

Ormskirk Carpet Bowls League

The Ormskirk Carpet Bowls League will be administered by the Lancashire Carpet Bowls Association (LCBA).

Team Entry, Fees & Registration

- Teams can be entered via the Lancashire Carpet Bowls website – lancashirecarpetbowls.wordpress.com.
- There will be a maximum of 12 teams allowed to enter.
- All players should be registered at [REGISTER](#). Players will not be eligible to play unless they have completed the Registration Form. This can also be found on the LCBA Website. All players will become registered with, and members of the Lancashire Carpet Bowls Association. Details are needed for health & safety and insurance purposes. There is no extra charge for registration and all members will become eligible to be selected for Lancashire in future matches against other counties.
- Teams may register as many players as they wish and players can be registered at any time prior to the game they are [playing in. However, only 4 players may play in each match (3 if short – see below).
- Each team will need a Team Captain who will be responsible for team selection each week, deciding the order of play, collecting payment off players and making payment each week by bank transfer to the LCBA Bank Account.
- There is no fee to enter a team but there will be a £3 charge per player for each match (ie £12 per team). This fee includes player registration and LCBA membership, as well for free tea/coffee and biscuits each week, equipment use and room hire.
- Each team can choose its name. Each team will also be given a number to use as a reference for payments.
- Bowlsnet will be used for fixtures/league tables etc.
- The League will provisionally commence on Sunday 1st November. Provisional matchday dates are – 1/8/15/22/29 Nov, 6/13 Dec, 10/17/24/31 Jan. If there is demand then the LCBA will hold a KO Cup comp commencing in February with prizemoney for the winners.
- Any issues should be raised with Ian Gill, who will act as League Secretary on behalf of the LCBA. Mo Harmston will act as League Secretary in his absence.
- Individual practice sessions will be held Mon mornings 10-12am (from now), Wed afternoons 2-4pm (from early September) and team practice on Sunday afternoons (3-5pm) in October, subject to demand. All these will be charged at £3 per person per session.

Equipment

- All equipment (mats, bowls, measures, scorecards, scoreboards etc) is provided by the LCBA and must be used for the League. Carpet bowls uses specialist bowls and they are all provided by the LCBA and will be set out prior to matches.
- There is no dress code – players may wear what they wish.
- The LCBA appreciate any help putting away the mats and equipment but no one should lift or carry equipment if they are not physically fit.
- An Accident Book, H&S policy and Risk Assessment, along with the other various policies of the LCBA can be found in the kitchen area of the Guide Building (see also the website). A defibrillator is located on the far side of the Malthouse Building should it be required.

Prize Money

- At the conclusion of the League prize money will be awarded to the top three teams.
- If the League is full subscribed then prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st Place - £300
 - 2nd Place - £200
 - 3rd Place - £100
- If there are less than 12 teams then the prizemoney will be adjusted and the amounts published by the LCBA Committee prior to the start of the competition

Play

- Teams will be made up of 4 players - 1,2,3 and a Skip (number 4).
- Each player gets two bowls. Bowls should not be picked up until the preceding player has delivered their bowl.
- The team order will be allocated by the team captain, but once play has commenced the Skip will be in charge of the team for the duration of the match.
- The order of players cannot be changed once a match has commenced, but can be altered between matches
- If short teams can play with 3 players. In the event there are just 3 players then the playing order will be as follows - 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 3, with the No 3 player acting as Skip. When a team is playing with 3 players then the opposing team will start on +3 points, and this should be added to the scorecard prior to commencement.
- If a team has less than 3 players present at the start time then the opposition will be awarded the 2 points and a +6 aggregate win. If a team has 3 players at the start and the 4th player arrives late, then they may join the team as either number 1 or 2, but the opposition will retain their +3 start.
- Players can be registered at any time prior to play but they must not have played for one of the other teams previously.

- Games will be 9 ends. All matches should be played to the full 9 ends even if a team cannot mathematically win.
- There will be no practice prior to the start of matches
- Three sets of matches will commence at 3pm and a further sets of matches at 4pm – the fixtures will make it clear which timeslot teams will be playing in each week. Players should arrive 10 minutes before the start time to allow a prompt start.
- The winners of the toss of a coin will decide which colour bowls they want and whether to go first or second.
- The team playing first will decide where to place the jack on the line.
- Skips will be responsible for agreeing scores, recording them on a paper sheet and the scoreboard and for measuring unless they designate any of those tasks to a team member.
- Number 1, 2 and 3 players should stay down at the bowling end until all their bowls, and those of the opposing 1,2 and 3's have been delivered. They will then swap with the Skips who have been at the other end. Only number 3's will be allowed to go up and look at the head upon being invited by the Skip. Number 1 & 2 should not go up to 'have a look'. The Number 3 player will be the one communicating with the Skip and advising, with other players (1 & 2) not getting involved.
- The team playing with brown bowls will be red on the scoreboard and the team with black bowls will be blue.
- Each team will play each other once in the League
- Points will be awarded as follows - 2 pts for a win, 1pt for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- League positions will be awarded firstly on Points scored (as identified above) and then on aggregate difference.
- In the case of any disputes the LCBA will designate a referee for each session who should be called upon if necessary.
- Spectators are allowed and players may arrive early for their match to watch preceding games or stay on if they are in the earlier session. However, care should be taken to not disturb matches in play when moving around the room and spectators should not interfere with matches.
- Where not covered by these rules, all normal English Carpet Bowls Association (ECBA) rules will apply. These can be found on the ECBA website.

We have tried to make this information as comprehensive as possible. However, anyone who has any queries or questions should contact Ian Gill on 07500 918 081 or at lancashirecarpetbowls@gmail.com