

# Mirfield Petanque Club

## Health and Safety Policy

All members and players at Mirfield Petanque Club should read this policy. It is guidance to all players of petanque, both at the clubs piste and also away pistes. A risk assessment, using the club's risk assessment forms, should be carried out by a member(s) of the club prior to the commencement of social meetings or events. First Aid equipment is available in the store cupboard in the clubhouse kitchen, indicated by the First Aid sign.

Access by vehicles to the car park – Strictly 10 MPH.

### **Statement, before and during game play**

1)

The piste area should be raked and checked before play for any foreign bodies such as glass, dog fowling, sticks etc. and these items are to be removed and deposited safely in the receptacles provided within the park.

2)

During Play, all players should be aware of other games taking place and not cross into the boundaries of your neighbour's piste. If you need to cross a piste then you must ensure that the players of the piste in question are aware of your intentions.

3)

When shooting, all players should be aware of other players on the terrain and ensure that no player is within close proximity of the intended shot and they should be made aware of your intended shot.

4)

When standing in the HEAD of the game, all players should be at least 2 metres away from the head and stand to the rear of the head. When in this position it is game play and polite that you STAND STILL AT ALL TIMES.

5)

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that any spectators or animals (dogs) do not encroach onto the pistes.

6)

Each player should pick up his or her own boule only, unless otherwise agreed by a player because they cannot bend down for some reason.

7)

No boule should be kicked on the piste at any time. Nor any bowling ring thrown.

8)

Players should not stand on the wooden surrounds as these may become slippery in wet or frosty conditions. Good footwear is required at all times when playing. Fashion shoes are not suitable.

9)

Boule carrying bags, personal bags and other personal items should not be placed on the wooden surround or the tarmac footpath, but placed near the bench seats. Spare boules should be placed in the boule holders provided. Otherwise these can be a trip hazards.

10)

Players should wash their hands immediately after playing boules. Washing facilities are available in the clubhouse.

Although Petanque is considered to be one to the safest of sports, lack of consideration or lack of concentration can cause accidents. All members have a responsibility for the Health of Safety of others as well as themselves.

**Please be aware and responsible at all times. Remember - Heavy Metal Boule can be dangerous.**

**The Committee – Mirfield Petanque Club**