support training and playing not politics.
Inattentiveness
Increasing competitiveness can have detrimental effect on women. Petanque wonderful for women and should be encouraged.
Infighting, people who are bad sports and behave badly when they lose!
Insistence of some officials that all players must be licensed. The infighting and intransigence of officials from different ethnic backgrounds holding back the development of the game.
Intra club politics are always frustrating, but generally there are no issues.
It would be nice to play Petanque indoors during the winter,
just one man at our club.....loathed by most of us
Lack of coaching and use of correct techniques (eg grip). Very little explanation or appreciation of tactics at club level. Club does not have a coach and no coaching course has been run in the time we have been playing. Approach to petanque in Australia is too defensive; not enough emphasis on shooting and no shooting coaching available.
Lack of juniors coming through. Next door we have a tennis club which has juniors playing all day every day. While we have empty pistes all day.
Lack of respect for the rules of petanque
Lack of transparency at times in selection processes ; not open to all players of Australia and not following clear guidelines . Word of mouth kind of process which isn't fair. Selections should be announced to all licensed players , players register their interest then clear transparent selection process should be followed Removing the head hunting which doesn't give a fair chance to all players to put themselves forward. Toxic culture in national squad process: Negativity & putting players down when making mistakes or not performing at their best instead of supporting them and assisting them in growing and improving and be the best they can be.
Lack of understanding by too many willing officials
Language. I believe English should be universal. Too much French is spoken in our club
Members from other clubs attempting to undermine the harmony of our club for their own personal ambition
Monetary prizes

My experience at competition has not been enjoyable so far so will not play in them for now.
My skill level.
need more younger players to maintain club life
No Divisions according to Skill level
No enough player's
No lighting for evening players.
No negatives
No not really. Start time could be earlier in summer.
Non sanctioned cups having non licensed players participating
none. it is a wonderful game
nope
Not aware of any
Not enough members in Petanque clubs Limited numbers of Petanque venues nearby Availability of trainers in Petanque clubs
Not enough young people
Not experienced any
Not really, all the people I have played with are great
Not understanding how the game is played.
Occasional over zealous umpires. Better support for Tribunals from PFA when considering results of disciplinary hearings.
Officious PFA regulations of tournaments. Ie Not allowing member play in non-sanctioned events.
Officious Umpires, rules constantly changing, getting very regimented
Only not being able to improve from when I first started. Perhaps that is because of a lack of coaching.
Only what I wrote earlier about Club competitions should be just that - all members of the club if they are present.
Other members taking the game too seriously. CHEATS
Over competitiveness
Over importance of competitions when only 5 players compete in our club. When I did play competitions, did not enjoy the bad behaviour of the competitors.
Over umpiring. Competitions tend to be self centred or team centred rather than Club centred....the concept of 'club' I think is foreign to petanque. Then again maybe this view reflects my prior sporting involvements where the Club is central to all activity.
overly officious umpires people who over emphasize the competitive game at club level
Overly-officious umpiring
Overzealous umpires
Pedants
People not being aware of the rules. People arguing and being bad sports. I like to say well done to the opposition.
People taking social petanque too seriously
People who don't know the rules get into arguments
People who take it too seriously.
People who treat sport as a life or death situation
Personalities
Personality politics, that is internal governance matters & grievances from all levels being aired openly on the playing ground etc. Gossip.
Petty arguments
Petty power politics. Cheating.
Pfa is out of touch with most social players
PFA should listen to its members and not just the 20% of its top ranking players.

PFA should recognise in Australia mostly social sport. PFA emphasis on League and Representative. If you want to encourage petanque encourage social fun aspects
Player's lack of support for the Rules. Selfish attitude of players and lack of sportsmanship.
players negativity
Playing in a comp where one doesn't do well!! And someone who doesn't play that comp, and ranks higher than you, because they did not even play that particular comp.
Politics.
Politics. People are mostly committed to their club, exactly how it is. I am committed to the sport. Once you stop being an acolyte of your club the immune response becomes hard to deal with.
Poor behaviour in competitions Over-officiousness in running the club
Poor sportsmanship Swearing Bad temper
Poorly maintained pistes
Poorly run events, particularly PFA events.
Pressure to play competitive
Procrastination amongst members in regards to strict rules is not appealing to the younger crowd.
Protracted long full days all seasons have no appeal
Restricted number of clubs & venues.
Rivalry between clubs resulting in lack of interest from clubs to visit others (i.e. XXX never visit XXX events, when XXX send several players there).
Short time games, no finales in tournaments
Slow game and competition, is mostly the reason why i don't play every week end. 1 hour lunch break when there is 25 teams on average is a joke...
So competitive antisocial behaviours
Social
social players not include in PFA
Some competition organisers try to schedule too many games in to a single day competition.
Some days finish too late in the afternoon and if need to leave by a certain time you either forfeit the last game or do not play for the day
Some people are rude
Some players are too intense for my liking.
Some players take club games too seriously.
Some players think they are above the rest and very arrogant and sometimes even aggressive towards other players
Someone who's not fair play.
Sometimes a lack of sportsmanship in respect to impatience and intolerance.
Sometimes lip service to rules only is given by players and officials in competition matches at clubs level.
Sometimes personality clashes within Club Committees can impact the enjoyment of Petanque ... for example when the ADHP did not renew their PFA membership for one year ... but there is no problem of this type at present.
Sorry, but I must say that infighting and politicking on the committee is a huge negative vibe
Tendency of speaking too much French when non French speaking present
The Age bracket that is both playing and running of clubs.
The arguing between different factions and different authorities
The back stabbing....gossips...
The childish back and forth bicker between both the VPCI & PFA, almost completely ruins the fun atmosphere of the game. If it were up to me, and not a club wide vote, i would've not re-joined the VPCI as I dont want to condone this 2 year long feud.
The lack of support the grass roots games receives.
The need to travel
The on-going tension between PFA and state body

The past desire of the PFA to focus on the top echelon of the game at the expense of clubs trying to introduce new participants into the game. As a XXX I know how political it can become often turning away people. Individual club in my state have a mix of social and PFA players. If a club focuses on only the competitive members the social players decline and move to more entertaining endeavours. If a club has a large social group you will always get a good percentage of more competitive players it is just human nature.
The PFA may operate as the national body for the sport but it has zero presence in Far North Queensland.
The politic Hidden and personal agendas Some people are not in their roles for the right reasons. Trust me I have been around this game for so long.
The politics (has turned many people off - especially young people), the length of games when untimed - and as a result the length of the day in a competition, the cliques of some players/groups, the arrogance of some male players when women are playing (eg walking across your piste in a match but if we did that to them it would be the end of the world).
The stuffy officious nature of many of the local club members
The way that some groups try to remove the fun by over regulation especially in what is enjoyed by many as a social get together with exercise and some competitive elements.
The work is left to a few!!
There are some discourteous players. Smokers.
There are some strange people trying to influence/ change the status quo in this state
There seems to be constant in fighting in and between clubs.
There seems to be less wine at petanque events these days. Bring back the petanque at the winery events!
Things get a bit petty at times.
Time wasting
Time wasting
Too many competitions are ungraded. The top tier will always win if they show up. Discourages some from participating
Too many old people like me
Too much competition spirit
Trying to get in touch with the correct people when it comes to training.
Untimed games
Untimed games - can take too long. Also too many rule changes between timed and untimed games.
untimed games are a turn off for many players and Club organisers, meals are difficult to manage presentation ceremonies usually only consist of the finals winners and a couple of Club officials, everyone else has gone due to the long day. I continue to be surprised by the number of 'traditionalists' who still can't cope with times games.
Waiting for untimed games to finish can have a negative effect on me and that affects my play in later games.
We were disheartened by the recent public spat and considered withdrawing out membership
Yes, some umpires can be very obnoxious in the way they carry out their duties.
YES! Aggressive and arrogant players, intimidation of weaker players, cheating, biased umpiring, swearing, all with little or no reaction from authorities...

27 Do you have any thoughts or suggestions on how your local Club can help to increase participation numbers and raise the profile of the sport?

'Come and try' worked for us. Signage at pistes.
2 annual open days with community advertising; local newsprint and letter drops.
64 \$ question we are trying and haven't find a solution School, community groups
A better and more interactive website. Local flyers to be distributed
A proper marketing strategy based on realistic expectations. While it would be great to attract younger players it is not part of the Australian culture so it is unrealistic to make that the major push. It is better to direct it to adults at the end of their more active sporting life who still have a competitive streak.
Advertise come and try days at the local pubs and offer prizes 1st 2nd 3rd etc. Perhaps try a similar competition to Night Owls in lawn bowls with a short, fun centred season on a Friday night.
Advertise through local paper for Come & Try event

Advertise to younger groups through ?schools or universities. Come and try days advertised.
Advertised tryout days might work. local papers, bulletin boards etc
Advertising and Advertising. Unfortunately this costs money and we can't always do as much as we would like.
Advertising in local Messenger newspaper; Continue to have Open days in the Park
advertising on community message board invitation to complementary three month membership to try out petanque
Allowing local clubs unlimited freedom to run their competitions as they see fit, which was the main reason I re-joined FAB after a few years in other clubs.
An open day in local town park where you can capture a wider audience to try out
Are already trialling "pop up petanque" playing on an evening around the suburbs to get people seeing the game
Are currently participating in a leaflet mail drop. Great idea.
As its all run by volunteers it takes energy to do anything new. If general ' how to' information on say approaching advertising, schools or councils... etc it may work
Be active locally. At XXX Petanque club, for the last 2 years or so we approached local associations, businesses to have a day out with us at the club. We organize catering to increase revenues. Also Facebook definitely & if possible website. Most of our leads come from Facebook
Be more relaxed
By organising more regular open or come and try days. By making sure your club gets regular coverage in your local community press
Canberra is a welcoming club that has equal numbers of men and women. Men and competitiveness do not dominate
Club is doing a good job. Perhaps more contacts with schools.
Club very active in this.
Come and try day
Come and try days (public and groups eg Scouts, Rotary), coaching days, regular local newspaper articles
Come and try friendly competition
Decrease in membership fees More social events
Difficult question. It is not a strong spectator sport, nor played at schools to establish an awareness and possible following, where and how do people hear of it? Members should introduce friends to the sport. The benefits are the level of exercise, some mental rigour, structure to the week, a level of anticipation, social engagement...
do better to keep existing members play more
Don't know how. Bowls at same venue also has problem attracting new players
Each member should attempt to attract one new player per year, every year. The compounding effect would be enormous.
Encourage children to take up the game
Encourage younger members to join with advertising etc .
Engage with community groups, schools, etc. Run open promotional activities
Find a pitch location with better facilities.
Get sport teachers at high school to bring along a group to see how we play and if they are interested they could come along on a Saturday and play.
Getting a try out day during Seniors Week which is organized by our Shire in October
Got to somehow get petanque into schools. There's not another sport which is so inclusive, one arm, one leg, fat, thin, tall, short, anyone can play and be successful?
Happy as it is
Harmonious relationships , camaraderie and friendship are paramount within a club. Playing for pleasure rather than being pushed into playing in external competitions.
Have different times of playing so people that work can also play
Hit parents as their kids leave school and find themselves with time on their hands. Emphasise that even people who have never played sport before can play petanque at some level, and there is an appropriate competition for them.
I am extremely happy with the efforts being made by the XXX committee and members to improve facilities and the experience for its members
I am satisfied with our numbers and our profile.

I have already spoken to the committee about this
I have assisted with the formation of two petanque clubs. Good promotional material. Being very visible. Actively encouraging new members with buddy system. Providing boules for trying out. Three free try outs. Advertising and seeking articles in local paper.
I have only been a member of my Club for a few months.
I know we all do a lot of "word of mouth" to the public. We did a couple of "come and try" days but didn't do one last year. I think it got lost when we were granted the nationals We've talked about doing local letterbox drops
I think players should direct their suggestions to their Club Committee and let them take the initiative in dealing with PFA on this topic.
I think we all work hard at introducing new members
I think we already have the numbers
I wish I knew how to get more people involved but am at a loss what to suggest.
In time our club must approach the local government to provide some assistance in establishing a community piste which would help in attracting membership outside our local friends and family
Increased local publicity
Increasing our profile in the town and being seen playing in the town
Introduce at schools, mother's clubs, playgroups - consider providing or partnering with a creche to involve young mums and dads. Have demonstration days at the local park.
Introduce friend and family days
Introduce the sport to local schools .
Introduce the sport to senior schools.
Invite school children and their families to a fun day, providing a barbecue lunch, all free of charge.
it just takes a few new teams with a bit of character to get the night going. We haven't had much excitement for a few years. A split draw used to be great, where 'pro' and 'amature' teams were reasonably separate for most games. it gives the newer teams a chance, and there is no fun in beating everybody 13-0.
Just keep trying "come and try days"
Keep Low fees
Leaflets around neighbourhood
Letter drop local areas with flyers ...stating game times . cost , available free boule use , & bring your friends. Cost effective way to advertise with flyers giving each member 30 each to deliver down their street. Lots of people looking for something new to do but not sure what..
Letterbox drop. There are many new blocks of units in the CBD, many with young couples and uni students.
Lifting the ban of alcoholic beverages in the parklands surrounding the CBD of Adelaide. Having a toilet block established near the Piste (would be 300 to 400m walk to the nearest toilet blocks).
Local club and older players seems to enjoy shorter games 3 games timed to 25 minutes is the go on Thursday and Friday nights in the XXX peninsula
Local club are already doing most of the job: attending new players, helping providing boules, explaining rules, organising new events, etc.
local club being a bit more flexible for players that do need to leave early if needed.
Local club is quite healthy. Not sure that many more players would be of benefit and might even hinder as resources (pistes) would not cope.
Local clubs must have active support of PFA. Where is the Player Development pathway for clubs like XXX?
Local media coverage
Local print media is best. We advertise (1/2 page pictorial) from time to time. Having the results published weekly in the local media SPORTS RESULTS is very important as that section is well read by locals. The published scores however need to be manipulated to allow the public to easily understand them.
Looking to trial a few different things over the next few years: 1. Pro Am days where we will invite another sports club (cricket club or tennis club for example), have random draw teams made up of experienced petanquers & members of the other sport play together. The carrot is to use it as a fundraiser for both clubs. Profit split will be determined on percentage attendance for each sport. Player fee might be \$20 per player, we will provide meal & snacks. The incentive for the other sports club is the more of their cohort they get to attend, the more nett profit from the day they get returned in fundraising revenue to their club. Benefit for XXX - fundraising & bar revenue, & introducing quite a few new people who are already sports orientated to something new. 2. As we are hosting XXX we will attempt to use different forms of local media, social media etc to build the profile of the event & sport in our area leading up to the event. In addition we will produce posters for major community notice boards in the area, possibly a letter box drop etc to invite locals to come & see the event. At the same time advertise a "Come

