



Information Pack 2026/27

If you are a new member – a warm welcome to Banbury Cross Indoor Bowls Club we hope that you will enjoy your time with us and we look forward to meeting you on the green. If you are renewing your membership then welcome back and we hope that you have had a great summer.

You can see that we are planning once again to have a full programme for the new season. We want to welcome new players into all of our activities. We also have Friendly matches with other clubs throughout the season and a good range of Club Competitions.

If you come to play in any activity twice a week or more then it is **cheaper** to pay the membership fee as the rink fees for members are less than the pay as you play fees. This also opens up the possibility of playing in any other activity of the club.

Woodgreen Leisure Centre will hold paper copies of the Membership Packs and they can be returned completed from **Monday 14th September** with the green opening on Monday 21st September.

This season marks our **70th Anniversary** as an Indoor Bowls Club in Banbury. We will be holding an anniversary event on **Saturday 23rd January 2027** and we hope that you'll all come along to support, encourage and celebrate. Details will be posted in the coming weeks.

Leagues

The following leagues are planned to run through the season and we have capacity for more teams in all of them. If you don't have enough players to form a team then let us know on the Membership Form and we will make sure that others know that you would like to join a squad. We also have spaces to play on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings (Diamond & Sapphire Leagues) where we only take individual entries as we seed and draw the teams.

Monday 10am Triples

Monday 2pm Australian Pairs

Wednesday 10am Triples

Wednesday 6pm Sapphire League (alternate weeks)(Drawn Teams)

Wednesday 6pm Banbury Super League (alternate weeks)(Drawn Teams)

Friday 10am Australian Pairs

Saturday 10am Triples – Diamond League (Drawn teams)

**Team and Individual Entries must be in by Thursday 1st October,
the leagues will start in the week of 12th October**

Roll-Ups & Club Nights

We have three Club Roll ups each week open to members and non-members alike. We also have three Club Nights.

Roll ups

You should arrive at least **15mins** before each session and after buying your ticket at Reception you should give your session receipt to the organiser of the day in the Bowls Hall (usually seated at the table as you enter down the steps). You will be randomly placed in a team. This is intended for all bowlers so don't worry if you have only just started, you will find support and encouragement amongst those you play with. This is also a good way to meet other club members.

Tuesday at 1.30pm
Wednesday at 2.00pm
Friday at 2.00pm

Club Nights

We have three club nights, all running from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, included in our programme for this season. Each is informal and open to all members of BCIBC. They follow different formats and will offer a range of informal rollups, league play, coached and game improvement sessions.

Monday Club Night - Alan Roche hosts this evening which is a series of informal games with teams being drawn on the evening and featuring a refreshment break during the session.

Tuesday Club Night - Paul Stirton is the host of this session and this will feature game improvement sessions as well as a league based on those who can commit to playing regularly on this evening.

Thursday Club Night - Dawn Hewitt will host this session and the evening will feature a league of teams made up from those who elect to play regularly from the start of the season with reserves and teams being added over the season.

Competitions

We run a programme of Club Competitions each year.

The categories are :

Ladies Singles	Men's Singles	Open Singles – Over 60's
Ladies Singles – Never won	Men's Singles – Never Won	Mixed Pairs
Ladies Pairs	Men's Pairs	Mixed Triples
Ladies Triples	Men's Triples	Mixed Fours
	Men's Fours	

New Competition Categories

Open 2 wood singles

Open Triples (form your own teams)

Open Pairs (form your own teams)

There will be an entry fee of £5 per player for the new competitions
and cash prizes for the winners

New Competition format

The Competition Entry Form (available online from the website) should be completed by Monday 19th October. For the drawn competitions we expect all of the rounds to be played on fixed dates, primarily on Friday evenings with a provision for players/teams to agree to play at an earlier time (but **NOT** a later time) than the scheduled date.

The new open competitions will have separate Conditions of Play and players will be expected to arrange their matches in accord with the Conditions of Play or forfeit their matches.

Finals will be scheduled in the final week of the season (5th – 11th April 2027) with a concentration of matches being on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday and earlier days in the week being used to avoid clashes where players are in more than one final. We expect to publish a schedule of all dates before commencement of the season.

In all competition matches (not singles) both teams will be required to attach the receipts of their match fee to the scorecard and post their scorecard into the box provided. In singles the marker will be expected to receive both players receipts and attach them top the card before posting it in the box.

Friendly matches with other clubs

We play a good range of other Indoor Bowls Clubs through the season. These are open to Members only and are both home and away. We try to make sure that all those who sign up will get a chance during the season. We especially welcome new players in these matches because they give a chance to develop your game and gain confidence, as well as gaining the experience of playing at other clubs which is helpful if you enter County and/or National Competitions and are drawn to play at other clubs. We also welcome our youth players as they build their experience and get the opportunity to play alongside older players.

