

Irish Pétanque Association



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:

The Irish Pétanque Association is strongly committed to encouraging our members to take part, but the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. The responsibility for health and safety belongs to all of us as individuals but the affiliated clubs, and the IPA itself, must play their part in ensuring that practice and competitions are undertaken in a safe manner.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY:

To support our Health and Safety policy statement we are committed to the following duties:

- Ensuring that clubs undertake and record an annual risk assessment of the club venues and all activities undertaken by the club.
- Such completed risk assessment should be forwarded to the Hon Sec of the IPA.
- Should there be any substantial additions or alterations to club venues the risk assessment must be updated and forwarded to the Hon Sec of the IPA.

- Individual clubs must create a safe environment by putting health and safety measures in place as identified by the risk assessment.
- Ensure that all members are made aware of their responsibility to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that does not put the health or safety of any other player or spectator at risk
- Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the club's health and safety policy.
- Each club should appoint a competent club member to assist with health and safety responsibilities. In the case of the IPA this person will be the IPA Council member who has responsibility for the IPA national event being organised.
- Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and known by all members.
- Report any injuries or accidents sustained during any club or IPA activity.
- Each club should ensure that the policy is reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness.

- **IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO EACH MEMBER THAT THEY HAVE A DUTY TO:**
- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do or not do.
- Co-operate with the club on health and safety issues.
- Correctly use all personal equipment or any that may be provided by the club or IPA.
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for their health, safety or welfare.

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