& Try' day within 3 weeks of the XXX. 3. We will be spending some money on website & social media development to be used as marketing tools. We do have a bit of work to do here. 4. Will be creating a series of short youtube type video links about petanque & the club to be used for targeted marketing to interested individuals, local community groups who might be looking for a different type of outing, other sports clubs, facebook & social media.
Maybe a schools program...offer game play to local schools to attract younger players.
Maybe an article in the local paper and a listing in the Community Guide with the Local Government. Attend "Have a Go Day" community events
More active approaches to local councils for support in providing facilities and venues for Petanque Increased use of social media platforms to promote membership and participation of younger members in Petanque.
More advertising required
more come & try days.
More come and try days
More come and try sessions
More communication in community
More drawn names for games timed at club social play times. Hard for newer players to get a game otherwise as there is a "clickey set who only want to play among themselves in every club
More emphasis on social play, less on competition
More enjoyable competitions that are aimed at the less skilled player . I became a better player though from playing against better players . Some training that is fun and enjoyable
More exposure and connection with the local community Increase interclub competitions both intra state and interstate
More financials Grant to maintain the terrain
More interclub competition, corporate functions
More local stories in the council or seniors publications
MORE OPEN DAYS MORE INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS EG NEWS OF LOCAL PLAYERS MAKING STATE TEAMS
More social games
More social, less competitive
Mostly answered via previous questions Organising 2 open day a year and if becoming a new member get a discount.
My club has recently started playing once a month on weekends but for the rest, it is largely working hours during the week. It's a positive step, but I'd be happy for more opportunities. Also, as the number of local clubs grows, a series of friendly matches might be fun.
Need for club house with catering facilities
Need to get media coverage. Might need a PR/marketing person to promote the sport.
No, I have been trying to grow our club for 17 years and have failed miserably.
No, we do participate in many opportunities to generate membership including market, Hunter Sports Academy Expo TV coverage etc
No. A friendly but competitive club.
No. They are doing as much as they can.
No. Tried most avenues
Not having a club room probably detracts for some but it makes our club simple
Not just our club, but others as well have a clan mentality that might prevent other players to join competition. Also some players have a slight arrogance toward new competition players which prevents them from coming back another time.
Not really as a fairly recent member of XXX
XXX do a wonderful job with regular newsletter etc.
Offer and advertise twilight games for those interest in social games but work. Develop marketing plan.
Open Days maybe twice a year. Flyers throughout local districts. Articles in local papers with photographs. Request a photographer to come along and write an article to go with the photographs.
Open days to local Community/ sausage sizzle / music make it appealing for families to attend or Friday night work functions

Our club does a Come & Try event once a year in conjunction with the local council. They provide funding for flyer design and printing. We pick particular areas to target and our members do a letterbox drop. It works pretty well and we get some interest each time.
Our club has organised more games to satisfy the needs of players. They are very open to suggestions. Very friendly club.
Our club has slow but steady growth. We have a good web site, but we could host more 'fun' days as bowling clubs do.
Our club is a very organised and I give credit to the main people that run it. A lot of clubs could learn from how it is run .
Our club is currently at a comfortable size and seriously questioning the need or advisability of increasing our membership
Our club is small but has members that have taken on umpiring and organising competitions with enthusiasm and high standards. We have tried many ways of recruiting with varying success.
Our Club is very proactive in driving the interest of petanque to our Community. We are currently awaiting Grant Results to organise a Community Event in XXX.
Our club is working well on this aspect.
Our club seem to do well with membership and participation.
Our local club is very open and regularly welcomes new players. We have signage asking people to join us, always approach people who stop to watch the game, run corporate days, held come and try sessions, visited schools and have participated in community festivals etc Key to strength of club is maintaining social interactions.
Our members are getting too old and there is a lack of places on NSW (Sydney) to play. What we should have is one local place where everyone plays - no more clubs.
Our permanent demographic is mainly retired persons - however we are in a very popular tourist area and perhaps could do more to encourage casual participation but we would then have to extend our hours of petanque operation and that requires volunteers to run it.
Our President, XXX, and the members have done a magnificent job developing the club from nothing 5 years ago to preparing to host the XXX. A large number of new pistes have been developed on community land next to the official club rooms and these are open to anyone to play at any time.
participation at community events demonstrations at schools and community groups advertising through government and community public forums and communication channels
Participation numbers have been increasing since I joined 8 years ago and we currently have an active and inclusive committee who contribute very well to the growth of our membership, with a good web and facebook presence.
Perhaps more mixed competitions of a fun nature more Russian roulette something that encourages players to mix more on a gender basis and not to play always with the same players just to bring some fun back eg each supply a dish or plate and have lessons on cards and dominoes but mix pétanque players with none players so they would have to be prepared to give a little as well
Perhaps tournaments should be played by rank. Give new comers a chance to win their section.
PFA should be supporting PWA with funding to target LifeStyle Retirement Villages and the like to promote membership. Young people see petanque as an old people's game.
Promote in the local monthly newsletter.
Promote the game through social media and target schools and retirement homes.
Re-institute open days and bring a friend.
Regular come and try days, pursue publicity options eg local papers, local govt listings, surveys of participants at come and try days, in-house surveys of members
Retention of existing members and meeting their needs from the sport is a key. Both for social and competitive and combinations. 'Hard to top up a bucket when its leaking'.
School masterclass
See previous comments
spread the word through local signage. get more support from local shire council to improve facilities
XXX to organise a competition on the esplanade park near the XXX petanque club. In front of the beach, lots of foot traffic for good exposure
Stop infighting
Street parking is the problem
XXX has a number of initiatives which are useful. XXX in Sydney also, when XXX was at the helm. Open days, socialisation, bringing friends along...and a genuine welcome and friendliness.

Take the game to the public where possible, fetes, markets, public events, car parks, with stalls and demos. Brochure French cafes if acceptable.
The club has 47 members. The club uses come and try days and celebrity challenges for raising awareness. The club has a website and social media channels and club logo merchandise including team shirts.
The XXX Club has been struggling hard since it was formed. Our club is largely a disrupter to the other clubs but we have achieved a lot: 1 Hosted the first ever state doubles championship, 2 Rescued the XXX Club from oblivion, 3 Got some young people involved in playing the game - some members, some not. 4 We are working to create a league
The local club is doing all it can to lift exposure to the public by hosting come and try events and providing articles to the local news paper on a regular basis
The new club is already attracting the oldies in the area!
The outlook of the club committee is vital to this and if those on the board are not that way focused then it is not going to be at best potential. I have noticed that the keenest players are reticent on becoming board members myself included. This makes it seem like an external drive could be a solution but this is not keeping it local!!
They have tried various ways I am told, with little benefit. They should persevere, though.
this is difficult. We always encourage onlookers to join the game, come and try. People who enjoy the game and the friendliness extended to them return. We are inclusive
This is tricky. Possibly some form of demonstration event.
Try boules day, booths at cultural festival and food markets, booth / matches at existing sports events, sponsorships, exhibition matches, local advertising.
Try to participate in more community information days.
Use more promotion locally. But in fact we are happy to be a small club.
We already have a high profile venue. But current members could invite friends.
We are conscious of keeping club membership at a level where all members know and participate together. Every member has their say in the running of the club.
We are constantly discussing this.
We are discussing this actively.
We are doing OK with come & try twice a year Coaching sessions
We are reaching out to school children and seniors.
We are slowly improving our numbers but because of our location it is hard
We could probably attract new members but we cant be bothered with the organisation and paperwork involved. We are strictly family and friends. We operate on the smell of an oily rag. We vote via email, meet as little as possible and come together as a group twice a year. It's enough for us. We get to play one or two tournaments and still have that warm feeling of belonging to the prestigious XXX Club. If others want to join, we have a few other local clubs we can (and do) refer them to.
We do a reasonable amount of promotion in the local area, but it could be stronger, we have a web and Facebook presence, our Club holds Community & Business functions as a fundraiser and do some promotion. Local schools are difficult to break into with all the major sports well presented, coaching and Police clearances make schools a challenge. We need to spend more on Marketing and Promotion in the local area.
We don't need to increase our numbers, as our favoured venue only has room for 46 players. New members join through word of mouth
We have been trying many avenues to encourage younger members to join however the competition from other better organised sports is to great. Membership has peaked and aging volunteer committee are content with status quo. All is well is a short-sighted outlook!
We have just designed and printed a brochure to attract new members
We have to attract a younger cohort of players. Possible contacts with high schools
We have tried everything but nothing helps... the few new players that we attract are usually soon put off by the behaviour outlined above
We need to increase our publicity and develop a higher profile within our community, it is perceived as a somewhat elitist sport by many if heard of at all.
We run two major tournaments a year (pre-covid) and an annual primary schools challenge which highlights petanque in the local community. Our membership hasn't necessarily increased however through this activity. The short answer to your question from my point of view is 'no'.
We try, but it is difficult in a small community
We work hard to be a club that welcomes new members and helps those new to the game to learn it.
We would love to increase our club's profile, we put notices in the local papers and have used letter box drops, but to no avail.

We've lost XXX so unless someone steps up (and all indications are no one will) there will be no promotion of the sport in NSW
We've tried Open Days, Flyers, etc to no avail
word of mouth is the best, all other things are a waste of time
Yes - I would tell them not to join the VPCI or PFA, and just stay in the local club.
Yes - my club will submit a reply in the follow up survey.
Yes bring a friend introduce game to people with a disability. Be an NDIS recognised activity for people to participate in the community, more advertising and exposure on social media. Get the local paper involved Lots of people have no idea what petanque is when you tell them they look puzzled
Yes. Use existing good idea resources for this, such as AIS or Bowls Australia. Make connections with other local organisations, e.g. scouts, Italian community (if no bocce club). Have a national "come and try" weekend that is well promoted.
Yes...and we are doing just that.

28 Do you have any thoughts or suggestions on how your State League can help to increase participation numbers & raise the profile of the sport?

A state league may give the game a higher profile.
Again, advertising. Many people have still not heard of Petanque and don't understand what it is.
allow all in to play
As above. At the last Australian Masters Games, our representatives were introduced as "Pet an cue. What's that?" Says it all.
As we have no State League, we would look to PFA to promote the sport.
Assist with a coordinated approach to promotion with scheduling, advertising material, kits Represent the Sport at State Gvt level Assist Clubs with funding applications
Be part of mini olympics for people with a disability Approach local council and have clubs been exposed
Being available to showcase the game in developing suburbs and regional areas.
Bring a delegation to Far North Queensland to present a case to a combined meeting of the clubs' executive. There are more than 120 regular players in the Mission Beach - Cairns - Port Douglas region.
By ensuring state events get good press coverage By the State League hosting open days in areas where clubs do not exist.
Communication of types of competition within the various clubs to new members
Continue with their activities,.....the long term growth is going to come from those (largely ethnic) communities who see the game as part of their culture closely intertwined with accompanying social activity) I think for many of the newer Clubs in Victoria with aged members who view it as a quirky recreational past time, the chances of sustainability and growth are limited.
Demonstration games and awareness days
Depends on the calibre of the members. Have a publicity officer.
Difficult again . This can just be a cultural issue, that views Petanque as a Sport of the older generation. In Australia some sports are popular because they draw crowds and make money. Perhaps schools need to introduce Petanque
Display games by highly professional players at local Petanque clubs with follow up group lessons. This is to stimulate improvement and motivation of the performance.
Facebook
Facilitate grants
First we need to get a league.
From my perspective there seems to be plenty on offer and at times maybe too much. Quality, well organised and run competitions. Very good example of club success is the work done by Novar Gardens Club (SA) over the past years.
Get coverage in the local press. I attended Masters Opening Ceremony and many people came up to ask what the game was all about, indicating the ignorance of the public to the sport. Maybe try to get on local radio stations for interviews to boost people's awareness.
Get some media coverage

Got enough state league participation in SA. If it grows any more then will need to limit the number of teams per club.
Have found local councils supportive of providing amenities for petanque players here in Perth but getting schools interested in introducing young people to the game very hard. Recruiting young players is important to continuity of the game
Have various levels eg. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, even 4th division where more people can gain some measure of success. Many people have left our sport because of lack of success. More fun being top of 1st div than being bottom of 2nd div for some.
Having people on the board that have promotion of the game as their priority
I don't know how but it would be great to have more involvement. I know that there are only those who do compete and those who are social only. I've tried to talk a few into a comp. not much success there.
I reckon a Bouledrome event at Birrarung Marr on the banks of the yarra with a few grand stands, a few winery tents, a shooting competition, a couple of triples finals, and a come and try session where juniors and their parents can shoot a few boules in between the competitions.
I think better comms. A social media presence would be useful and regular newsletters to members and clubs.
I think focusing on a state level & less on national. To most players playing state league is the most they want.
I think it has to be supported by PFA as PWA has insufficient funds to do much. More than half of our fees go to PFA to cover the only thing we get insurance.
In NSW there are people that have personal agendas that have stopped the progress of competition. They believe there form of promotion is helping the sport but we don't see participation number or memberships grow
In Qld we have a few non affiliated clubs which should be contacted
In SA with have a strong State League system playing interclub between the Clubs on six occasions per season, the League conducts all the State licenced events , including Interclub and State Championships. As a Club we use the Interclub system to encourage new members to be licenced and play competition at all the local Clubs involved. This may take a couple of years for new members to make the transition. We encourage a flexible approach to new members playing in our local Cup competitions, PFA should not try to manage this it has proven that this tough strategy does not work for new players, they must be lead gradually into competition the local club is the best way to bring them forward.
Introduce to schools. Inter-schools comp.
Introducing the sport to schools to attract more younger people.
It appears State Leagues attract best club players from club. Club suffers
It could be advertising perhaps more .
Keep PFA from meddling in the running of State League games. In the past PFA strictures and ridiculous rulings have driven many XXX players away the State League. I myself gave up playing for a decade until I was assured that things had improved.
League are working closely with Clubs in Victoria to promote the Sport, such as French Day @ Como, but there are always other Events that we can become involved in- need to check Calendar of Events/festivals/RACV to align
Less infighting and think about the overall sport and not just individual clubs
Let State Leagues have full control of running league games.
Love the work of VPCI
Maybe an advertising campaign "Come and try Petanque" would be a good idea as I have found that a lot of people don't know what Petanque is, or how it is not too strenuous or necessarily competitive for older people, nor need not be too structured. How much fun it can be.
Maybe by attempting to start up new clubs in specific identified area eg Provincial and country towns that may already have a lawn bowling club.
Money for advertising 'come try' days, or approaching media for big comps.
More Come and Try days
More interaction with the players, maybe a separate interclub league played maybe Saturday afternoon on a round robin
More marketing.
More promotion
More social events. More promotion of the sport.
More spectacular forms of the game could be attractive to a wider range of people. Consider Extreme Petanque Federation and its activities. We have had great fun with this form and young people love it. Looks great on film.
Mostly answered via previous questions

