



MEETING OF EUNAT: 10-12 MARCH 2023 - BONN

MOTION SUBMITTED BY BRITISH NATURISM

Rules of the International Pétanque Tournament

This meeting notes that:

- the current ENC Sport and Finance Rules include, at section 4, “Competition rules for the INF-ENC pétanque tournament”, the following:

“The tournament shall be played by mixed doubles (2 players with 3 balls each).”

- However, in national tournaments organised by the federations, the doubles may be of any gender, and the current rules mean that teams other than “mixed doubles” are not eligible to compete in the international event.

EuNat invites the Secretariat, in consultation with the Sports officer,

to consider whether the current rules remain appropriate having in mind

- Sporting considerations
- Equality and diversity considerations, bearing in mind that according to section 2(5) of its Statutes, the INF “rejects all forms of discrimination”.

to report to the next meeting of EuNat with any proposal for change.

Argument

Concern was expressed during last year’s national pétanque tournament held in the United Kingdom. While gender is irrelevant to participation in the British Naturism doubles tournament, only those teams falling within the definition of “mixed doubles” are eligible in the international event due to the rules currently in place.

In the context of a naturist pétanque tournament where all the competitors are amateurs, it is not clear to us that removing stipulations around gender would confer any particular advantage over “mixed” teams. The need explicitly not to discriminate appears to us to be of greater importance.

This motion stops short of insisting on a change to the rules so as to allow time for the matter to be considered carefully before any proposals for change are made.



Financial impact

None is foreseen.

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For and on behalf of British Naturism

10 February 2023