

**CORK ZONE - INTER CLUB LEAGUE**  
**Sponsored by O'Brien's Garage, Midleton.**

**RULES FOR 2017-2018**

1. The laws of the game in force under the I.I.B.A. together with any domestic rules shall be binding on all teams in the League.
2. The League shall be composed of Divisions, each Division accommodating a maximum of 8 Teams.  
7 Divisions will operate for the Season 2017-18 comprising of Teams who competed in the League in the Season 2016/17 placed in the appropriate Divisions for which they qualified. Any new Teams entering the League will be accommodated in the lowest Division and any Team leaving the League and re-joining will be accommodated down one Division lower each year of absence. In the case of a Club who competed in the League in the previous Season entering an additional team which comprises more than 3 players who played in that League (either for their present Club or another Club) this is not to be considered a new team and it is the responsibility of the Hon. League Secretary to place the team in the appropriate Division for which the players qualified. In the case of 2 Teams from the same Club being in the same Division, they shall play one another in the first match.
3. The Winners and Runners Up of Divisions 2 to 7 of last Season's League will move up one Division and lowest placed Teams in Divisions 1 to 6 will move down. Clubs who have 2 Teams in the League will be permitted to move a maximum of 3 players from the higher Division in the previous Season's League to the Team in the lower Division. There is no restriction on the number of players moving up.
4. Teams shall consist of two rinks each playing twelve ends and **no** trial ends.  
Each team shall play all other teams in their section twice in the season, one home and one away.  
The list of fixtures shall be prepared by the league hon. secretary. The league shall be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May each Season.  
Matches shall not be postponed except in exceptional circumstances in which case the fixture shall be rearranged by the two clubs concerned and played within **14 days** of the original fixture date. If a postponement is necessary for any reason, the league hon. secretary shall be advised.
5. All members of a club league team shall be bona fide members of that club and shall not play for any other club league team for that season. Should an ineligible player participate for a league team, that team shall forfeit the match and three points shall be awarded to their opponents. Where a club has more than one team in the league, the hon. secretary of that club must ensure that members play for one team only. Contravention of this rule may result in disqualification.
6. Each winning rink shall be awarded one point and the team with the highest aggregate shall be awarded one additional point. In the event of a tie on any one rink, an extra end or ends shall be played until a decisive result is obtained. The points scored in the additional end or ends shall not count for the match aggregate. In the event of a match tie, an additional end or ends shall be played by one rink until a decisive result is obtained. The rink to play the additional end or ends shall be decided by the toss of a coin i.e. (**head for rink one, harp for rink two.**) In all games both rinks shall play simultaneously.
7. The complete draw for mats and opponents, shall be made by the team captains and the Match Umpire before play commences
8. In the event of a tie for any place in a Division, the total points scored by the Teams involved in the tie in their matches against each other Home & Away shall decide the placings. If still tied, the greater number of shots scored in these 2 matches to count. If still tied the greater number of shots scored in all matches shall decide.
9. Should any Team withdraw from the League then all matches played by that Team shall be declared null and void and points deducted accordingly from all their opponents total score.
10. The hon. secretary of the home club shall be responsible for having all score cards properly signed by the opposing skips and returned to the league hon. secretary within 7 days of the match being played.
11. Should any team fail to fulfil a fixture, the team they were due to play shall be awarded three points.  
Notwithstanding this rule, the league hon. secretary has the power in particular circumstances to have a match played
12. The hon. secretary of the home club must arrange the fixture with the hon. secretary of the away club and must contact the Umpire appointed to their team. In the event of an Umpire failing to turn for the match, both skips shall agree to appoint one for that game. If a competent person is not available, the game shall proceed without one.
13. The winning Team in each Division will receive a Trophy to be retained for 1 year and a plaque to keep – League Badges will be presented to each winning team member. The Runner Up Team will receive a plaque to keep.
14. The league Secretary shall have the power to interpret these rules and to deal with all matters not specifically provided for therein.