N/A ACT does not have participation in a state league
National marketing strategy to administered at state level.
Need a couple of stand out competitions that really promote the sport . However we don't have the player base now that could have 60 plus teams . I think all comps or at least state one should have mandatory same kit worn to make it look professional. Stream the main games and post regularly . Social media can get to a lot more people for a smaller cost . Look at Venues not associated with club but would benefit a business- I know they used Vineyards but maybe a Pub or Racecourse carpark. Somewhere with a bit of local traffic - CBD ?
No not really. Some people with partners who don't play don't want to give up a whole day of weekend
no state league in ACT
No suggestion other than previously tried measures. Major sports seem to occupy parents & youth alike. People are time poor & therefore prioritise activities.
Perhaps using a seeding system for state league games
Petanque promotional days. Seeking to promote in mainstream media. Promoting into schools, youth centres.
PFA have emasculated the State league by preventing them from having a vote on PFA committees or at the AGM. They should be seen as the PFA local representative and have a promotional role.
Player profiles in state media, advertising of exhibition matches.
Promo on the club area etc closest transport
Promote by organising 1 or 2 competition open to all
Publicity on news media
Run coaching sessions. Maybe promote through Universities. Promote to businesses to hold a petanque event day, or maybe an event for teens, mens and womens. Provide a sausage sizzle.
Same as above and possible try and have media exposure ins local newspapers by doing snapshots of big tournaments such as Avoca. Raising awareness on social and competitive aspects . Doing write up on state or international players when representing .
Schools, colleges, unis
skill improvement.
Someone has to organise this and there needs to be the demand, otherwise it's a no go. Here in Tasmania I can not see clubs in Hobart , Launceston, Burnie and Devonport playing each other . . Tyranny of distance!
Stop the feeling of us and them and encourage seasoned players to have a buddy system to help new players assimilate make it a bit more user friendly instead of people getting into their own groups and excluding others perhaps ask seasoned players to buddy newcomers
Submitted some ideas to the PWA think tank thing due to being unable to attend, but SILENCE...
Support the local clubs.
The league is doing a good job trying to increase numbers by combining social events where people are introduced to the game and then move onto the next level.
The league should have a development officer and instead of repeating and commenting on PFA rules and regulations it should spend its energy on approaching people associations etc.
The State League can only do what its members want. Many suggestions are made but without clubs wanting to participate it is very difficult.
The State League has been doing well, with numbers of teams competing increasing each year. Covid 19 has put us into hibernation, but once lockdown and the virus disappear, I am sure we will go from strength to strength.
The State League should keep strong motivated resources and support them (cf. XXX case).
There appears to be very little publicity of the sport outside of those who play the game, how can you expect growth without more general awareness and publicity?
There needs to be a greater visibility of the sport through the media ie Have media coverage of state or international events that are held within the state. The sport needs to be incorporated as an activity within schools
They would have to have a clue and the inclination to do anything other than be social clubs who have a petanque branch.
TV and radio advertising.
video/facebook/whatsapp of important/exciting games with an expert running commentary explaining the strategies and nuances of the game to players and newcomers
Visual activity, banners etc if the playing field has good exposure to traffic (vehicle or pedestrian) same as above regarding members inviting friends and or their children.
We don't have a state league

We hear little from the state league. Perhaps some PR would help raise their profile
We need a State League in Tasmania.
We need more clubs in Qld
Work in high schools so people get to like the game when younger.
Write ups of the sport in local newspapers.
Yes - Stop the sly underhanded emails to the PFA that isn't conducive to a healthy relationship between the bodies. This only demotivates people to play, as it just angers people.

## 29 Do you have any thoughts or suggestions on how PFA can help to increase participation numbers and raise the profile of the sport?

1. A one minute promotional video - what is petanque, why is it exciting, why is it enjoyable, why do oldies like it, why do youngies like it? Show close-ups of shooting. Get some ideas from this WIN-TV report: <a href="https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3355776601105726&amp;id=220709751279109&amp;__tn__=%2As%2As-R">https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3355776601105726&amp;id=220709751279109&amp;__tn__=%2As%2As-R</a> 2. A national "come and try" weekend that is well promoted.
A little hard as it depends on the room available.
Acknowledging that Petanque is for everyone not just elite players
Again, more publicity regarding approaching events, coverage and results.
Allow clubs to have social status for new players. Many such players have gone on to play competitively.
Allow non PFA members to trial games, especially inter club "friendlies"
As above Also as an idea, try to gain exposure through the Australian Seniors website. Politicians and Councillors need to be canvased especially those with portfolios in sport, education, health or seniors to relay the benefits of the sport eg social interaction is good for mental health, it gets people moving and so increases fitness and flexibility etc also it is cheap to establish and facilitate compared to other sports
As above introducing the game to schools attracting more youth
As above make it easier and more fun to begin your petanque journey. After all it is a low profile sport in Oz. We shouldn't put too many hurdles in the way.
Be more open & inclusive,
Become an Olympic sport.
Best approached at local level
Bring social clubs to the PFA fold
By ensuring all PFA events receive good press covered By providing financial assistance leagues and clubs to host open days
By supporting State Leagues
Come & Try Days always seem to create levels of Interest in Country communities & often get take up in membership & spin offs from these days.
Community advertising on tv
Consult with Petanque England as they have a very active program to recruit and sustain young people and women of all ages.
Copy of doc as per 28 was sent to PFA.
Does this mean general or competition participation? General participation.....Acknowledge the value of social players. Ensure that communication from the PFA is not just focussed on formal competitions. Include information/advice/hints which is of value to all members. Make it interesting and engaging.
Facebook
Find sponsors and/or funds to help send players overseas. Create a pool of 10-12 of the best players and organise with them to have one team to represent Australia to any international competition. Great idea to organise a survey, hopefully some feedbacks will be taken into consideration.
Generally, more promotion, in local newspapers
Get in the media, not just social media. It is a very inexpensive sport to be a part of and most people can do it.
Get out to clubs more often in all the years that I have played I have never seen a PFA official
Get petanque on TV. Special events showcasing the top players. Develop incentives. The state league should look behind State League numbers and real facts.

Get some media coverage
get some media coverage
Getting it into the Olympics in future will help.
Give leagues more funds to let them promote at the ground level.
Handicap system?
Have a PFA Promotion Sub-Committee and get PFA to provide funds to allow State Leagues and Clubs to follow through on the 'best' ideas generated.
Have a publicity officer (not sure if there is one already). Encourage local clubs to get as much publicity as possible. Maybe set up a model (instructions) on how to do this.
How about running an annual (major) comp here in Tasmania....we have done it in the past on three occasions with little PFA assistance. If you want to promote the game spread the funding and resources.
I am not quite sure why we need a national and state body. We seem to be over governed.
I think that the sport could be advertised as being an excellent sport for woman .
I think the PFA does a good job at present.
In Australia petanque seen as akin to lawn bowls, a game for seniors. Young people are attracted to Extreme Petanque.
Invite media celebrities.." lots "to a game and a challenge..!!!
Is hard with the distance of clubs in different states - WA has the biggest issue . Similar to my state comments - a couple of major tournaments with great exposure. We need to be better internationally also as that will increase exposure .
It could certainly be promoted as a family sport.
It is the clubs' responsibility.
It would be interesting to hear how other clubs have tackled this and what was successful. Sharing successful strategies would be useful.
Keep the game simple
Local advertising Members encouraged to bring along their friends. Presence at local events.
Local online media - radio, digital newspapers
Look to the strategies used by very successful clubs in SA and VIC, which appear to have the balance right between social and competitive elements within their clubs. XXX has always maintained that we are foremost a social club, which attracts rather than deters new members.
Make a short film and put it on social media of where you can play.
Money for advertising 'come try' days, or approaching media for big comps.
More advertising when major competitions are run so people can see the sport and show them where local clubs are located if interested
More come and try days co-ordinated around each state so every say 4 to 5 weeks there is a come and try day at a club
More marketing.
More media / propaganda would help
More media coverage to attract younger members
More promotion
More publicity
My involvement as stated above is purely social, not involved in club or state or national politics
Need to create a budget to put together meaningful national marketing strategy to provide leagues & clubs with some tools to promote the game in their jurisdictions.
Need to get included as an approved partner in Youth activities.
Negotiating Australia-wide with media, government bodies.
newsletters.
Obviously as low tier minor sport in a very crowded sporting market place in Australia the use of resources to raise the profile needs to be well targeted and specific.
People know Bocce not Petanque, see it as same. In Australia will always be a minor sport played almost entirely by seniors.
Perhaps have social functions and include non playing partners or family.

Perhaps more regular State, and even Club, monthly reports with results, but I appreciate that this requires the Clubs to provide details, and the PFA can only publish what they receive, so it requires dedicated contributors with the time and inclination to do the work. This is always difficult where Clubs have to rely on volunteers prepared to give of their spare time.
Perhaps they could be less regulatory, especially for social competitions. Examples are suggestions of timed games and the overuse of umpiring.
PFA can only give direction and deal with national body, the main trust of activity should be at league level
PFA could run an open competition in each State, Men's and Women's and call it the The National Petanque Tournament. Format 5 timed games, then the finals. Highest score overall wins. Prize money Winner only \$1,000 per team, mens and womens. Entry fee \$10.00 per head.
PFA regional touring members to display games at local Petanque clubs and encourage the calendar of events, including overnight, two days classes for a trip away.
PFA seems to be interested in the high end comp players. Grass roots is where the growth needs to happen. That's where the talent will first appear.
PFA seems to be only about competition. I realise there are those who want to play competitively but the social side of the sort is not promoted here in Australia as it is in France and perhaps if PFA took this aspect into consideration and placed as much emphasis on its importance as they do on competition, the sport's profile and membership may increase
PFA should impose an open club day all over Australia. The same day, With Radio and internet advertisement
PFA should just keep out the way and stop throwing its weight around with regards to rules and regulations. There needs to be much positive interaction and support.
PFA should market the sport not to those that already play but to those who have never heard of the game.
PFA tee shirt
promote game more for younger audience
Publicising the game and making people aware that it is played in Australia. This can then be devolved to State League and Club levels as well. The fact that it has simple rules and is not difficult to master to play at a reasonable level is a great plus for a competitive sport.
Put more emphasis (and publicity) into junior participation. We don't need to have it on the school curriculum as in some French Departments, but not everyone is willing or able or interested in running after an oval or round football.
Recruitment is a grass roots activity that PFA needs to support. Perhaps sharing ideas and activities that clubs have found successful. Also preparing generic marketing collateral that clubs could adapt for their individual use.
Remove the segregation. Competitions are segregated by sex or age, petanque is a sport where there is no advantage to be had as a male or female or being young or old. To get the families involved and bring the numbers up remove the segregation, let anyone play with anyone. Have a 12 month calendar of Australia wide events which ask clubs contribute to with the calendar hosted and published by the PFA through the main website portal... I have seen too many instances where two major tournaments have been organised on the same weekend. People could plan holidays and trips for the year based around petanque if they knew in advance. Having tried in the past trying to find information on available competitions is very difficult unless you go around all the states leagues and club websites
Remove the segregation... As a sport there is no advantage to young or old male or female, so why segregate for competitions.
School programs, come and try days, the benefits of petanque for the young, what can it teach you, the many techniques of the game and the complexities
Schools, colleges, unis
Some lawn bowls clubs have unused rinks because of the costs of upkeep. New clubs could be established to make use of these and combine memberships.
Televising the sport.
The last 3 questions are much the same and unfortunately I don't have any bright ideas. I wish I did. When I first started playing there were young people, because they came with their parents and also there were a lot of French people so it was fun being able to speak their language with them. But all that has gone now.
The PFA have tended to champion the cause of those aspiring to national representation, and some would argue to the detriment of general rank and file play. This imbalance or perception of imbalance, needs to be addressed so that the PFA becomes more relevant to Clubland in general
The PFA needs to engage with the regional clubs. The Board needs to have a member whose role is to engage with and support the regions.
This is a complex scenario, I often try to compare it to introducing serious Cricket in France...1 PFA should design a Marketing and Promotion Plan,2 identify some funds to support this work, 3 target PFA Board and Local Champions to give the plan in kind support at the local area, 4 produce some visual supports for the plan.

5 This issue needs a National Workshop in accord with the Easter Carnival, but lots of pre work needs to be done before a Workshop is promoted.
This is also hard for PFA without the support of the State leagues again suggestions can be made put they need to be implemented. Working closer with the leagues could help.
To clarify with the public that petanque is actually what people are playing when they think they are playing bocce.
Truely support the Clubs and State Leagues in a positive and constructive manner. Represent the Sport at Federal Gvt level
TV and radio advertising.
We have tried advertising but most of our new members come from word of mouth.
We need to start broadcasting just like lawns bowls. The sports streaming service Kayo as brought on other means to people seeing the sport other than Foxtel. PFA has to possibly organise a marketing team (yes it will cost) but to help the sport grow and provide profile we need to spend a bit.
Yes - Stop the sly underhanded emails to the VPCI that isnt conducive to a healthy relationship between the bodies. This only demotivates people to play, as it just angers people.
Yes. We want to set up tournaments of groups of four people on each team, 3 rounds played in a day, double/doubles x2 and triples singles. Teams would be like: youth versus experience, China versus Australia, etc. We would train the people on the novice team before the competition and it would give them a chance to experience the game with enough players to not need to play with a club. Brief explanation but I think you get it.

30 Attracting juniors to our sport has always been a battle. Do you have any innovative ideas or suggestions that might be worth considering? Think local, State and National.

1. Development of a schools package & program. Maybe to be used similar to the old school electives. Target a single school in a certain zone but duplicate over multiple zones. Maybe each club to find an approach a local school. At each school an introduction to the game, period of coaching & mentoring development, match play conditions. Then at the end of the period a tournament between those schools running the program. 2. Each club to run a grandkids/kids day.
a grandparents day to bring your grandchildren or great grandchildren along to a mixed teams.
a lot of colleges have "French Immersion Program" so obviously already interested/connected to French culture
A visiting schools program
Advertise in local paper & radio. Possibly worth seeking advice from o/seas Clubs
Advertising the teams which juniors can represent their country in and introduce a national junior team competition- could be teams of 4- 14 years and younger
Again as per question 28 and 29, but at local schools, scout groups, community centres.
Again family days with kids and grandkids
Again I know that juniors find it very hard due to the negative attitude of some players towards them I don't know how this can be overcome I personally like playing with juniors I don't feel threatened by them and love to pass any tips I have onto them of course we are hamstrung by the small numbers only the occasional junior what do bowling and other similar groups do perhaps we should be looking to them for inspiration
All sports struggle with juniors. Maybe try a Junior Competition where they do not have to hang out with us oldies??
Allowing alcohol consumption when social playing (but not In competitions.
And it will always be a challenge due to the demographic (average age) of Aust petanque players and its low localised profile. This is a reality. Family groups and bring a friend to play have worked in other sports. Lawn bowls <a href="https://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-west/sport/more-youth-taking-to-lawn-bowls-than-ever-before-around-melbourne/news-story/a0f38139b41f56f8decc5f6b14db9632">https://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-west/sport/more-youth-taking-to-lawn-bowls-than-ever-before-around-melbourne/news-story/a0f38139b41f56f8decc5f6b14db9632</a> has made a concerted effort to attract a younger age group (juniors) with some success. Bare Foot Bowls is a good revenue source for bowls clubs with some flow on to actual new members (not a big % though).
Approach school high school and year 6 and 7. Invite them to play at the clubs
Approach schools via French teachers. Offer training to schools on Bastille Day. Develop alliance with local Alliance Francaise and other organisations.
Approach State Education Departments, private schools. Even PE faculties at individual schools.
Approach the local schools and suggest a block of weekly lessons be incorporated in the Outdoor Ed program. This is how my son first learned to play Golf.
Approaches to schools, particularly those teaching French.

