

Coningsby & District Bowls League

Competition Rules – Amended at the AGM 2026

Games shall be played according to EBF Rules subject to amendment by League Rules

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in March each year.

A President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually at the AGM

The financial year shall end on the 28th February

Any club wishing to resign its membership or to join the league must do by the 31st January.

The annual subscription for membership shall be fixed by the committee and paid to the Secretary by 31 January when submitting the League entry form.

A club with more than one team who wishes to withdraw one of those teams, shall only be permitted to withdraw the team from the lowest division in which they take part.

Grey/Black/Registered Club Colours trousers/shorts and predominantly white or club shirts shall be worn. There will be 1 point deducted for each player improperly dressed.

Games shall be of 21 ends, no trial ends, and a three-foot measure shall be taken as count. All games to commence no later than 6-30pm. Games played on or after the second Friday in August shall begin at 6-00pm.

League or Cup matches will start at the end of April and finish in August of each year, with the exception of the finals which may be played on the first Friday in September.

All matches must be played on the date specified on the fixture list unless agreed between the two clubs and the League Secretary.

All games in the league and cup competitions shall be played in three rinks.

Clubs are expected to fulfil their league and Cup fixtures even if fielding a team short of players. The following rinks shall be adhered to according to the number of players – 3/3/3, 3/3/2, 3/2/2/, 2/2/2 (a minimum of six players).

If a club is unable to play a fixture and their opponents object to a re arrangement of the fixture, the emergency committee will decide whether points and shots should be awarded to their opponents. Fixtures should only be cancelled in the case of inclement weather and the fitness of the green will be decided by the green keeper.

The President should attend if the dispute includes a member club of the emergency committee

Captains must agree before the game starts if weather conditions are such that only 16 ends will be played. Any match unfinished for any reason beyond the control of either club shall be replayed.

The home club shall ensure that the match result is reported to the secretary within 48 hours of the match by email. Both clubs should retain a record of those players who have taken part in the match. A match record form is provided by the League for this purpose and should be signed by both captains.

The home team captain will notify the secretary if the game is not played as per the fixture list.

The method of scoring for league games shall be:

2 points for each rink win

1 point each for a drawn rink

2 points for the winning aggregate score

1 point for a drawn aggregate score

A total of 8 points per match

The format of the Golden Jubilee Cup and Fred Powell Memorial Trophy will be agreed at the AGM each year.

Cup Games will be decided on aggregate scores with a previously drawn rink play off if tied.

A player shall play for one club only in the league. If a player transfers from one club to another during the season, there will be a ten-day waiting period from the date the transfer is received by the League Secretary. New bowlers should be named in the usual way.

No player shall play for his club in more than one team in cup competition, and in one team per week in the league.

In the event of one or more teams having the same number of points at the end of the season, the teams will be placed in order of shot difference

A player arriving after the start of play shall be allowed to join in a game after completion of the end in progress providing the player is making up a rink and not replacing another player.

Players may change positions during the match but must play two consecutive ends in these positions.

Neither smoking or vaping shall be allowed on the green during Coningsby League and Cup matches.