



Cambridgeshire Pool Association

Inter-League Rules 2016

Section 1 - Eligibility

1. Entry to the Inter-League is open to all leagues affiliated to the CPA, and will include automatic entry into the Inter-League KO Cup. The team entry fee for the Inter-League is currently £35 and will be decided and agreed annually at the CPA AGM. This is payable before the start of the season. The individual entry fee for Inter-League only is £12. This reduces to £10 when less than 50% of matches remain.
2. All players taking part in the Inter-League must be in possession of an EPA ID member registration card, as issued through the Cambridgeshire County Association. Any player having played in an Inter-League match and not in membership within seven days of that match being played will forfeit any frames they have won to their legally registered opponents.
3. Any player who is registered and actively playing in a local league can, if selected play for an Inter-League team run by their local league. There is no minimum requirement for the number of matches a player must play in their local league to qualify to play in the CPA Inter-League competition. However, if the team qualifies or is invited to attend National Inter-League finals then player qualification rules will apply (see section 3).
4. Once a player has been named on an Inter-League fixture score sheet then that player is locked into that team until January 1st of the following year.
5. The age limit for Inter-League shall be a minimum of 10 years of age. This is subject to the local league allowing players of this age. Any minor under 18 must be accompanied by a nominated and responsible adult when on licensed premises.
6. Team registration sheets and player registrations are to be with the County Secretary before the start of the Inter-League season.
7. All teams are required to lodge a £50 deposit with the CPA at the same time the team is registered.

Section 2 – Matches

1. All matches are to be played to EPA World Rules. All fixtures must be played.
2. Matches are to be played at The Court Club in Peterborough and played on Sundays. No matches to be played on Bank Holiday weekends. In extreme circumstances the committee can make an exception to these rules.

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3. If 5 or more teams are registered, then each team will play each other once. If less than 5 teams are registered then teams will play each other twice.
4. All matches are to consist of 2 sessions of 9 frames giving 18 frames in total. The playing order will be as follows. The home team are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in both sessions. The away team are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in the first session and 3, 4, 1, 2, 9, 8, 5, 6, 7 in the second session.
5. Byes: If the home team is short of players, first player 4 shall be left blank, then player 3. If the away team is short of players, first player 5 shall be left blank, then player 8.
6. A maximum of three substitutes may be used in any match. Substitutes must have been named as a substitute before the match started and sign the result sheet to be officially acknowledged by the EPA.
7. No Inter-League match can be started unless there are a minimum of seven players from each team present at the start of the match.
8. If any player is not ready to play their frame when called then after 10 minutes grace those frames will be awarded to the opposition.
9. Home team to time keep and away team to referee in both sessions.
10. The home team and the away team shall enter their first 9 players on their respective sides of two different result sheets. Once the first 9 players have been entered the break shall be determined by lagging (the team who wins the lag shall have the choice of breaking first, or putting the opposition in to break first). The break alternates throughout a match, which includes any play off frames that may be required. Hence there is no re-toss for play off frames.
11. It is the responsibility of the winning captain to ensure the results sheets are with the Inter-League Secretary within seven days of the match being played. In the event of a draw the responsibility lies with the home team captain.
12. Matches cannot be postponed except under exceptional circumstances to be decided by the County Committee. Matches can be brought forward but must still be played at the original venue.
13. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. League placing will be determined by points, followed by head to head results, and then matches won. If teams remain tied, and it is for a meaningful position then league placing will be determined by a play-off.
14. There will be no seedings in the way the knock out cup operates.

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15. All teams participating in the Interleague KO cup, will play more than one match in this competition.

16. If a team fails to attend more than one fixture date, then that team will be removed from the Interleague for that season, and all results and hotshots gained against that team will be null and void.

Section 3 – Eligibility for National Finals

1. Players must have played in, or have been a signed reserve in a minimum of 50% of their team's local league current fixtures or if completed their last completed season in the last 12 months. They must also have played in or have been a signed reserve in a minimum of 50% of the County's Inter-League fixtures for the previous season, to qualify to play in the Inter-league finals. If these minimum criteria are not met by a player then dispensation may be given by the E.P.A. National Inter-league Tournament Director/E.P.A. National Secretary upon written request. Each request will be dealt with on its merits.

Section 4 – Disciplinary and Grievances

1. If a team fails to turn up to a fixture then this should be reported to the Inter-League Secretary. The County Committee are to decide on an appropriate course of action according to the CPA's constitutional rules.

2. The County Committee set a maximum fine of £20 for any one instance of an Inter-League punishment.

3. If a team drops out before completing all of their fixtures then they will forfeit their £50 deposit. This includes any appearance at the National Finals.

4. Any grievance should be reported to the Inter-League Secretary.

5. If the Inter-League Secretary does not receive the result card within seven days of the match then the offending team will receive a one point deduction. A further offence is also a one point deduction and will be reported to the County Committee.

6. All non-playing rules (other than the rules covered in this document) will fall to the County Committee for adjudication.