As an ex teacher working with juniors in today's age of OHS can be a nightmare. You have to know what you are doing, be very professional and have water tight insurance! Juniors need goal / role models to aspire to. Petanque currently has little to offer!
Ask local schools to visit the club in school hours and have a class lesson and practice of the game.
At club and State levels have a continuing programme of promotion of petanque to high schools
At times club members do bring their Family along with them, but as long as there are adults on the PISTE feel it is a Sport they can all take part in.
Avoca has run for years a youth competition, leagues should approach education dept and try to set up inter school competition, SA is doing it. Again failure of the state league
Begin in primary age group. Advertise specific times, competitions for juniors
XXX targeted schools and colleges. Seems a good start. Again, a marketing plan would help...
Broadcasting and marketing
Coaches, mentors and pathway guidelines
Come and try days with a free BBQ is always appealing to families, offer free face painting and balloons. With a children's competition on offer with small prizes. Rundle Park in the CBD is perfect for this as it has parking and is visible to people walking past.
Competition for specific age groups
Contact school and youth community groups via local government programs to promote recreational activities and sport.
Contact school to introduce the game as social sport as I did in my teaching years at Indooroopilly and Mansfield SHS (it has a French immersion program)
Contact schools
Could invite local schools to experience as part of their sport program.
Days for schools to participate and encourage children's family's also
Do you have any exposure to Uni Orientation weeks? Do you run schools clinics?
Exhibition matches around the country involving junior world champions.
Exposure in schools could be a start. There are also not enough pistes not associated with clubs where casual play could happen.
Families need to be encouraged because they will largely need to transport the juniors if they play competitions. Timed games. Shorter days for competitions. Somehow making it seem like a trendy thing to do! Kids who play sometimes don't advertise the fact to their friends.
father son / grandfather grandson / mother grandmother etc competition
Fun at the local level, encouragement and recognition at state and national level. But it's always going to be a hard ask with such a low profile in Oz
Get it incorporated into the French curriculum as a cultural activity. Prepare a lesson plan with supporting documents and activities to make it easy for French teachers.
get it into school sports programs
Get junior petanque playing role models (they may need to be international), deck them out in youth petanque wear, parade them around where young people hang out. Make it trendy to play petanque!! School family to Nouméa to include a petanque match!
Get School Sports Masters/Mistresses involved. Approach Education Departments. Young people will play petanque if they are exposed to it.
Have volunteers going to more primary schools to introduce the game, as a past table tennis coach found after introducing the game got more youngsters once introduced to the local schools.
I always wanted to replicate a lawn bowls thing with a sunday afternoon thing, get some music going, some drink specials, etc. Also making it easier for clubs to host events. it can be a great team building activity for businesses, or to hire out pistes for birthdays. Also to get involved with wineries with restaurants, to set up pistes, just so people can have a go.
I don't really know, but somehow lawn bowls has managed to lower their age profile - through bare feet bowling, etcetera. Can we take a leaf out of their book (apart from bare feet!)?
I know the club has tried to do this by having school groups, but in the end it is up to the individual to have a willingness to participate. I guess one of the problems is that the average age of the members is a disadvantage attracting juniors.
I lived and played in Chile for some years, attractive younger players in the same challenge here or in Chile
I suggest we try to take some lessons from the successful junior sports in each state e.g. soccer , netball. Try to develop junior Sat/Sun morning comps that run for an hour with rules modified and specific to juniors say under 12 and hopefully some juniors may get the Petanque bug and stay to develop into long term players

I think that it will continue to be a battle when the majority of members are seniors and a wide age gap exists.
I think this is difficult as the nature of teenage development naturally attracts them to larger team sports, such as soccer, where they can play with their friends. Building numbers through engaging younger children with their parents and then keeping them through the teen years may be best approach.
I think trying to access schools is difficult as they are locked in to traditional sports, however we should still try to break through. Promoting into youth centres and after-school programs may be more realistic.
I wish I had some ideas, but sadly I haven't.
I would not encourage junior players as the boules are dangerous for people who are not aware of careful play.
If you ask senior what junior wants you will repeat the same issues. "You cannot solve a problem with the people who put you in the situation" Think outside the box and survey junior. Approach school. Look what has been done in Thailand. Find an ambassador.
If you don't scare people off with this fighting between the two bodies (VPCI & PFA) people are more inclined to involve their kids into the sport. I myself, my brother & cousins all started playing as kids and have grown up playing the sport, following in the footsteps of our dads, uncles and family friends. However, this 2 year long nonsense makes me want to leave the VPCI and not involve anyone else, especially my kids in the sport.
increased usage of social media platforms to promote participation by younger members including social events such as barbeques and picnics. Improved facilities at Petanque venues such as lighting and dining facilities.
Interaction with high schools and youth organisations; scouts, guides
Introduce it as a school activity. Put some sponsorship money into a PE program. Upper levels of primary schools would be a good target.
Introduce petanque in schools Did this over 15 years ago in Vic regional schools and it was a hit Also make it attractive for youngsters to want to come play Eg: auskick provide free footy and backpack etc sticker Do welcome pack for youngsters with backpack Stickers a few freebies provided by local sponsors
Introduce Petanque in schools.
Inviting local school groups for a come and try session.
It is a bit difficult in this day and age but I have done so in the past
It is the 45 to 65 bracket that will be the easiest to attract
It's already a Battle in France with more players... it's not going to be easy. Having competitions that runs quicker (most start at 9am to finish by 4-5pm) that's way too long for a teenager. We should encourage format that last 5h max, quick games, competition to run over few saturday afternoon to try get people to come back regularly (st Kilda winter social style)
Juniors will generally remain an unfilled aspiration for many reasons. IMV targetting couples in the >45yr age bracket provides long term recruits.
Lift profile as in Night Owls (bowls)
Local. Invite school students + parent(s) (after covid 19) for social afternoon. Notice in tertiary institutions inviting to arrange a coaching session with our club
Locally in XXX the schools have an annual competition. This seems to be quite well patronised and loved by the children who participate.
Locally yes but it would require some funds to be allocated for direct advertising etc.
Look at Extreme Petanque. Make it lively and fun while still developing skills
Make a competition strictly limited to under 25 yo with attractive prizes
make an offer to local schools for a one-off training session
Making appearances at schools and emphasise the fact that it requires skills development but is not a contact sport, can be as competitive as you like and can be played anywhere.
Maybe arrange demonstrations days at schools.
Maybe get into schools - have clinics or try to get into schools curriculum options. Target PE teacher organisations.
More Advertising highlighting world junior championships.
more open days, school competitions.
More session times appropriate for people who are working. Approaching local secondary schools to provide an activities afternoon within the school's PE structure.
Most of my friends had never heard of it. Could you organize a documentary for TV?
My 27 year old son enjoys an occasional game but would be more interested if more young people played. He doesn't have many friends otherwise he could ask them. Could maybe target local sports groups to come and try for team building? Reasonable bar prices may be an incentive.

No point competing with established sports. Again, find people who have never been attracted or physically co-ordinated enough to play other sports and target them.
Not important. It's an older folks' sport.
Not really we have recruited sons and daughters of existing members recently
Offer programs to schools, particularly those teaching French.
Offer to demonstrate the game within the P E curriculum at local schools.
Open days are always good.
Open Days promoted through High Schools, maybe go through the school and they may be interested in having a petanque training session at a school camp or as an outing to your club. Limit the numbers, maybe 21 or 30....Boxes of Chocolates for prizes and a cochonet.
Organise a competition on the beach with prizes
Organize more open venues and provide more information about the game with local media
Our club for instace only plays Wednesday morning. Young people would be at work, so you cannot recruit them. When WA started to recruit young players a few years back pétanque (competitions) went down hill really bad and its just over recent times that it started to recover.
Perhaps a national Petanque Day where celebrations could include school playground workshops.
Perhaps in schools they might interact with the sports already played.
Perhaps school visits for a sports afternoon.
Petanque suits the aged as it is a social sport with relatively low impact exercise. Most of that group have grown up children living their own lives, so they don't have younger family living with them that they could bring along regularly. One way to capture juniors would be to have schools introduce their pupils to the sport ... but this would require dedicated play areas or local club participation. If schools could develop the sport, perhaps offering it to those who are not going to shine in mainstream sports, and then introduce inter-school competitions, then an early introduction might lead to more Juniors continuing to play into the time of their lives when they have their own children and back gardens for play! It will always be difficult for Petanque to compete with Xboxes and Playstations ... unless Petanque becomes a computer game itself! In SA, some Cellar Door/Vineyards (e.g. Sidewood in Hahndorf) have included Petanque pistes as one of their attractions, and that is introducing the game to a younger demographic.
PFA or Government sponsorship for the kids
PFA should work with ASC and the State leagues to get schools to include petanque in their activity programmes as a matter of course in the same way that Bowls Australia do.
Piste space is an issue in XXX. The XXX piste is fully utilised and the XXX piste is far away. The possibility for accusations of child abuse puts me off and I would prefer to get young adults playing.
Play exhibitions in schools
Promote as a sport for whole families, keeping families together. For teachers it can be a game in the school yard.
XXX has hosted an annual Primary Schools Tournament for the past 5 years. It has grown in the number of schools and participants who take part each year.
Role models are crucial to most endeavours. Younger parents may be seen playing by their growing children. Grandparents are one generation removed from them. Social play in open and easily accessible locations could allow anyone, particularly young people to casually join in possibly with help from local councils.
School visits
Schools are where you have to start, getting teachers onboard to participate & sell to their students. Doing demos with some of the younger players becoming involved & putting back into the Sport as well.
Schools education pack given to education dept.
Schools perhaps have Petanque as a sport choice
Schools programme explaining the inclusive and inexpensive nature of the sport with its brain stimulating abilities
See Q28. Get clubs to go into local schools. Invite PE teachers to a workshop, with the promise of help from local clubs to run an inschool team event.
Short comps possibly over a two weekend period. Three games max each day. So young people are not out say all day Sunday when this could be the only day home as a family.
Social days with other local clubs, eg., cricket club, tennis club, CFA
Sorry this is a difficult question with the amount of school sport young play.
sponsor a grade in a local school for a term each year.

take a leaf out of Extreme Petanque. That is where the young are. Make the game exciting, take away the 'stigma' of old person game. Too much other sport for them.
Talk to school principals and develop curriculum for the teaching of Petanque in collaboration with local clubs. Students can attend 4 hours per week and continue to develop their skills if they are interested and receive good coaching and skill development
Talk to schools. Cost of equipment could be an obstacle.
Target schools and social media.
Teamwork workshop in school
The game tends to attract older people, and even attracting the younger 30-40 yo players with the pressure of today's life is hard
The never ending problem Personally I believe that children don't have the capability of playing for such a long time , they get bored too quickly
There are too many competing sports and petanque is looked as an older people sport. Our club plays mid week thus only shelf workers or retired people can play.
This is a chicken and egg story, without juniors being aware of others in their age group they will not join clubs or play the game, it may be fun in the back garden but few want to compete with older aged people.
this is successful schools to set up a coaching programme. Copy what is done in countries where
This is tricky as kids start to play and then drift away when they get to their mid-teens or so as they don't want to hang out with their parents. It's about building critical mass. Investigating a relationship with schools could be a worthwhile thing with the view to getting it offered as a sport.
Through schools where there is a critical mass
Time are changing and young people too not particularly interested after the age of 20 y.o
Timed games, attracting families, come and try for junior groups eg scouts
Try to get into schools. Promote in junior football clubs.
Try to get some high profile people playing and come up with a way to make it a 'cool" game to play
Try to introduce Petanque to schools, which we've tried without great success
TV and Social media is your friend for publicity.
We approaching schools when virus ends in a teaching program.
We do need a supply of equipment for training the juniors - smaller boules , Rings, cones for laying out . Coaching that is fun . Schools generally don't want to know but its after school clubs or societies. We need a proper display of game at a major event.
we have an active competition between the schools in our area
We have our local school come for a 6 week block of sport activity
We have tried but there is no interest. I have helped promote petanque at schools and shows but petanque is not dynamic enough to attract young players...
We have tried contacting local schools, again no reaction.
We invite school to a session & it works well..
We know that young people love the challenge of the game when they come into the Club with family and friends for a function. Both sexes can play together learning the skills of the game, getting support of schools is a complex issue, other sports, coaching and police clearances are challenging..
We need to attract the parents with young children. Without their support, the children lose interest quickly.
We run a schools challenge, between schools in our area. The children love it and say they want to participate in the club...but their parents don't bring them due to other sporting/extra curricular activities they do
Why don't' more of our children and dare I say grandchildren come and play? Why not I wonder? Its not part of schools curriculum, nor televised so how do we inform, word of mouth through participation and enjoyment. I believe there is a good culture where and with whom I have played. Like all sports the interest has to be piqued and Im not sure how.
Within a football club I was associated with many years ago much focus was given to the growth of the then associated, but separate netball club,.....the rationale being that if the netballers were prospering it would ease their burden of attracting new footballers! (Not sure whether that logic would be applicable to petanque and to 2020 though) As I mentioned above this problem needs to be given greater priority by PFA....its focus has been too much on providing for the elite.
Work out a way for the sport not to clash with other sports run on the same day
Yes - my club will submit a reply in the follow up survey.
Yes, but I doubt it can be done at the national level

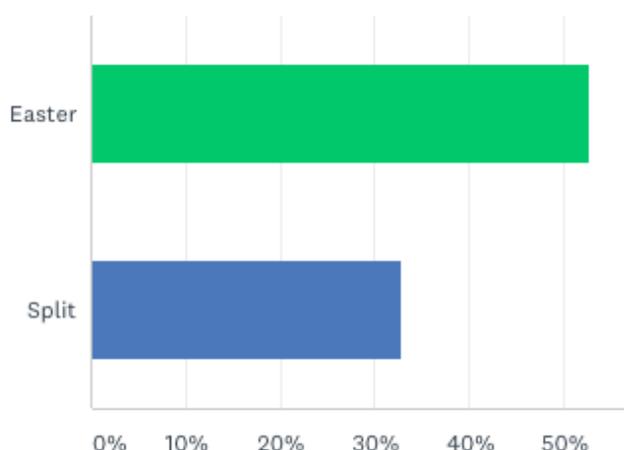
Yes. 1. look what other ideas are out there. AIS: [https://www.sportaus.gov.au/youth\\_participation](https://www.sportaus.gov.au/youth_participation). Also Bowls Australia. 2. If youth like contact sport they'll play that instead of petanque. Youth promotion should contact nerdy types - those who might otherwise be attracted to pool for example. Scouts are another possibility.

You have to attract their parents. Parents are not interested in playing from 7am to 7pm, children even less so (unless they've got the bug). Perhaps, separate venues for junior/senior and >60 Aust Champs. Produce the film clip of jnr/snr and supply to tv news - dynamic looking games and we control the narrative. Invite advertisers targeting >60 to that venue or promote separately to them.

