Cambridgeshire Pool Association

Interleague Rules 2026

Section 1 - Eligibility

1. Entry to the Interleague is open to all leagues affiliated to the CPA (Cambridgeshire Pool Association) and will include automatic entry into the Interleague KO Cup. The team entry fee for the Interleague & KO cup is currently free to enter. The entry fee will be decided and agreed annually at the CPA AGM. This is payable before the start of the season. The individual entry fee for Interleague only is £13. This reduces to £10 when less that 50% of matches remain.
2. All players taking part in the Interleague must be a current EPA member, registered through the CPA. Any player having played in an Interleague 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 Interleague 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 Interleague competition. However, if the team qualifies or is invited to attend National Interleague finals then player qualification rules will apply (see section 3).
4. Once a player has been named on an Interleague fixture score sheet then that player is locked into that team until January 1st of the following year.
5. There is no minimum age limit for playing in the CPA Interleague. Any player 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 Interleague 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

8. All matches are to be played to the current EPA ruleset. All fixtures must be played.
9. Matches are to be played at the nominated county venue and played on Sundays. No matches to be played on Public Holiday weekends. In extreme circumstances the committee can make an exception to these rules.

10. 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.
11. All league matches are to consist of 2 sessions of 9 frames giving 18 frames in total. The playing order will be as defined in EPA Byelaw 12a (Interleague 18 Frame Result Sheet) , available on the EPA Website under Admin -> Current Documents.
12. Byes: If the home team is short of players, first player 4 shall be left blank, then player 3, then player 2, then player 1. If the away team is short of players, first player 5 shall be left blank, then player 8, then player 6, then player 7.[1]
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Home team to time keep and away team to referee in both sessions.
16. 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 according to the current EPA ruleset being used.
17. It is the responsibility of the winning captain to ensure the results sheets are with the Interleague Secretary within seven days of the match being played. In the event of a draw the responsibility lies with the home team captain.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. There will be no seedings in the way the knockout cup operates.
21. All teams participating in the Interleague KO cup, will play more than one match in this competition.
22. If a team fails to attend one fixture date, then that team will be removed from the appropriate KO cup or Interleague for that season, and all results and hotshots gained

[1] Amended Interleague Captain's Meeting 04/02/2026. Note, at the EPA finals, no more than 2 byes per team are allowed.

against that team will be null and void. In turn they will not be able to attend the national finals for that appropriate event

23. In the event of a draw that needs to be decided as required by the event, there will be a three-frame play-off, Captain's choice of any players on the card from their team.

Section 3 – Eligibility for National Finals

24. Eligibility for EPA National Interleague events is described in EPA Byelaw 12 (Interleague Rules) and Byelaw 13 (National KO Cup Rules), available on the EPA Website under Admin -> Current Documents.

1. Any team failing to complete the local CPA fixtures for an interleague competition event may be refused entry into the National Finals run by the EPA.
2. Interleague teams must pay their own entry fee to national finals

Section 4 – Disciplinary and Grievances

25. If a team fails to turn up to a fixture, then this should be reported to the Interleague Secretary. The County Committee are to decide on an appropriate course of action according to the CPA's constitutional rules.
26. The County Committee may set a maximum fine of £20 for any one instance of an Interleague punishment.
27. 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.
28. Any grievance should be reported to the Interleague Secretary.
29. If the Interleague 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.
30. All non-playing rules (other than the rules covered in this document) will fall to the County Committee for adjudication.