

Oxford & District Crib League

General Rules of the Association 2025/2026

1. The league shall be known as the “**Oxford & District Crib League**” and teams shall compete in league play on designated Wednesday evenings.
2. Teams will consist of 6 registered players, playing in pre-determined pairs. Should a team be 1 player short (and only 1) then **one** (1) of the players from the **First Pair** finishing, may play partner to the fifth player.
3. (**League matches ONLY**) Each match shall comprise of 3 games, with each game played over 3 “legs” between the competing pairs. All legs to be played and the results recorded.
4. Each leg will be won by the first pair to score 121 holes - that being twice around the crib board, plus 1 hole (**including Bonus Leg**).
5. Holes will be scored by combinations of : numeric totals of 15
: combination of pairs & runs
: flushes of the same suit of the playing cards
6. Each game will start with a player from each side cutting the cards for the “box”. The lower value card having the choice of first box & the deal. All court cards counting as 10 and an ace counting as 1. The second leg to belong to the player to the left of the original dealer. The final leg for dealing to be decided by a re-cut between the two players not involved with the original cut.
7. After shuffling the cards the deck to be cut by the player to the dealer’s right and the cards are dealt clockwise for 5 cards each. After each player has placed a card into the “box” the player to the dealer’s left to cut for the “box-card”. **A jack being cut to always count as 2 holes for the dealer in league or cup matches including losers even if this means winning or losing the game.**
8. League points will be determined on “legs” won by each pairing. All legs to be played & result recorded, with a total of 9 points at stake at each match. In event of points being equal at end of a season, a play-off to be arranged to decide winners. Section winners play for “The Association’s Rose Bowl” on finals night.
9. Any re-arranged league matches (cancelled through illness or weather) to be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the Association’s Finals Night. For any match unable to be re-arranged, a maximum of 6 points may be awarded to the non-offending team.
10. Matches to start at 8.30 pm, AND NO LATER than 8.45 pm unless by prior agreement. Play to commence on 2 tables but home team SHALL offer the away team the opportunity to play on 3 tables if they are available.
Additional players may be registered at any time during the season provided that:
 - a) Secretary is informed by phone or writing prior to playing that player
 - b) The player has not played for another team that season.Registration fees for teams & players to be paid each season with the amount decided at the Association’s Annual Meeting.
11. A separate bonus leg competition is run in conjunction with league matches and the results recorded separately on the official score cards. Substitutes may be used when playing this fourth “leg”.
12. CUP COMPETITION
Team Knock-outs - played as league match rules
All Pairs Competitions - played as league matches, best of 3 “legs” to win
Singles Play - Each game to be of 61 holes (once around crib board plus 1 hole). The non-dealer to receive 3 holes start in lieu of the “box” at the start of each “leg”. Best of 3 to win.

Note. Only 1 substitute allowed in pairs competitions - a registered player that has NOT played in any previous round.

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13. In all league matches, the **HOME TEAM** shall be responsible for forwarding the result to the Secretary, to arrive **NOT LATER** than 5 days of the match taking place. Results accepted either by post or email.
Regular failure to receive results by following Monday may result with a **FORFEIT** of points. **HOME** team to forward result in team cup matches.
14. The Association's headquarters to be based at the Royal British Legion, Littlemore.
15. Any points of dispute will be dealt with by the committee elected at each Annual Meeting.
16. Any unruly behaviour towards any players or committee will not be tolerated and will be dealt with at the next committee meeting.
17. **Bonus Leg Rules.** Played as a normal game, winning Pairs get 1 point, extra Bonus Points can be 'Won' by holding 13 or over. See chart on reverse of Results card.
18. If teams are short (4 Players available) they may contact a registered player who's not playing that night to 'Guest' for your team. This would then give you 5 players to meet requirements.

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