## Current National PFA Organised Events

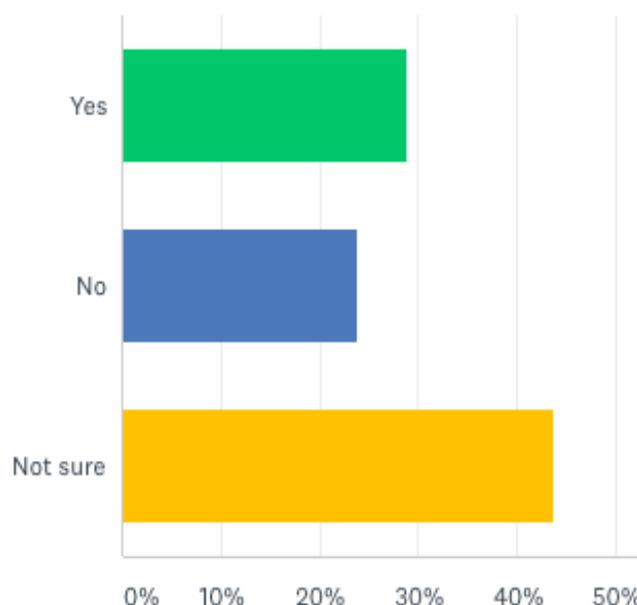
31 Would you prefer the National Titles to all be held at the same time (i.e. Easter Nationals as is now) or split on separate weekends across the year? Currently Singles, Doubles & Triples Championships in Open and Open 60+, Women's and Women's 60+ (4 categories for each title)

Responses: 262



32 Should cash be part of the prizes for the National Titles? Currently prizes are calculated on a percentage of the event registration income.

Responses: 292



33 What is the best format for an Inter-State competition (ISC)? The ISC is an annual competition between States where currently teams of six (3 men and 3 women) compete across several formats over 2 days. Open and 60+ categories.

3 men and 3 women sounds good.
3x3
4 Men and 4 Woman (Open, over 60 and Juniors) = 12 and 12.
4 men, 2 women will be more representative
As is
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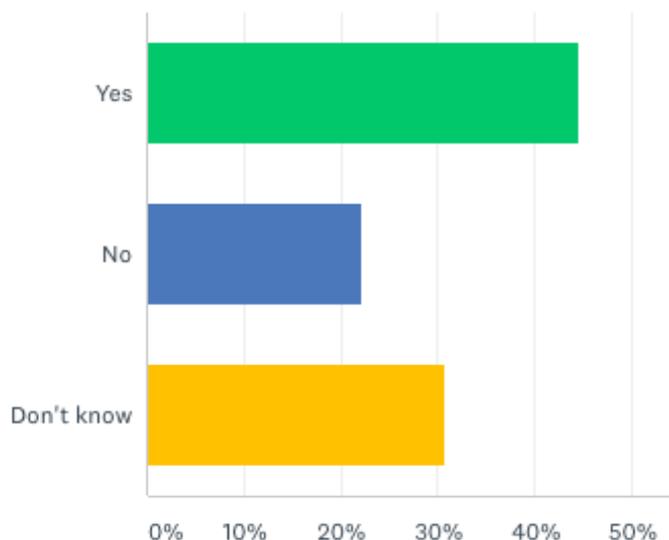
As is.
As is.
As is.
As it is
Cannot comment - no knowledge or insights.
Current format
Current format is good
Current format is good, but teams of four men and two women could be considered, to reflect the gender difference in participation generally.
Current format is good. It is difficult to attract the younger players to this. Maybe a need to just be an Open comp.
Current is fine
Currently fair, but States don't necessarily send best players. Super 6 in each State is sometimes difficult to participate due to number of teams entered & how many games/weekends the play offs encompass.
Didn't know it existed
Difficult to say if you have not been a competitor for this
Don't know
Don't Know
Don't always pick the same people to play in them.
Don't know
Don't know
dont know
Either 4 or 6 per team - both work, though probably four is better. Each State to play each other. Definitely no Final. Highest scoring State is winner.
Excellent competition as it is.
fine
Format is OK, should be hosted by different state each year.
Fun weekend with great pétanque.
Good as is
greater number of players from each state
Happy how it is
Have not managed to compete in one yet to comment. Damn COVID-19
have not participated before so no comment
I don't have enough experience to comment
I don't know
I don't know.
I feel unless all states have a team involved it shouldn't happen. You can't be the winner if you haven't played all states. 3 men/3 women is ok.
I like the current format, equal genders & both age categories.
I like the current format.
I like the teams of 6, everyone gets to play different roles and it's a good competition.
I suspect only 4 states are really interested in this. They have players who are keen to be selected for Australia. Probably they're less than 5% of membership. If there is an ISC it should be funded by the competitors, not PFA.
I think it is ok as it has been. The comp just doesn't seem to get the interest of all the states. A pity it doesn't seem to have more importance to some states.
I would have liked to see that same format again - I think it worked well last time.
I wouldn't have a clue. I do know that being among the top 3 men or women in Tasmania doesn't necessarily get you onto the team. That is a problem that needs fixing.
Introduce a 70+ category.

It doxes not concern me
Keep as is.
Larger teams
Leave as is, but make it optional for States to run their own qualifying series, this raises funds to support players. Also creates are very enjoyable competitive event.
Leave it as it is.
Looks fine although i think we need at least 2 teams for some state as we don't have enough states to make it a competitive enough comp
Love the current format 3+3, annual competition, history shows having a central location like Adelaide appears to encourage more participation, some form of sponsor support for travelling States or from a PFA levy would help with some of the costs, longer planning cycle would enable players to put aside own funds to support this competition.
Ok for me
OK with current
Ok.
Open team will not work with ISC as these people work and many will only play for money not glory and they will not take time off work and pay fares to travel except at Easter and for League competitions. Many will not play unless others they think are top players are going and pull out when they don't like the competition. Works well for 60 plus but maybe easier for teams of 4 and each state enters two teams.
Possibly more frequent interstate competitions might be attractive, but with the crowded calendar this would probably not be possible
Present format is excellent
Probably should be held on a rotation basis in each State.
Seems ok
Should also allow for doubles both mixed and separate male and female
Sixers
Sixers, with Open and 60+ categories. Possibly with a substitute available.
Support 60+ category.
Team of 4 should be easier to form. Cf. Trophée des villes.
Teams to be chosen by a coach.
The current format seems to be satisfactory
The current scheme appears to work
The format of the regional competition played in Victoria eg NW Challenge Cup would be worth considering as an alternative. Not sure whether the 3 men 3 women team format is 'broke' though!
The ISC is pretty good format but the qualifying process needs to be improved to encourage more teams to become involved
the original concept 5 men 3 women. I am opposed to the current format 3 and 3 where players make their teams. It is not a representation of their state.
The original format
The problem is that representatives want club funds to support travel to these events and membership of our club does not support their funds being spent for this purpose.
This comp has struggled over the years despite changing the format and number in the team. consider that perhaps the winning teams automatically win the right to represent Aust in the annual trans tasman against NZ
This competition is dead needs a new format and idea. I suggested this to the board a few month ago
This seems limited. Could more teams be included?
This would seem to be working well. It could only be expanded if all States have demand from their elite players for more teams to enter competition and whether the States were able to support/fund the increase.
Unsure, have not given it much thought, BUT was very disappointed with the way the proposed NSW vs VIC at Tarcutta was administrated. Initially EOI from players were requested and teams would then be selected from this list, this then changed to any EOI was to be selected. This change of "goal posts" meant that players who thought they would not be selected (in particular rural club players), would in fact have been selected, once this was known it was too late to register on MY PETANQUE as it had closed, very disappointed with that. Maybe selectors could have asked Clubs to put forward a list of 5-6 players for consideration?
Winning team in each State to compete in usual formats- Triples, Doubles, etc

Would have helped if PFA hadn't kept changing the structure of this event in the past! Having said that, probably the 3 men + 3 women is probably about right.

34 In competitions, should we look at having handicapping or divisions to encourage newer players to achieve success? Or possibly use a ranking system to class players on performance/ability to either apply a handicap or allocate to a division

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35 Any thoughts on the current procedure used for selecting National teams and how this could be improved?

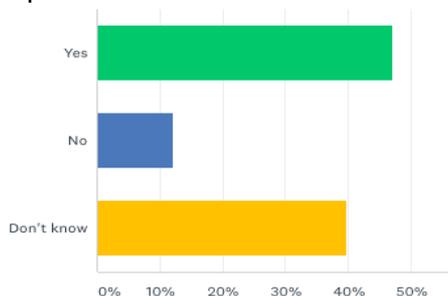
A more transparent selection plan would be a start.
All entrants for selection must be rated equally under similar conditions and State Championships must be the format for selecting players to compete in Nationals.
Cannot comment - no knowledge or insights.
Chosen player elects (chosen on skills and the ability to get on with and support other team members) from states should go to a training camp and the team is selected from there.
Country clubs are disadvantaged due to travel for trials, training etc.
current system has worked well with only one state dragging its feet, but offering no solution. State with coaching commission recommending their best players to national panel. One issue being that some coaches only tried to promote their local players forgetting that their job was to pick up the best players to represent their country
Currently players are selected by coaches from all States, which is good, but a lot of the coaches do not know all players from the other States, and a lot of players are not able to attend all the competitions played around the country to be seen.
Do not know enough on this procedure to comment
Do not pick husband and wife if only one is good player. Stop picking people who never come to a petanque competition in their club. As it isn't fair on the ones who turn up everytime. We are trying to promote Not turn people off.
don't fully understand the current procedure however suggest that it doesn't work. Until we have a transparent and objective method it is preferable the 'winners' deserved the right to represent see 33. above
Don't know how it is done.
Don't pick the same people all the time.
Happy with current approach.
Hard when there isn't consistent interstate competition.

Have a transparent selection process. The view that trickles down from PFA up to date has been one of ineptitude and total confusion from the players point of view. Too many on the Selection Panel seem to get selected!
How are national teams selected, I have no idea, we have no state coach, no other states coach visits Canberra in order to assess players.
How is it done now?
I am not sure how it happens - so perhaps a selection process guideline should be available
I don't have enough experience to comment
I don't know the procedure. From where I stand selections made locally seem to be based on patronage. I wouldn't recommend that as a procedure for any activity that wants to be considered as a sport.
I don't know what the current procedure is.
I don't know how the selection process is run
I feel its very confusing and not very transparent.
I think it is pretty good as is
If it's not broken don't change
Is there a system? Most State coaches have no idea of the skills of players outside of their home states and it seems that he who shouts loudest gets his pick.
Issues are geographical limitations, finance for some players, the fact that everyone knows everyone (selectors having to face people who miss out). Most important thing is to select only players who get on with others in the team.
It is difficult for Country people to attend all the selection days. Maybe players apply, if interested and use their ranking to select or scouts
It is very difficult to understand how selectors arrive at their decisions at times
It should not be Australian passports only...
It would appear that in WA there is no selection process anymore but again in WA cost is a huge factor and even though there are the scoffers who say only people with funds can go I would disagree and add perhaps people should look at how they choose to spend their money and not expect handouts and be prepared to fund raise I'm sure other sports have the same problems
Know nothing about it
Lately many of those picked have rarely played in local club & state comps. Get a firm commitment they will attend
Lots. Not enough space.
Make sure it is open to all who wish to try out for the team. Advertise it and welcome new comers. Then have a fair system of play offs for the team.
More communication with those who miss out after nominating
No apart from ensuring its a fair and transparent process. And the selection criteria is communicated. Obviously the cost of participating will have some impact on available talent.
No information
No sure of the current process.
No thoughts (forgive me for saying that this is proving to be a rather long survey!!)
No. I'm not aware of the procedure for selection.
Not always selecting same old people
Not at this stage.
Not aware of how this is done but would be interested in assessing
not participated in process so far so no comment
Not sure it happens now.
Not sure of the procedure
not until ranking and divisions are addressed.
People should be told the approximate costs BEFORE they apply. (Travel, accommodation, uniform etc). Enforce the rule that if people pull out they can't be considered for another competition for two years. Then people won't pull out when they don't like others in the team or think the other members aren't good enough thus being a self fulfilling prophesy with others pulling out!
performance and availability to train together as a team/s for a suitable period prior to events

Performance and results in their own States and recommendation from the State Coaches should produce the best teams.
Present selection system is fine. Concern is with players who cannot accept the decisions made and consider themselves "Prima donnas". Teams should not chosen if there are not quality players available to be selected
Ranking per states and board of coach or key members
Recent results should be highly considered. Coaches should not be selected!!!
Selecting players on merit, but also players that want to play together. Like said previously, creating a pool of max 8-12 players to play together constantly for a year, helping them to go play international competition (unfortunately it is not in Australia that our level will progress fast enough to pretend doing any results in a world stage), and then select the 4 person that shows the best chance of winning.
Should be transparent. Appoint selection panel separately for each event making sure no one is on the panel who wants to be selected.
Should have trials to select players
The current procedure should work well, but seems to falter because of 'ad hoc' expressions of interest and by a seemingly lack of commitment by players once they have been selected. The expectation by some players that they will be/should be automatically selected. This is not helped when selectors are often reduced to select whoever is able to attend the competition.
There is no procedure for selection, Being a friend of XXX will put you in the team. It is textbook definition for nepotism
There needs to be Criteria such as: Players must play in say 6 Selected Tournaments in Season (CHOICES given)- must include 2 of State Championships, i.e. Singles, Doubles, Triples, Shooting or Mixed?, then 2 Metropolitan & 2 Country Tournaments. Some need to be Same Gender, Doubles or Triples, not just play in all Mixed teams. Those results are then assessed when Player registers Interest in Selection. Favouritism must not be shown to players just because of WHO they are.
This is tricky as generally those who have the time off work and the money to pay their way get selected.
To select the best players not the ones who can afford to go.
Too much changing of teams. Hard to get around the problem, but you don't get to 'grow' together as a team. Especially the world's. Many overseas teams have been playing together for years. You need to build up to winning.
Unsatisfactory at present. Definitely no canvassing of players to participate. Selection confined to those who register interest in selection. Anyone who withdraws from team, not eligible for future selection (unless withdrawal is for a genuine reason ). Each State to have input to Selection Panel, irrespective of whether or not they have a State Coach.
We did Oceania and it cost us heavily. Why do we want a national team? Who are we going to play? NZ? Why? A national team is a luxury this sport can't afford. It panders to a minority.
What is the current procedure?

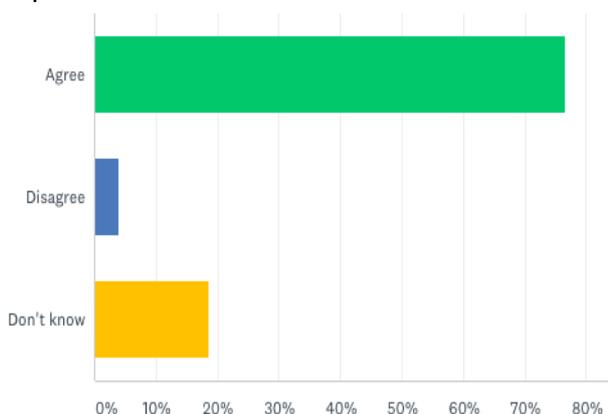
36 Do you support the idea of each State League having a player ranking system to assist with selection processes?

