

Yorkshire Pétanque runs British Transplant Games Pétanque Tournament.



The Westfield Health British Transplant Games 2026 took place in Sheffield this year and Sunday 9th August saw a large event on a car park next to Sheffield Ice Arena. It had been converted in to a 26 lane pétanque terrain with dozens of Concrete Masonry Units (formerly known as breeze blocks) and hundreds of metres of coloured string.

There were 56 pairs entered and almost every team brought along a team of supporters and made a noisy and colourful day of it. The format was a 3 round snake in the morning with semi finals and a final. Medals were there to be won.

Yorkshire Pétanque were asked to run the competition and a team of 13 volunteers turned up to create the terrain and then manage the games. There were issues to resolve as some teams had never played pétanque before whereas some teams were regular competitors in regional events. Some didn't have any boules and there were plenty of last minute adjustments to the teams but it started just about on time and 3 rounds were completed by lunchtime.



Many thanks to the marshalls who came from pétanque clubs in York, Spen Valley, Huddersfield, Leeds, Ingbirchworth and Chesterfield. Thanks to Heckmondwike Pétanque Club for loaning 30 rings. Yorkshire Pétanque sent 30 jacks. The BTG organisers provided scorers, a PA system, plenty of muscle to create the terrain, dozens of bottles of water and table and chairs for the scorers' table.

In the afternoon Gavin Marriot, an umpire based in Yorkshire, ran the semi finals and final and the winners were a team from Oxford and the runners up were from Nottingham. Next Year Birmingham.