

Rules for Bedfordshire County C.B.A League Matches 2026/27

1.Registration

1.1 In any one season, commencing on 1st September and ending on 30th April, a player can only represent one club at BCCBA league matches.

1.2 A player can only appear in a single team where their club fields more than one team.

2.Playing Rules

All matches are played to English Carpet Bowls Association Rules (except 1.4) to a calendar issued by BCCBA League Secretary. Every effort must be made to play matches during the allocated window.

3. Players' Names

Prior to a match commencing the team captains will fill in the Scorecards with the players' names.

4. Substitutes

4.1 No more than 2 substitutes are permitted (maximum of 10 players attending).

4.2 Where a Skip is unable to continue players will move up with the substitute playing lead.

4.3 Where no substitutes are available, should a player be unable to continue to play, due to injury/illness, the game will be completed by the remaining 3 players playing 2,2,1,1,2 or conceded (2 points and shots as at time game abandoned)

4.4 A substituted player cannot replace a subsequently injured player.

5. Teams and Match Format

5.1 A 'team' shall consist of a maximum of 8 players (minimum 6). Where a club fields more than one team, A and B for example, there shall be no mixing of the players.

5.2 The Match Format is 2 Fours (8 players) with 4 games per match. All games are 9 ends. Note: The team playing in their usual venue cannot play on the same mat twice so must change.

5.3 If 8 players are not available one or both 'Fours' will play with 3 playing 2,2,1,1,2.

5.4 Clubs may play during the day if both agree.

6. Measuring

The Home club will provide a competent person to measure.

7. Completion of Games – Score Cards

On the completion of each game Skips are to ensure the scorecard is correct before signing as, once completed, signed and passed to the home Club Captain, no amendments can be made.

8. League Match Result Sheets

The home club's Team Captain/Fixture Secretary is to forward the result to the League Secretary as soon as possible by email or post (Scanned copies/photos of scorecards are acceptable – ensure black ink used, not pencil)

9. League Match Postponement

9.1 Where a match is cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances, a rematch must be arranged at a date convenient to both parties. If the home venue is unavailable the away team's can be used. (Notify the League Secretary of any venue change when submitting the scorecards).

9.2 If a club is unable to attend on the mutually agreed re-arranged date the match will be awarded to the other team along with 8 points and 36 shots. Should such circumstances happen more than once in a season, by the same team, all their fixtures will be declared void.

9.3 Should a club be out of pocket due to any cancellation the cost should be shared by both clubs.

10. Disputes

Any disputes between clubs or questions regarding these rules should be addressed to the league secretary who will consult with the BCCBA Chair and President; their decision is final.

11. Dress Code

Tops – Club Colours as specified by your club, where possible.

12. Mobile Phones

To be switched off or on Silent when in the playing area.