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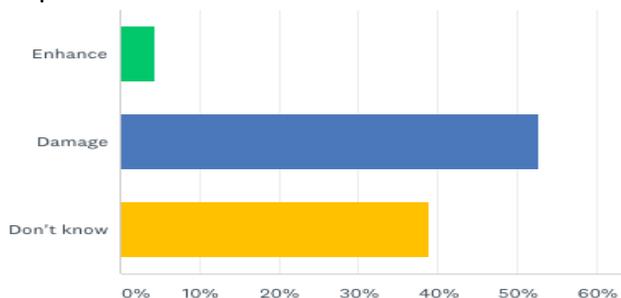
37 Do you agree or disagree that conducting Interstate Competitions and participating in International Events (fielding Australian representative teams) are important elements in giving our sport a higher level of credibility in the eyes of potential Sponsors, Corporate Partners, and Local & State Governments?

Responses: 300



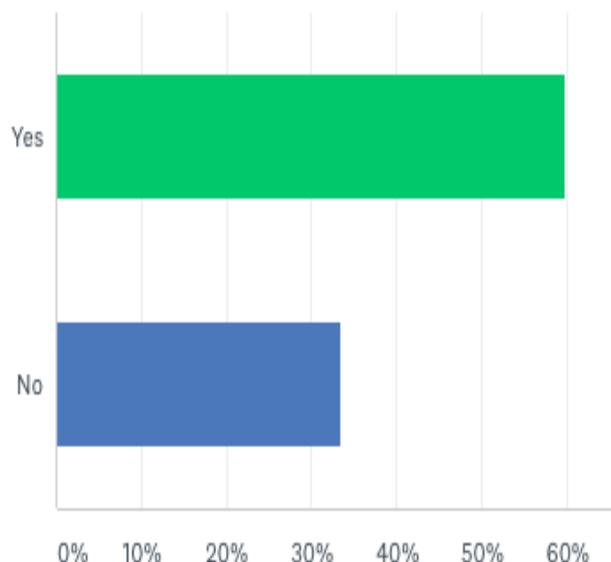
38 There are some within our Petanque community who would like to see PFA no longer provide any support for Australian representative teams. Do you believe this would enhance or damage our game, profile and credibility in the mid to long term?

Responses: 300



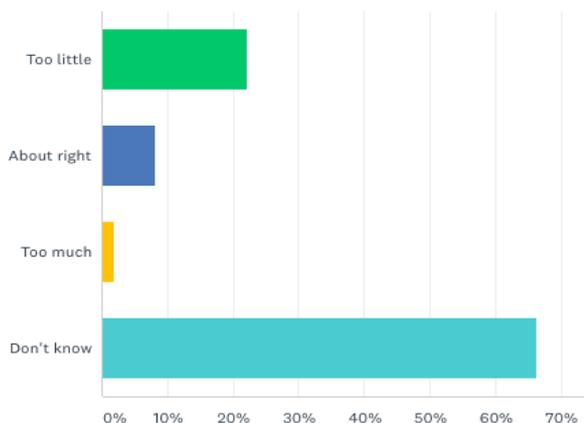
39 Should PFA pay for players to participate in overseas tournaments when they represent the sport? (Currently only a small contribution to help with uniforms)?

Responses: 284



40 How would you rate the current level of PFA financial assistance for players representing Aust. in overseas tournaments?

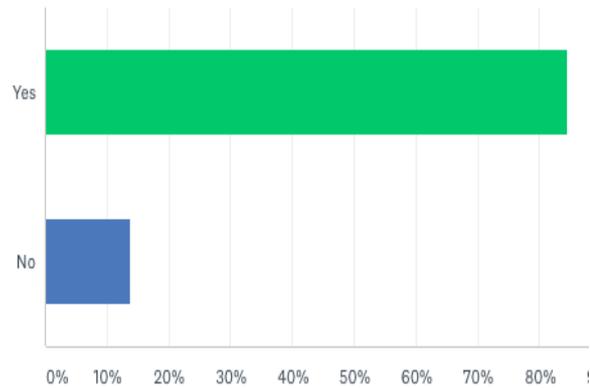
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## Umpiring

41 Would you support the PFA's aspirational target requiring affiliated clubs to have at least one qualified Umpire in their Club?

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42 What do you think are the reasons for a lack of qualified umpires in our ranks?

* Stops them from participating as a player. * Stigma -some regarded as over officious * It's an added responsibility which most just don't want * There are an element of players who do not think umpires are necessary & continually make this known.
1. That petanque is largely played as a social activity. People think they know the rules and, if challenged, that the rules don't matter because we are just playing socially. 2. No clear method for becoming an umpire. In XXX they largely qualified on a single day when a workshop was held. I've never heard of anybody offering to assist with gaining umpiring qualifications.
A lot of players are more interested in social games only
Age Physical demands:- movement and eyesight challenges
Age of people playing and people want to play.
As long as Social play predominates why take on the onerous and costly role of an umpire. Basic and easy rules are easy to understand and apply in ' parkland' play.
Big job.
Bureaucracy
Complacency
Could be that like myself people are not interested in taking competitions and ranking that seriously.
Difficulty in passing exam
disinterest and the need for the PFA to continually say why it's important to have one/some
Generally umpires are players. not easy to do both at the same time
Good question. Most people want to play, not just watch others play
Guessing they would rather be playing
Hard to get the training from regional areas
Historically a lack of respect and abuse from certain players. Etc. I was an ex referee and will stay that way.
I believe that most people don't realise that they do not have to umpire big events.
I believe the majority of players just want to play petanque. Is it possible to look for people outside of the petanque realm for eg: lawn bowls
i didnt realise the number was low
I don't know but I suspect many people are just interested in playing themselves without making a commitment. We need younger people to consider umpiring.
I don't think people/clubs are asked. In reality someone just needs to ask. e.g. the State President could ask a Club President who they are nominating to become an umpire. This then needs to be backed up with training and testing.
I understand that if you're an umpire, then you can't play. Even if you do play, you get "distracted" by having to make decisions, which presumably interfered with your game/concentration. Not a personal experience, but one I've heard a number of people mention.
If you are an umpire at a meet you are usually not playing. That might be a reason.
In our case the inability to have further training means we are unable to have state umpires, that kaaba we are unable to train new club umpires of which we know there are 4 or 5 willing applicants. The other issues you have is to umpire you have to commit to not playing... People join the clubs to play Pétanque...ball to a calendar

of events means umpires can nominate to umpire certain times in the year knowing they will still get to play in other competitions
It could be the simple reason that any of our players are older and are not able to get down to measure the boules.
It is an easy game to play at a casual/basic level so many clubs just don't see the need. They possibly feel it makes it all too formal.
It's all too easy to let someone else do it. Most people just want to play, they don't want responsibility.
It's quite a responsibility to able to give rulings without conflict. Rules that are not understood the can seem complex. If a club has no qualified umpire to share understanding the rules it would be detrimental to more qualified umpires.
lack of commitment and unreasonableness
Lack of commitment and want to play and not umpire.
Lack of confidence, good health ( eyesight, fitness) , knowledge of rules, dedication to the sport as a whole, laziness. Most just want to play
lack of interest
Lack of interest. Umpires do not have much to do during an event.
Lack of respect by some (a very few, thankfully) players.
Lack of support towards umpires by some clubs
Lack of time to qualify and Don't want the responsibility. low commitment by players.
Lack of will by leagues and clubs' officials some spending their time trying to reinvent the wheel instead of reading and learning existing rules
Like I said before pedants
limited number of players and limited participation in competitions. limited instructors to assist with gaining accreditation
Little or no pay for a long tedious day OR/both they are allowed to play as well, especially if more than one umpire is present
Little publicity of the requirement
Many clubs, like ours, have mostly older players and real competition is limited.
Many just want to play a social game and do not want to commit more than that.
Maybe due to lack of respect to authority as present in most sports.
Maybe pathway and guidelines need to be communicated
Most club members seem to only be interested in social games and not prepared to give the time required to study for umpiring qualifications like me
Most clubs in this state are too small to even have a full competitive team, let alone an umpire. Even creating a state league would fall heavily on my club as we are currently the largest PFA affiliated group. At least two clubs do not have the minimum number of playing members and one other only has a minimum number
Most people I know like to play for social or amusement reasons and cannot be bothered with umpiring duties.
Most people just want to play. It is usually players who have been playing for some time that would have the experience to be an umpire.
Most people prefer to play
Most people want to play and therefore don't want to be dragged into umpiring .
Most people want to play. We need to get rid of the rule that you cannot be a playing umpire in a timed game
Most people would rather play instead of watching.
Most people would rather play.
Most players are social and not interested in taking on the responsibility. Also past umpires have dropped out after being made to retest.
Most players would just sooner play
Most social players in our Club do not want to be concerned with exact rules ... they believe they know the basics and do not want to be tightly policed. I only really get regularly called to adjudicate where two opposing boules appear to be the same distance from the cosh! There are a considerable number of rules to be learned to be an effective umpire. Not everyone wants to volunteer the time to learn or to officiate in disputes!
Most umpires are disliked, they receive a lot of abuse, sadly, in most cases, this seems to be deserved through poor judgement, lack of knowledge, and in some cases biased opinions... on the other hand, umpires receive very little reward for their troubles and very little thanks when they do perform well

Nasty competitors certainly put me off doing the course and I'm sure they put other people off too
Need for inducement to encourage people to train for this role.
Need for umpires to forfeit some play when on duty.
No mentoring program. Use technology for instructional programs
No need at a Social level.
No one likes the umpires.
no one really wants to be a zebra maggot!
not a popular position in social situations and most people would prefer to play uninterrupted
Not enough communication and knowing who is the person to speak to about training etc.
Not enough information About the sport, will improve I think now there is a small € payment
Not enough push from PFA
Not everyone views petanque as a game to be constantly overseen.
Not necessary
Not promoted enough through clubs. Perception that they are not needed amount the players
Not seeing any lack.
Not sure but I have only had one opportunity to qualify since commencing playing
Not sure, it's a big job that takes effort, time and commitment.
Not worth the effort
Number of licensees, not able to be playing umpires
Our club has an over-abundance - the highest per capita in Australia. You'd have to ask the clubs that have no umpires.
People are not interested to take up the role
People are reluctant to commit the time.
People holding their power of being umpires
People keen enough to become qualified umpires prefer to participate in the game. Access to training.
People miss out on playing when they umpire. It would be great if umpires were people who don't want to play in competitions. Some people are anxious they will measure incorrectly, some shake, some get criticised.
people not wanting to take responsibilities.
People prefer to play that to umpire but if we had more umpires, each umpire be able to play more
People prefer to play themselves
People prefer to play, not umpire.
People want to play the game, not oversee it.
People wish to play not watch other people play. I believe a model that could work at club tournament is outlined in the previous response.
People would rather play. It's all about a very small number of people being expected to deliver a superior petanque experience to a large group of entitled, ever-critical players who want lots but aren't prepared to provide anything.
Perception that Umpires are too strict on rules which seem to be unimportant. People unwilling to be the "Pariah".
Perhaps not enough known about how to become one
Perhaps people who love to play are reluctant to have to sit out games to be umpires.
Perhaps the insistence in some competitions of having non-playing umpires. People generally are involved in pétanque to play.
Perhaps there are no incentives?
Personal responsibility for ongoing familiarity with interpretation of rules. Not sufficient continued familiarity with documented scenarios for the application of the rule
players become selfish, they don't want to give back to the game that they have had success at.
Players prefer to play.

Players thinking they know better resentment of any stipend for umpires not wanting to miss a chance to play not wanting to apply rules
Players want to play
Players want to play, not umpire, same old story. Not seen as an important enough reason to not play, but be an umpire. Umpire conduct needs to be professional, firm, but not authoritarian
Poor attitude by some players, officials and umpires.
Poor support from PFA. I did all the prerequisite training to be a Club Coach but never qualified because no one from PFA could come up to do the practical assessment.
Poorly compensated
Possibly just that - a lack of numbers therefore called upon too often at their expense.
Possibly participants would rather play than umpire
Possibly:- lack of mentoring / development, unruly players / spectators, players unwilling to accept umpire decisions
Prospect of being abused by competitors
Qualified umpires are only needed for competitive events Costs and access to training will deter possible umpires. Also members probably prefer to play not umpire.
Qualified umpires should only apply to significant events
Quite a difficult job and if you are an umpire you can't play!!
Ratio not enough players all around. They prefer to play first
Sadly, it's the reputation a minority has brought to the game.
Seems like an onerous task!
Skills and knowledge required and the want to play more than officiate.
So many rules! Time commitment.
Takes the fun out of playing!
thankless job
Thankless task
The heavy-handed approach by some has given the wrong impression
The personalities at the top of the ranks, and some are very full of their own importance, thinking they are the only players who know the rules and how to play.
The players can be intimidating to a new/female umpire
The process is very complicated. All states seem to have different conditions that qualify umpires. From nearly no testing, to very strict testing. Many stories in the umpiring area!
The time commitment required
the time cost of gaining the qualification, frequent rule changes, unpopularity of to individual by often too dogmatic imposition of rules on mainly social players
The umpire commission applies rules in a random manner as suits its programme which no one is privy to. As an example the umpires are specifying non playing umpires who are paid for timed games there is nothing on the published rules to support this. Also recently umpires banned players simply taking a point when they have boules in hand insisting that the boule is thrown at least 3 metres there is nothing in the agreed rules that support this position.
The way I have seem competitive players treat umpires at competitions, I am not at all surprised that people would be reluctant to be one.
They prefer to play and don't want any confrontation
They want to play too
Time away from playing, bending down ie physical restrictions and money
Time to train. Time to do the job. Long days. Travel. Insufficient pay (if they are paid)?
Timed game is excluding playing umpires
To some degree a lack of clarity on what games require what sort of umpire, and the payment they receive.
Too many older people playing the game socially.
Too many rules and changes between the timed and untimed versions may contribute.
Too many rules that keep changing NO benefit to being an umpire

Too much constraint in time and responsibility
Too time consuming?
Tough job
Training opportunities
Training presentations need to be improved - change from talking heads to problem solving activities
Training specifically for umpires
Umpire abuse!! Players not keeping to the rules and also umpires most of the time would like to play too. Also, I have seen umpires being bias towards players. Same problem different outcome for different players.
Umpires also like to play the game so if we can have more umpires, they can share the work and get to play in some comps.
Umpires love Petanque but seldom have a chance to play. Also some players are abusive towards them sometimes
Umpires need to be given and earn respect for their contribution to our game. A consultative approach is a way to go.
Umpiring is a difficult task that is often not supported by the players. It needs to be supported and the roles praised.
Unfortunately most people want to play.
We already don't have players, get more players to sign in, there will be more umpires
We have no seminars or tool box sessions for umpires. Should have regular education sessions - theory and practice
We'd much rather play than umpire.
Where is a mentoring program. Am aware of umpire/s who resigned due disrespect, arguments re. their ruling. Who wants that .
Who pays the umpire for his days 'work' are the various competitions? Ageing petanque population is a reality with the lack of umpiring enthusiasm.

