



2016 OFFICIAL FPUSA ENTRY FORM



EVENT	FPUSA SOUTHEAST INTER-REGIONAL MEN'S DOUBLES		
DATE	SUNDAY, JANUARY 24	CHECK IN BY:	8:30 AM
PLACE	South Florida Petanque Club, John Prince Park, Lake Worth, FL		
ENTRY FEE	\$ 20 per PLAYER	REGISTRATION CLOSSES	MONDAY, JANUARY 18

EVENT INFORMATION

- Hospitality Questions? Contact JoElla Manalan, 561-632-7420, jmanalan@bellsouth.net
- Sport questions? Contact Etienne Rijkheer, 925-891-4756, rda888@gmail.com

Please provide your own lunch.

FPUSA REGIONAL REGULATIONS

1. **Read the regulations on the following page!**
2. All FPUSA members may participate with no limits or restrictions made on the regional composition of the team.
3. All NEW players must be registered with FPUSA Club by the closing date above.
4. **RENEWING FPUSA members must have been licensed thirty (30) days before the tournament.**
5. Pre-Registration with full payment is required for this event *by the day of the closing date* noted above.
6. Late entries are at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
7. All players must have a current Release of Liability Waiver on file with FPUSA before participating.
8. Waiver forms will be available on site and must be signed, if necessary, prior to player check-in.
9. Appropriate attire and competition-grade boules are required for all players.
10. **Closed-toed shoes are required** except if a player has a valid medical reason.

PAYMENT & COMPLETED ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE ABOVE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

South Florida Petanque Club, 1828 Barbados Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Check or money order made payable to: **South Florida Petanque Club**

----- Detach and send in form below with payment. -----

FPUSA SOUTHEAST INTER-REGIONAL MEN'S DOUBLES

	TEAM CAPTAIN	2nd PLAYER
Name		
Phone		
email		
CLUB		

FPUSA 2016 World Qualification for the FIPJP 2017 Championships (Belgium)

I. Background

1. FIPJP is planning to hold multi-format championships in the 2nd Quarter of 2017 in Belgium.
2. FPUSA expects to have a position in this event, comprised of 2 men and 2 women players.
3. The planned formats include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
4. FIPJP's current plan is to allow each player to participate in a maximum of two tournaments.
5. Unlike the Triples World Championships, accommodations and meals are not provided by the host organization.

II. National Men's Doubles and National Women's Doubles Qualifiers

1. FPUSA will hold National Men's Doubles and National Women's Doubles Qualifiers in order to select the four players who will represent the USA in the 2017 FIPJP Singles and Doubles Championships.
2. National Men's and Women's Doubles Qualifiers will be held on November 5-6, 2016 at Oh-la-la Orlando Petanque Association, Orlando FL.
3. These tournaments will have two-day formats and follow FPUSA Qualifier regulations.
4. **The winners will be held to the same commitment standards for US Team representatives as in the Triples Qualifier regulations.**
5. All purse money will be set aside for the eventual FPUSA representatives.
6. FPUSA will give each player a share of the international travel budget based on our 2016 income.
7. These tournaments can be held separately or together, depending on host club capabilities.

IIIA. Proposed FIPJP Team Eligibility (to be confirmed by FIPJP, and/or subject to change)

1. Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles: two citizens per team, or one citizen and one resident per team.
2. Men's, Women's Singles: the assumption is citizens only, per the 2014 and 2015 Singles Championships.

IIIB. FPUSA National Doubles Qualifier Eligibility

1. Two citizens per team, or one citizen and one non-citizen resident per team (**subject to change according to IIIA above**).
2. 90-day membership and other relevant FPUSA qualifier eligibility rules apply.

IV. Participation in the Men's and Women's Doubles Qualifiers will be established through these criteria:

1. Four guaranteed positions for teams placing 1st thru 4th in any Inter-regional Doubles Tournament.
2. Extra positions according to availability for teams placing 5th thru 8th in any Inter-regional Doubles Tournament.
3. Extra positions according to availability for teams placing in the concours of any Inter-regional Doubles Tournament.
4. Extra positions according to availability open to all members via a separate first come/first served registration process.

Notes on Item IV:

- a. Items IV.2, IV.3 and IV.4 are subject to the number courts at the host club.
- b. Extra positions from Items 2 and 3 will be assigned in order of number of teams that participated in the respective Interregionals. (Example, if a team finishes 9th in a 30-team inter-regional, it will have higher priority than some of the teams in the 5-8 slots in a 15-team regional.)

V. Inter-regional Men's and Women's Doubles

All licensed players are free to participate in the Inter-regional doubles. Players are not obliged to go to the National Tournament if they finish high and earn a guaranteed spot. Normal regional entry fees and prize structure apply. Please see items below for further information.

VI. Player Participation in Inter-regional Men's and Women's Doubles

1. 30-day membership in advance of the tournament date is required of all members.
2. **Players may compete in as many Inter-regional Doubles as they like until they are qualified, that is, place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th. Once qualified for the National, no player may enter another Inter-regional Doubles Tournament.**

VII. Player Commitment to the Men's and Women's National Doubles Qualifiers

1. All teams who place 1st thru 4th in an Inter-regional Doubles must declare their intent to play in the National Doubles Qualifier no later than June 15th. There is no penalty for not participating in the qualifier if declared before June 15th.
2. After June 15th, FPUSA will announce the teams who have committed.
3. By June 25th, FPUSA will prioritize the field of teams who finished in the concours across all the regions. These teams will be notified and have until July 15th to make their commitment.
4. Absent a valid emergency (as determined by the Sport Committee), players who declare by the established dates but do not follow through on their commitment will be ineligible for the following National Doubles Qualifier.

VI. Substitutions

1. Prior to July 15th, if one player from a qualified team cannot commit to go to the National, the remaining player may team up with another player from a qualified team from any Inter-regional whose partner also cannot commit.
2. **After July 15th, there can be no substitutions.** If there are positions available, they will be open to all players via a separate first come/first served registration process (by team).

The above regulations are current as of December 6, 2015. Periodic updates will be released if the need arises.

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