

## RULES FOR THE INTER-REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Amended 2015

1. The inter-regional qualifying series shall comprise of 3/4 qualifying events. Teams must play at all 3 events. Depending on the number of teams entering the series, each team will play a maximum of 24 games.
  
2. All members of teams wishing to enter the qualifying series are deemed to be committing themselves to represent the Region at the Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge events. If any team fails to attend the finals or to attend one of the qualifying events, the individual members of the defaulting team will not be allowed to participate at the Qualifying events in the following year. This will also apply to individual team members failing to attend the finals or qualifying events (subject to the exceptional circumstances listed in 8).
  
3. Every game won, over the qualifying series, will count to the final position.
  
4. The entry must be in at least seven days before the first qualifying event and all fees will cover all three events. No refund will be given.
  
5. **Registration** - All players should bring licences to all qualifying events, as licences and boules may be checked at any stage. All team members must register with the organiser during the published registration period. At the end of registration, play will commence. Teams not registering during the published period and unable to commence play will be deducted points in accordance with current EPA rules. For late player arrivals, rule 7 to apply in conjunction with points penalty.
  
6. Teams for the qualifying series shall consist of 3 or 4 players, of which 3 are named on entry. The 4th player must be added to the team list if he/she plays in any game. A named player cannot change teams during the qualifying series. Any combination of three from the four named players may play in any game or change once during a game.
  
7. Teams with less than three players will not be permitted to play at any stage during the series.
  
8. Only in exceptional circumstances, (e.g. illness, accident or unforeseen circumstances, such as selection for EPA events) may a fifth player be allowed. The inclusion of a fifth player must be agreed by the jury before the team plays in any games.
  
9. The jury will consist of 3 committee members (or senior players) appointed before the Q1 event. In the event of a member of the jury being a member of a team subject to rule 2, 5 or 7, they will be substituted.
  
10. At the end of all the qualifying events, if there is a tie for any place, the position will be decided by,
  - A) Games won.
  - B) Points Difference
  - C) Points for.
  - D) The result of the Qualifying game between the two teams.
  - E) A play-off consisting of one game to 13 points.
  
11. All other matters will be referred to the committee.