## PFA Priorities

43 List in order of priority those areas to which you believe PFA should best devote time and resources.

1 Increase awareness of the game especially with the younger members of the community. 2 overcome the feeling that this is an elitist sport 3. Spend more on skills development programme
1 support the top players, 2 More encouragement and support for the Over 60 s our largest cohort by far, 3 Training resources for new players.
1. A Marketing Plan (which answers many of these questions) 2. Recruitment and renewal.
1. Better umpiring 2. Improving tournament organisers 3. Training coaches
1. develop juniors and their families 2. improve control of PFA (members funds) reduce legal fees, directors/delegates travel 3. prioritise use of funds against its business plan
1. Dissemination of information from the world governing body. 2. Supporting State leagues 3. Administrating national events and the Australian involvement in International events
1. Finding sponsors. 2. Running National comps 3. Developing competent umpires and coaches. 4. Encouraging the exposure of the sport in New areas. 5. Maintaining an International presence
1. Good governance practices at all levels 2. Strong financial responsible management 3. Sport development resources provided at all levels 4. International and national tournament participation
1. Governance - a proper review of current policy is long overdue. The policy documents are a mess, generally negative and often simply not followed by PFA itself. If you want examples I can give you lots!! 2. Finance - work out what you want to do and plan the financial support to do that. 3. Promotion - PFA has in the past talked about promotion but not obviously done anything about it. And whatever is decided must have a budget allocated.
1. Moving to a 2-tiered organisation by spreading State League talent to PFA and clubs. 2. New website. The current one using WIX is the slowest site in my web. Have more resources to help clubs. 3. Grass-roots promotion
1. Playing Numbers 2. Government and overall sponsorship

1. National strategy to help build game at club grass roots entry level. Need to feed in at the base to get growth of numbers at the top. 2. Training tools & mentoring support for new participants 3. Establish marketing fund to help fund national strategy through state leagues & clubs
Acknowledge that 95% of members are not interested in high flying competitions and then work towards building a cohesive, supportive pétanque association where all members feel valued - and from where future champions could emerge, without the pressure of 'performance' until they are fully ready.
Administration - to seek sponsorship, Umpire Commission and Coaching Commission.
Affiliate clubs to increase Clear disciplinary procedures, need not be to draconian but back Tribunals when there is one.
As stated build the sport by increasing player numbers and increasing clubs. Coastal areas of NSW with lots of retirees could be excellent target.
Assist clubs to advertise locally.
Assistance to clubs in funding applications. Training sessions.
Attract new member first and foremost
Attracting new younger members
Balance
Bringing all states together may one representative in each state
Club level development, coaching, training, and organisation of the competition calendar across the country rather than as 6 separate states.
Coaching
Coaching in clubs for new players
Coaching of players Promotion of the sport National championships
Coaching players about techniques.
Continue to be the controlling body for pétanque in Australia. Be a resource to help establish and encourage clubs. Help clubs to publicise the game. Conduct Australian Championships.
Continue to manage selection for national, international competitions. Support for local clubs through umpire training, advertising and information
creating more new clubs
Decrease bureaucracy. Minimise remuneration to board members.
Depends on what PFA's major mission is. Support clubs, especially post Covid 19. An opportunity to promote sport - can iso but still play unlike contact sports
Develop and help grassroots pétanque
Developing a comprehensive promotional plan. Offering support and publicity material to clubs to promote. Promotion of rules of pétanque as a sport. There are PFA clubs who do not teach or enforce the rules of the game.
Educational packs, fund raising and budget management, OS players coaches umpires get similar bursary. Best outcomes for working with volunteers.
Encourage a handicap system. Funding of competitors in overseas competitions
encourage umpires, more tournaments for juniors/school competitions.
Exhibition comps in country locations that could lead to interest in club formation and where profile can more easily be raised than in a major city
Fair play on all levels.
Fees
Financial wellbeing and canvassing governments for grants.
game promotion game promotion game promotion
Getting some sponsorship. Other minor sports get government assistance. I had some association with badminton which had support from both state and federal government, SA institute of sport and Australian institute of Sport
Grass roots and skill development broader base for elite and officials to be drawn from
Grass roots clubs. Youth development National comps International comps
Grass roots local clubs. Training sessions at local clubs by the best players - by giving back at the grass roots, it supports their claim to Financial support for international comps.
grassroots without youth engaging in the sport it will die

Grow the sport by engaging with all the clubs and players that are active but are not affiliated. Have a Regions Officer on the Board.
Growing membership, publicity, training, umpire education.
Growing numbers absolute number 1
Growing the game.
Growing youths participation,
hard to say from the outside, generally appears well run
Haven't thought about it yet. Will have to consider & respond
I am not that arrogant. You do a good job.
I feel that it is for the PFA committee to make that decision as the priorities may change over time eg where there has been a lack of media exposure for a considerable time then it may become the focus for a time.
I have commented throughout about the dominance, basically total dominance of PFA thinking being around competition and only competition. I have already said I think your thinking is misplaced. Even my son, who rarely plays in a club, commented on how dominant the attitude was towards competition as against our experience of playing in France where there was more emphasis on the social aspect of playing petanque and enjoying a day with friends, having a baguette and a bit of wine or whatever. Sure there was competition but it was not the overwhelming sole emphasis that there seems to be in Australia. Our clubs are held together by social players. Only a very few want to play in the interstate and national competitions as against the number who want to play socially
I have not been a member long enough to comment.
I will discuss it with my club - we believe that improvements could happen within schools and parent groups.
Income/revenue so sponsorship, events
increasing recruitment of younger players
Increasing the sports profile at a National level
International Ideas- advertise what countries have done to raise the profile of the sport. Advertise how some clubs are successful
Lessons. I have learnt so much in just 5 lessons from the coach
Local Clubs Women
Make the sport pleasant stop the infighting
making the game better known and appreciated in the community.
Marketing marketing maybe FB ads or the development of a radio ad
Marketing the game nationally. Encourage all aspects of the game as it was originally intended village petanque and social benefits and out of that will come your competition players.
Marketing to target younger players Publicising to local communities
Marketing/Support of local and small clubs
More encouragement of social play
More exposure to the game
More media coverage
More openness
More trainers appointed in each club.
More workshops- Train Coaches. Train members with running competitions. Make sure umpires are remunerated.
Nationals. Insurance. Rules. Empiring Guidance in pandemic crisis. Support sport promotion advertising
New comers
Organizing the Easter Championships and the Interstate Challenge. Asking clubs to fund raise for players chosen to play overseas. Sausage Sizzles or donations. Try for \$500.00 pa. per club to donate to PFA.
Out source most things to State Leagues and just oversee leagues, Easter comp and International rep teams. Spend more time training International teams. Have training in technique, strategy and psychology of playing as well as mindfulness training. Coaches need expertise in all these areas or even better - these things need to be provided by professionals in these fields.
PFA must deal with national issues, Gov contact, Sponsors, International communications, Rules and regulations

Promote the sport, find sponsors, review competition format, review timed game by reducing time to play a boule.
Promoting our sport with government sport minister as our sport would eventually become an Olympic category. ( MID TO LONG TERM)
<b>PROMOTING PETANQUE AS A ENJOYABLE SPORT</b>
Promoting Petanque as a friendly, healthy, accessible social activity/ Sport for all ages & abilities Support State League & Clubs to pilot new or expanded initiatives in their areas & communities
Promoting petanque in the community by bringing in international coaches where possible (players/clubs would be prepared to pay for sessions I am sure) Dispute resolution
Promoting the game, information for members,
Promotion of an inclusive membership that does not create pressure of competition.
promotion of game and skills workshops for clubs.
Promotion of the game Support for Leagues Support for Clubs
Promotion of the game particularly to under 50s.
Promotion of the game through the media. Actively seek sponsorship.
Promotion of the game to attract more players Making a fairer ranking system for tournaments
Promotion of the game. Support and visit clubs. Top players need to be seen by general public, promotional games in prominent locations.
Promotion of the game. Communication.
Promotion of the sport
Promotion of the sport Training. Training and information roadshow around the clubs to help and show they are interested in their members
Promotion, rules comps
Providing coaching to new players.
Publicity and increasing membership.
Pulling the State Councils together in order to speak with one voice and to promote the sport universally
Qualifying umpires and coaches. Advertising material. Financial support to Rep players both local and overseas
Recruiting more clubs Assisting State leagues to promote the sport Ensuring national events are well organised and promoted
Retention of existing players. Recruitment of couples. Strategic alignment with other sports and venues.
Schools sports programs. Divisions Ranking/handicaps
Secure sponsorships Apply for Government grants as available Raise awareness of the game to the general public
Skills development! Invest in bringing a great coach/teacher to Australia once every year or so and tour him/her around the states conducting coaching clinics. Most of the best players in the world now seem to be from Asian countries - they are our close neighbours and these relationships should be explored.
skills improvement workshops provision of training for at least one qualified umpire per club
Stop disharmony, Pétanque is "fun" and this should be at the forefront.
Support clubs providing tournaments.
Support to clubs with latest information re changes to rules etc
Supporting Local club recruiting Encouraging Social and Competitive events Encouraging interclub comps Encouraging interstate comps Encouraging international comps
Supporting players Making competitions more attractive
Supporting State Clubs and Players.
supporting the bulk of average player
The base first. Coaches Mentor players State players
The petanque calendar and training of officials
The promotion of good, sportsmanlike behaviour, stronger punishment for bad behaviour or the breaking of rules, to bring about 1 set of rules for all states, clubs, etc.
To encourage people to come along and try in the local paper. Telling them a little about the game as when you mention that you play Petanque they don't know what you are talking about.
training umpires.

Umpiring and rules International teams representing Australia Plan calendar of interstate and international events
Working with State Leagues Promotion of the sport
Youth

44 Any suggestions for restructuring the management or operational style of the PFA?

"I have played petanque for NN years" is not an attribute to look for in a board member. The organisation needs a fresh revolutionary approach focussed on grassroots development instead of national selection and representation. State Leagues aren't in the constitution, so it would be easy to move to a 2-tiered organisation by spreading State League talent to PFA and clubs. (The constitution is most opaque.)
1. Membership diversity. 2. More appeal to folks who put social play ahead of competitions. 3. Adopt policy to discontinue prize money at all levels of competition.
A big question.....unfortunately given the size of Aust we are stuck with current model. I think the board in recent years has done a good job given the organisational difficulties of federation
All good.....excellent committee at present....
Answers to q43 apply here. Plus changes to the way teams are coached and managed when they go overseas to competitions. The people they carry out these tasks need professional training and skills in all the things mentioned in Q 43 before they manage a team.
Change the structure to a more usual pyramid system incorporating the State leagues in a responsible accountable manner.
Congratulations on restructuring. Great improvement. however too remote from clubs. Only benefits is insurance
Doing an ok job
Due to a new Board being elected recently, I have no suggestions as yet. Will see how the new Board continue.
Each director should be dealing with own portfolio and decisions should be taken by full Board We have a major issue when some function are in the hand of one individual E.G. PFA portal or mypetanque site, danger to see the person disappearing for whatever reason, no organisation can survive or thrive under those conditions
Getting board representation from every state
Good start to this Committee with more open correspondence & this survey Be Open & Listen Be Positive in all correspondence
I had some ideas about contingency budgeting based on the criticisms surrounding the revenue shortfall for the Oceania Games. You may be doing this already. If you are interested you can contact me by email: XXX
I have always been a strong supporter of State leagues being more involved in decision making at PFA management level, encouraging State league development in each State would lead to a stronger base of knowledge and coordination of the Game Nationally. In strong State League States, they should be part of a PFA Management Team or Board, the States with a poor history of State Leagues, may be provided with a position at the PFA level, but they must be encouraged to find the "right person " for the role.
Increase the number of licensed players that a club has before it is awarded affiliation status. Currently that number is six; I would suggest ten.
Involve people with the knowledge of the game and desire to promote it and not just for themselves but for all clubs involved in the sport
Maybe recruit younger person to committee to enlist strategies for younger players to the game.
More inclusiveness
No more than two consecutive terms on the Board. Let the clubs arrange their own insurances as long as it reaches the minimum standard. Greater focus on the sport at the social and recreational i.e. grass roots level.
PFA should be less dictatorial and play more of a support role. State leagues and clubs should be given more autonomy.
Respect, follow the constitution, Better communication, accountability
Should it be registered as a business ?
The example of TransTasman selection say it all
The PFA, State League and Club hierarchy needs to be refined
The PFA, with representatives from across Australia, operates in very difficult circumstances- apart from differing personalities. Meetings via the internet do not bring optimum results, no matter how well-meaning participants are. A virtual robust discussion is impossible. There are, in the pétanque community, some amazingly talented and capable people, but membership of the PFA board is a huge commitment. Apologies, wouldn't have any idea how the board could be restructured..

