

NATIONAL LEAGUE RULES 2025

Federation National League Championship

- A. The Co-Ordinator/ Management shall decide the format relating to all placements in divisions and/or sections as well as promotions and relegations in each division and/or section.
- B. Only one match shall be played between each team. Each match shall comprise as a home and away leg .. Teams shall consist of twelve players both home and away.
- C. Away players to receive the Jack.
- D. Only two players may be selected to play in the home leg on a green that they are playing members, or are members of a team who rent, hire, or lease that green and play their domestic League and Cup matches at that Club. Where an Affiliate has more than one team, They are allowed to pool their players .Please note the Home player rule only applies to the Home Leg of the Match. If after the MB results site is unlocked on the Monday prior to the Match its found that any away players selected are home players at the venue selected by their opponents they will be allowed to play .

Reserves /replacements may be inserted from the list of registered players.
Moving a player from home to away and vice versa is also allowed .

Eligibility to play for an agreed District or Area. Players should be Registered on the MB Results system with their County Number and Primary Club name and should be Members of that Club in the Agreed area for selection .

Please note Registration of a player with a Club in the agreed area who has no connection whatsoever with that Area in terms of Residence or playing Bowls either Socially or Competitively ,is NOT eligible to play in the National League ,or Enter Federation Competitions.

This is in accordance with our Agreement with BCGBA .

Should an Affiliate play an ineligible player the opposing team will be awarded that game 21-0.

Should an Affiliate not field a player in any game the opposing team will be awarded that game 21-0.

In either case the score or scores of 21-0 will be accounted for in the overall match result.

For the purpose of averages the player receiving the walkover the score will be calculated as 21-11

NO GAMES TO BE PLAYED AFTER 10th AUGUST 2025 Date changes of fixtures to be notified to David Kay on fedbowls@gmail.com.

Should a team fail to complete their fixtures without a valid reason approved by Management, they will be asked to withdraw from the League . an example of an invalid reason is not fielding a team as nothing to play for at the end of the season.

AFFILIATES should prior to a fixture should contact their opponents and exchange venues so that travel arrangements can be made if required,

.Venues chosen for the Home Leg of a game should have Facilities to a Standard acceptable to Host a Federation Game, and a playing surface also of a good standard, Affiliates should provide refreshments Free to a minimum of Tea Coffee plus Sandwiches etc . These should be discussed with your opponents prior to the game .

Teams and venues to be posted to the M B system at www.bowlsresults.co.uk/federation This can be done at anytime prior to the game .Once both parties have posted the match sheet will be unlocked and available for public viewing this 6 days prior to the match. In any event teams and venue must be posted no later than seven days before scheduled date.

.Substitutes are allowed on the day of the game .

Results to be posted live during the match or after and no later than 24 hrs once the game has finished

. The list of teams numbered 1-12 shall be paired, . . The order of play can be changed by agreement of the two Captains i.e. game one could be played at game six or vice versa, the two opposing players must not be changed.

Once the match has started players cannot be changed except in extraneous circumstances and must be agreed by both captains.

E. Greens may only be used once throughout the season.

F Both Captains to take responsibility for the running of each Match. In accordance with these rules and the Laws of the Game.

The starting place on the Green should be clearly marked both for Practice and for the Match itself and not changed throughout the game.

G Jacks Home Team to provide 6 Jacks both for Practice and the Match.
4 of these Blocks to be used for the Match and should not be changed.

Please Note.

The Practice times were reverted to the ones that had been used for years ,following comments that the 30 mins each team was too long etc

Practice shall be allowed strictly between the following times: Home team – 1.15 to 1.30 Away team - 1:35 to 1.50 and Start time 2.00pm unless delayed by inclement weather.

In the previous rule The host Club had to provide 12 Blocks for practice was is now impractical.

Utilising the agreed Times and reverting to the old Rule Players are allowed to use their own Jacks if they all prefer to practice in singles. Or using the 6 blocks provided practice in Pairs .

.Where an agreed start time has been changed then the same periods of Practice will apply in the hour prior to the start of the match

All games are 21 up and 4 games always to be in progress until completed. The home team is to provide measuring equipment. The Home team to provide 6 Blocks for practice and 4 of the same blocks for the match.

H. Results from each game shall be 1 point awarded for each individual win and 2 points for each aggregate win, plus 4 further points for overall aggregate win with points shared if tied i.e. 32 points available in total.

I. Divisional tables, the winners of each division and/or section shall be the team with the most points. Teams liable to be relegated shall be those with least points. In the case of a tie on points the following order of elimination shall apply.

J. If a tie on points – The team with the most overall match wins.

ii. If still a tie - Best chalks difference.

iii. If still a tie - The result between the tied teams to count.

L. Games can be re-arranged by mutual agreement at any time. Should no agreement be reached then the original date shall be adhered to.

.All games to be completed by 1st August.. 2024

M. Abandonment of Games due to bad weather. The venue where the game was not played, the points to be shared equally. The result from the venue where a game has been played result to stand. If the game is not played either home or away the average points system will be applied. If a match has to be abandoned during play, the points of the remaining games, including any unfinished games to be shared and added to the points of the games already played. Part played games score at abandonment to stand. A match not started will be delayed till 3.30 before being called off unless by prior agreement by the Captains.

N. All games to be played according to BCGBA Laws of The Game

O. Federation Dress Code to apply in all National League Games and Events. Collared Polo with Black . Grey or Navy Trousers or Plain Black Shorts.

STRICTLY no JEANS or JOGGERS or CHINOS with pockets .SHORTS no CARGO ,

**In HOT weather plain coloured shorts may be worn with a Collared Polo .
We want All our Players to feel comfortable and enjoy their games.**