



NATIONAL LEAGUE RULES 2017

Federation National League Championship

A. The Board 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 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. 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 on that green. Where an Affiliate has more than one team, players who have played for a lower Div team in the current season, or in the case of the first match of the season have been named on the team sheet of the lower division team, may move up to a higher division for one match only and then will be able to revert back to the lower division for the rest of the season. Any subsequent appearance in a higher division shall automatically tie such player to that team.

B. Where an Affiliate has two or more teams in the same division, players will be tied to the team they play their first game for the rest of the season.

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

D. AFFILIATES should 16 days prior to a fixture should contact their opponents and exchange venues so that travel arrangements can be made if necessary .

Teams and venues to be posted to the M B system at www.bowlingresults.co.uk/federation. Once both parties have posted the match sheet will be unlocked and available for public viewing 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 48 hrs once the game has finished

. The list of teams numbered 1-12 shall be paired, no deviation. Any players absent when called upon must be replaced and shall thereafter not play in the match. Home players shall be numbered according to the match sheet. 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.

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

F. Referees to be in attendance where possible at the Home Leg. If a referee is not available both Captains to take responsibility. Notification of venue with precise directions for reaching same shall be included with details referred to in D.

G. Practice shall be allowed strictly between the following times: Home team - 1:15- 1:30pm, away team - 1:35pm - 1:50pm. Start time 2.00pm unless delayed by inclement weather. All games are 21 up and 4 games always to be in progress until completed. The home team is to provide measuring equipment.

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.

- i. 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.

J. Games can be re-arranged by mutual agreement but this must be done before the 31st March. Should no agreement be reached then the original date shall be adhered to. Should any game require rearranging after 31st March for justifiable reasons and can be agreed mutually. This must be sanctioned by the Co-Ordinator and two other Officers/ Board Members. Final day for rearranging National League Games will be first Sunday in September

K. 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 points to be shared equally. 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.

L. All games to be played according to BCGBA rules .

M Any fixture may be played on a neutral green.

N The rule that will apply should the match not be played.

1 If one leg is played the result at that leg to stand .

Where the leg is not played the offending team will receive no points and the offended team will receive 2 pts for the leg plus 4pts for overall aggregate plus the average number of winners from the other three games played in the season .

2 If the match is not played at all the offending team will receive no points and the offended team will receive the average total from their other three games played in the season .