The use of internet platform like Zoom could make meetings more and more easy
Three year terms too long for Board Directors. Also when they don't perform they should be asked to stand down
Two delegates from each state/territory , elected by their own state to form the board.
Use technology to promote sense of togetherness across country. We're isolated, make use of webinars/zoom etc.
Using similar structure, similar people should provide similar outcome. Define your strategy. Then, build your structure to service your strategic goals.
With effectively so few licenced players (about 1600) its hard to see how to move on this. I'm certainly in favour of a twice yearly meeting between PFA and State Leagues. But PFA needs to come to these with a 5-year plan, a budget and a positive frame of mind. Then maybe a series of small Sub-Committees might be useful, lead by a Board Member with 1 player from each of the States, to provide input on specific topics.
Would like to join board and modernise but not sure that would be welcome

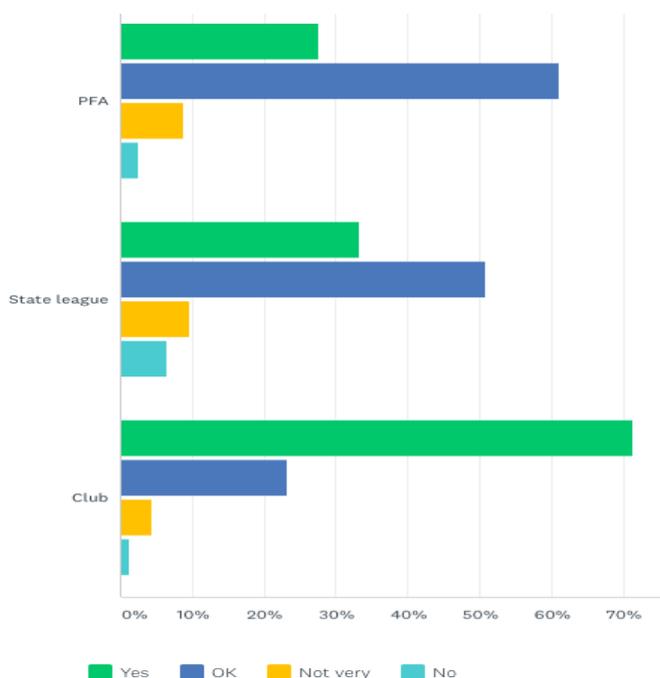
## General

### 45 What extra support would you like from the PFA?

A coaching manual and help to improve skills
A lot of players are keen to improve their skills, Australia is too limited for that, help them go overseas
Acknowledgement given to volunteers- even though we are all volunteers.
Again, coaching availability.
All fine at present.
Assist clubs with improvements to grounds.
Assistance in applying for grants, funding.
bulk of average player do not get nothing out of PFA
Can't really see what more they can do good people have left feeling used up and that they were banging their heads against a brick wall
XXX receives nothing from the PFA. In fact they almost never mention or acknowledge that we even exist which is amazing. A strong, healthy, happy, progressive club but completely off everyone else's radar but we remain happy as we have good people & a good committee
Clarity of purpose and plan well into the future. Support for preferred activities. Honesty to address issues before they become major Positive approach (ask/tell us what to do, don't tell us what not to do - too much of that negativity in the past)
Club coaching Umpire courses Interest in our Club
Coaching
Coaching
Coaching visits occasionally.
Covered earlier
Finance
Financial for OS comps
Financial support for hosting Tournaments.
Freedom for local clubs to encourage new members in a social and local environment
General direction and implementation of its rules and regulations State committee members should be submit to same PFA rules of 3 mandate to avoid actual situation
Guided if we incorporated.
I am astounded and grateful that the PFA gives us any, but you do. This is fabulous. I love the way XXX is carrying out XXX brief re clubs and leagues.
I'd be interested in whatever coaching the PFA could supply to clubs which are interested.
Ideas for improving skills and different playing formats
Important to provide insurance and rules in the light of international competition and national teams

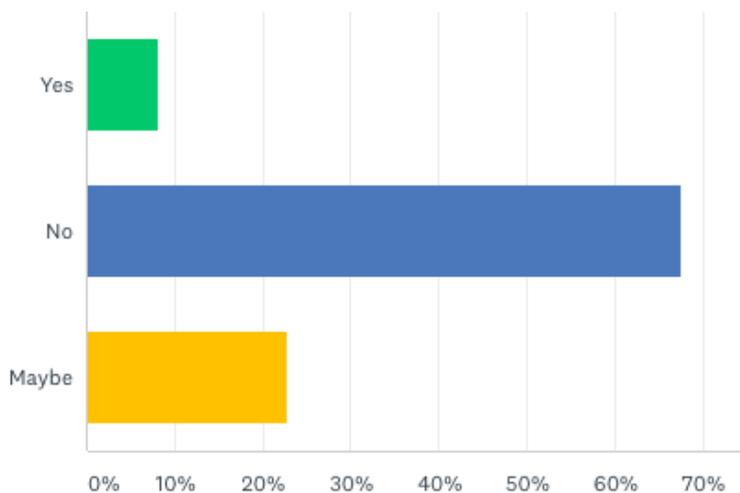
Its almost impossible to get interstate players into WA for Interstate Competitions. Maybe motivate other states to consider travel to us too.
Keep clubs updated on changes to rules and international developments.
Little bit more of international news.
Make a presence in the regions. Where is the kit that was promised for helping people to form a club? Develop marketing materials that can be used by clubs when liaising with local government and other funding agencies. Develop proper training materials, that DVD was so badly put together it was a joke.
More financial support for coaches
More ideas on how to best promote the sport to increase membership
More leadership in promoting our game More cohesion with State leagues (not point scoring)
More marketing, promotion of the game.
More regional clubs
Not extra support but support in development of skills, knowledge.
Open communication, I appreciate that this is now being provided, please ensure this grows and doesn't regress to stages of the early PFA Board years.
Overall satisfied
promotion of youth Petanque
regular updates
skills training for players and workshops for umpires
Support and positive culture
That they get on with the job of administrating the game and stop the infighting
To stamp out the petty squabbles in club/organization Committees as they only damage the organization
Training in strategy.
Training on the sports program
Umpire training,
You are doing your best guys
You have to be careful here., clubs need to be quite self reliant and PFA has to not overburden its own team with too many responsibilities. My club does not need extra support from PFA the current support is appropriate and effective.

46 Are you satisfied with the management of:



47 Do you have any professional skills and abilities that you would be prepared to provide to help improve the management, performance and delivery from PFA to State Leagues, Clubs and Players?

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Identifying the respondent with these skills is possible for follow up

Already on PFA board, but somewhat reluctantly. Believe there maybe better qualified people around that could do a much better job.
Am secretary of SAPL
Any of the above. Have been involved at State an National level within the sport of croquet as director and as secretary.
As mentioned in answer to a previous question, I know a bit about budgeting and particularly contingency budgeting. I am not sure if the PFA is well served in this regard but I can perhaps offer suggestions.
Ask me and I'll see if I can
At a state level initially .
At this stage of my "petanque career" I am focusing on coaching providing monthly support to the Mornington Peninsula
Business management skills Entrepreneur Disability support worker
Can help the club in various ways eg through the committee. Already doing this.
Coach.
Communication
Community Engagement
Currently not in position to assist as have other commitments
currently on club committee and taking action ,locally
Fundraising, corporate sponsorship, advertising
Fundraising, Strategic Planning, Game Development.
Fundraising.
game development, project management
Graphic Design
Happy to help via my club and support promoting advertising.
Helping with fun raising
High performance coach for Rugby Australia, Melbourne Rebels (rugby)

I already assist at local Club and find this is sufficient.
I am already on the PFA board
I am President of our club and Secretary of the State League. I have been in small business(pharmacy) all my life I have management skills, am very articulate and seem to end up on committees everywhere(Petanque,Probus Garden Clubs Mens Shed)
I can't contribute anything atm due to other commitments,
I have already contributed many years and feel a small minority of members who play competitions are at odds with the majority of members.
I was approached to keep on running Umpire commission and international communication Happy to help but it has to be clear
Introducing the sport To local schools
Look, time permitting I'm happy to help. I have a bit of experience in sponsorship, fundraising, advertising and promotion, social media, media liaison.
Management, governance and strategic planning
Marketing
Marketing on a local level.
Not at this stage of my life. I have worked hard on the committee of CPC for many years and then as an umpire. At this stage I am content to enjoy competitions and the social side of the club.
Not under the current thinking
Pending travel would possibly preclude being able to contribute to the PFA directly.
Player Mentor For New Community Members.
Probably happy to continue at VPCI for the next 2 years (if voted in!). But also prepared to contribute to a couple the areas noted above (if asked) other than on financial matters and media liaison.
Project management professional
Promotion etc.
Qualified Accountant
Sorry, while I have been on our committee for many years until recently, at present supporting family is taking up my time.
Sounding board (feedback) from a grassroots perspective for proposed changes etc. to the administration of the game
Strategic Planning, Marketing, Media Liaison, Sponsorships, Project Management, Governance, Constitutions and Rules.
Strategic planning, mindfulness, project management, business development, personal coaching, leadership training, procedures manuals.
Strategic Planning, Website Development, Social Media, Business Analyst, Project Management. We have already been engaging with the petanque.org.au project.
Technical and Furthur Education qualified
Umpiring at higher levels (I'm Club at the moment)
Unfortunately I work and have other parent obligations currently that would not allow for extended involvement.
Website development
Website, marketing, media liaison, strategic planning. But, I'm new to pétanque and don't know how the sport is run yet.
Working with a taskforce to implement a handicap system.
Would help but only a retired nurse/midwife
Writing/editing/proofreading skills

#### 48 Any final thoughts or ideas you wish to contribute?

"PETANQUE, FUNNY NAME, GREAT GAME"
An annual meeting between PFA and State leagues. So we can discuss where we all are and make sure we are on the same page.
As a social player I do not really know about the issues you have listed in the survey

As you can see, I have had a life long fear of competition and enjoy playing and improving but do not want to compete
Enjoy the game and sharing with overseas visitors who also enjoy it, thank you
Excellent survey
Great initiative from PFA, hope this survey helps elevate our sport to new level.
Happy to be able to play again
Having a specific Membership Committee at a national level. It is all about increasing numbers and profile
Having spent nearly 10 years in club management improving and maintaining club membership I personally have seen improvement in PFAs invent I'll Clement. This has with age and interest in travelling changed my focus towards social petanque. My above answers indicate my personal opinions gained over my exposure to the sport. With my energy directed elsewhere I truly wish you luck in your endeavours. I am encouraged by this survey and trust it's both genuine and positive in conclusion.
hope this has been helpful
I am happy to play Petanque but on a social basis only, I'm in it for the fun with other people that feel the same way. The club house socializing is what I enjoy.
i am sorry i am not familiar with the pfa workings as i am new to the sport. i will get more involved and hopefully be able to have better input next time.
I find the spat between (some within) the PFA and (some within) VPCI to be very unprofessional, particularly the emails to all and sundry. This will do nothing to enhance the sport. I have no idea who is right or who is wrong in all this and don't particularly care. With the best interests of the game in mind, I suggest that you sort it out privately once and for all.
I guess one thing that would be useful is a Tournament Scoring program that was far simpler than Sport, devoted to petanque alone. Also, if PFA, long term, sees continued value in MyPetanque, happy to develop that further with specific ideas generally supported across the petanque community.
I have a real commitment for this game and what it can do for people in a range of personal and psychological development ways. Over 24 years I have experienced much of what can be achieved, creditable leadership is a critical characteristic,
I love playing Pétanque each Saturday and it is one of the highlights of my week.
I love this sport and I would like to see it thrive but I like many others are unsure how to progress this. I do know the secret is in obtaining younger members as we older people only get more aches and pains until we can't play anymore.
I think that this survey is a good idea but it is too long and complex for the uninitiated. Those completing it need to be already heavily involved in petanque to understand the questions. We should be talking to those who can't even spell Petanque
I think, overall, PFA is doing a good job. However, there seems to be a lot of dissatisfaction, clubs seem to run using their own rules, competition formats can be anything and can change just before or even during competitions, everything seems confusing and as if there is no governing body, PFA rules are in most cases ignored, I feel that everything needs to be pulled together, it feels as if there is no unity, no strength holding everything together, in other words and at club level, a bit of a shambles!
I will forget all of this. Is there a way to get a printed or electronic copy of my answers? Great job, as always. Thank you for asking.
I wish we could buy local Petanque equipment
I would like to see both federal and state bodies working harmoniously to achieve the best outcomes for promoting our game. Too much time has been taken in fighting each other.
In Australia distance is the tyranny of any National Association...Hopefully the Board can overcome this and work towards improving the understanding that pétanque is for everyone at every level. The strength of the wider pétanque community is the friendship, camaraderie, respect and fun which is experienced at all Australian grass-root clubs.
It's a great game, I am sure you guys are working very hard to make it even better. As just a mug player I am loving it, even when I know I am just cannon fodder in some of the comps. You have to admire the skills of those that can.
keep up the good work, and give encouragement and guidance to state clubs.
L'essentiel surtout, c'est de bien s'amuser.
Love the game!
Many of these questions are not relevant to me as a non-member of PFA
More mixed competitions
My club will submit ideas in the follow up survey.

My very final thought... The very first email we got from PFA when the COVID-19 started was the announcement (request) for the membership fees. I thought that was a bit of bad taste.
Need a better interclub competition scoring system and/or training
No...quite a marathon to get to the end. Interesting that so many questions were needed, an issues paper type approach to inform and encourage comment and input usually indicates there is already an awareness of where a 'rebuild' needs to start, and it's focus?
None ... Keep up the good work.
None. All covered in above questions.
not relevant at the moment. We need to address item 43
Petanque is ????? Petanque is for the 'Oldies!' Petanque is not Bocce. Petanque is rarely in the media. As a founding member of the game in XXX I am somewhat disillusioned by its development. Do not get me wrong, Petanque is a great game, inexpensive, easy to learn, for all ages and very social! I, through XXX, have promoted the game major tournaments, radio TV, Cinema advertising and word of mouth in Hobart and across Tasmania since 1997. XXX club membership is now consistently over 70 players. Most of the membership is over 60 years and content with their social play. I should be happy with that! However not many members are thinking over the horizon.. who will lead the game (club) into the future? For me, trying to bring the game to another level is now a bridge too far. I have done my bit! I wish PFA all the very best in taking the game to a wider audience. Marrying both the social and the competitive needs of players is a big challenge! Good luck.
PFA left itself with a poor bank balance, hit trouble and then had no room to move with fees, leaving clubs to bear the entire burden.
Please try to clear the reputation of The PFA as a disruptive and needlessly controlling organisation that misuses its funds and provides no benefits to affiliated clubs.
Really hoping that the relationship between PFA the leagues & clubs can be positive & collaborative. Leaving egos aside & working together towards the same end goals.
Since our club introduced lucky dip chips for games, the game has become more enjoyable.
Sorry I could not answer all of the questions as I do not play competition petanque and therefore have no relevant opinions on it. I have enjoyed playing social petanque locally and overseas and that it still my goal - to play casually.
Sorry I really enjoy the game on a purely social level also like to support my local club
Survey good idea
Take a close look at how the game is played in the small villages of France
Thank for taking the time to put this together and get genuine feedback from the individuals
Thank you for opportunity to provide comment and to the PFA members for their work. .
Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to let you know what we think. I hope it I useful. Finally thank you for hard work in putting together the PFA keeping us all under you umbrella. Good luck.
Thank you for taking the time to make this survey. Good luck with making good use of the information you obtain. I look forward to hearing about it.
Thank you to our current and past board members. I think that you have set a pretty good structure and have been worked well to develop and support the game. As a licensed player and club president looking in at PFA and its board it seems to be a well set up and run.
Thanks for all your efforts. Stay fit & healthy.
Thanks for the chance to voice our opinions.
Thanks for the opportunity
the Covid 19 hiatus has been a welcome relief from the negative vibe that has crept into Petanque. It has given me time to question my commitment to the sport and whether or not I will continue when the sport resumes.
The fact that this survey exists is promising and is hopefully a sign of a change in management style within the PFA.
The fighting between the VPCI & PFA is childish and needs to STOP.
The PFA and state league really have to stop bickering by public email. I cannot image a worse way to behave. We dont really care who is to blame, you just can't send out inflammatory material via email. You need to behave professionally.
This is a good initiative.
To play league, I understand you need special balls and these can be relatively more expensive than ordinary balls. It puts me off playing league.
Too bloody long
Try to develop greater youth participation; e.g. lawn bowls may be a good model to explore

We all love Petanque and we hope to survive this Pandemic.

We can only keep trying to encourage younger people to realise what a great sport it is

We need to develop junior league/s other wise the game may die in 3-5 years

We should all (players and official) promote petanque as a healthy, safe, social and competitive sport at all levels with our good attitude and behaviour.

Why was it necessary to provide my name in the first section of this survey? It did somewhat make me reflect on the comments I made in particular relating to my club. If required do it as the end on a voluntary level.

Would have to consider this & respond later