



Classic City Pétanque
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Classic City Pétanque hosts FPUSA SE Region Mixed Triples Tournament

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 2026, 9AM – 6PM
Lay Park Pétanque Terrains, 297 Hoyt Street, Athens, GA

Classic City Pétanque will host the fourth annual Federation of Pétanque USA (FPUSA) Southeast Region Mixed Triples tournament on Sat. and Sun., May 2 and 3, 2026 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. both days, at Thomas Lay Park, 297 Hoyt St. Mayor Kelly Girtz will welcome the competitors at 8:30 a.m.

Players from across the U.S. will represent their local clubs at the event. In all, 24 triples teams (72 players) will compete for medals and cash prizes. Several visiting players include national champions and past members of Team USA who have competed on an international level.

Spectators are welcome to bring chairs and attend the event to observe this French game of strategy. Members of Classic City Pétanque will be available to explain the game to help observers learn more.

Classic City Pétanque formed in August 2018. Currently, the club has 61 members from the Metro Athens area. In addition, the club has four FPUSA licensed

umpires and a player who serves as vice president of the FPUSA board. Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services assisted Classic City Pétanque with the construction of 12 terrains at Lay Park. Classic City Pétanque maintains the terrains and uses the area for social and competitive play.

Pétanque is one of the oldest games in human history, which involves throwing or rolling a ball as close as possible to a designated spot. Pétanque belongs to a family of ball games that developed in the Mediterranean, called boules in French and bocce in Italian. It is a game of both focus and strategy.

Classic City Pétanque members regularly play at the Lay Park pétanque courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. (with earlier summer hours to be announced near Memorial Day).

The club has equipment allowing newcomers to play. For more information about Classic City Pétanque, find us at www.athenspetanque.org or [http.facebook.com/classic city petanque](http://facebook.com/classic city petanque).