Charity Matches

We play 3 charity matches each season, one at the beginning of the season, one at Christmas and one at the end of the season. All bowlers, Members and Non-Members are welcome to sign-up and take part. We regularly raise over £1,000 through these games which we are able to donate to our chosen charity/charities for the season. The dates of the matches for the coming season are :

Sunday 18th October @ 2pm

Saturday 12th December @ 2pm

Sunday 21st March 2027 @ 2pm

Club Dress

We want to ensure that our sport is accessible for all and so we try to be as flexible as we can be about dress. All footwear must be clean, worn only indoors, and be as smooth soled as possible. In leagues, friendly matches and competitions we ask all players to wear navy blue trousers, skirts, skorts or shorts and a Club shirt. Our club colours and logo have been updated and so Club shirts are a must for friendly matches and competitions but otherwise a plain white sports shirt **without any club logo** is acceptable. Club shirts can be ordered online using the link below and a £10.00 rebate on the purchase of your first new club shirt can be claimed from our club treasurer.

The link for orders is: https://www.banburycrossibc.co.uk/new_club_kit

Coaching

We have three Club Coaches and they are all ready and willing to work with any of our members whether new to bowling or wanting to work on aspects of their game to improve.

We have an open day at the beginning of our season on **Saturday 3rd October** and another in January (date to be confirmed). Each of these is followed by a coaching programme for new bowlers and those new to bowls can obtain a 50% discount on membership by attending 4 coached sessions.

Our coaches are :

Andy Winter	andywintworld@gmail.com	07989 333340
Dawn Hewitt	dawnieh66@gmail.com	07552 666396
Trevor Brown	trevorh.brown@btinternet.com	07989 304701

Bowls for Schools and Banbury Youth Bowls Academy

We are fortunate to have a good partnership with our local School Sports Partnership and as a result we have introduced over 400 children to the sport of bowls. We expect this to continue and we are always looking for new members of the club to join the team that delivers the sessions to the schools throughout the season. The main sessions are on Tuesday mornings and the contributions and interactions that are made are really appreciated by the children and staff from the schools.

The Banbury Youth Bowls Academy meets each Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and new players (School Year 5 and above) are always welcome. Youth players have the chance to play in youth galas and matches with other clubs, friendly matches, competitions as well as playing against those in the academy. We are expecting a new Saturday morning Youth League to run on around 8 of the Saturday mornings through the season.

We are really keen to recruit new members to the Youth Academy Team as leaders and off-green supporters so contact Andy Winter if you would be interested in exploring how you could get involved.

Forms

The link to our **Online Membership Registration Form** is available on our website. You should complete this form online. There is also a link to download and print the **Woodgreen Membership Form** that you will need to use at Woodgreen when you pay your membership fee.

Assistance to complete the forms is available if you are not confident to complete an online form or do not have internet access at home. The Woodgreen Leisure Centre also hosts a public library which offers free use of computers and access to the internet.

On our website there is also a link to our **Online League Registration Form** which you should use to register a team and/or say which leagues you would like to play in if you are not already in a team.

Finally, there is a link to our **Online Competition Entry Form**. Entry to our drawn competitions is open to all members and is free. We encourage you all to enter at least some of the competitions. Unless otherwise stated, the competitions that involve teams are seeded and drawn. Entry to the new paid competitions is on the same form together with details of how to pay your entry fee(s).

Thank you and we look forward to an enjoyable 70th season with you all.

Banbury Cross Indoor Bowls Club Committee

Programme 26/27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10am - 12pm Mon 10am Triples League	9am - 12pm Schools	10am - 12pm Wed 10am Triples League		10am - 12pm Fri 10am Aus Pairs League	10am - 12pm Diamond League (11 Saturdays through the season)	
2pm - 4pm Mon 2pm Aus Pairs League	1.30pm - 3.30pm Club Roll Up	2pm - 4pm Club Roll Up		2pm - 4pm Club Roll Up	10am - 12pm Youth League (6 Saturdays through the season)	
4pm - 5pm Schools	Youth Academy					
5pm - 6pm Coaching Session	5pm - 6pm Coaching Session					
6pm - 9pm Club Night	6pm - 9pm Club Night	6pm - 8pm Sapphire League alternate weeks	6pm - 9pm Club Night	6pm - 8pm Coaching Session		
		6pm - 8.30pm Super League alternate weeks				

Woodgreen Leisure Centre & Banbury Cross Indoor Bowls Club

Charges for the season September 2026 – April 2027

Membership for the season

Adult	£62.40
New to Bowls Intro Package *	£31.10
Youth (under 18)	£19.30
Locker	£5.00

***Only available to bowlers who have not bowled before (indoors or outdoors) after completing 4 coached introductory sessions and presenting the voucher from their coach with their forms and payment for membership.**

Rink Fees

	Members		Non Members	
	1hr	2hr	1hr	2 hr
Casual bowling - Adult	2.19	4.38	3.77	7.54
Casual bowling - Junior	1.19	2.38	2.32	4.64
Link Play & Disabled	-	-	2.00	4.00
Learners coached sessions	-	-	2.42	4.85
Club Roll-ups	-	3.60	-	7.20
Club Leagues	-	3.60	-	-
Club Nights	-	3.60	-	7.20
Club Competitions	-	5.00	-	-