

NIBU Intermediate League 2026-27

1. League Format

- 1.1 The Intermediate League will be played online using the Real Bridge platform to replicate the live play format of all matches being played simultaneously using the same boards.
- 1.2 There are 6 teams and a team will play each opposing team twice, resulting in 20 matches. A match comprises 24 boards.
- 1.3 League nights will be every 3-4 weeks (approximately) on a Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu evenings. Matches will start at 7pm. Any team not ready to play at 7:05 will be fined 1VP. Any team not ready to play by 7:20 will be defaulted and the opposing team awarded a result of 12 - 0 as noted below.
- 1.4 If a team is unable to play on the scheduled date the opposing team will be awarded a result of 12 - 0, this may be amended at the end of the season to the average of the team's results if this is higher than 12. The League Organiser must be informed at least 24 hours in advance if a match is being conceded.
- 1.5 Matches will have an automatic swap of opposition halfway through each match.
- 1.6 Cameras and sound must remain switched on during bidding and play unless severe internet problems are encountered in which case cameras may be switched off.
- 1.7 Real Bridge enables all participants to view full results, play and X-imping following each match.

2. Teams

- 2.1 Teams will consist of a 'core' of 4 players but can be supplemented during the year **by any number of additional players** - who must not have previously played in another team. NIBU leagues are specifically for members in good standing of a NIBU or CBAI affiliated club or any person who could, at the time of playing, be eligible to play for Northern Ireland or Ireland under Bridge Great Britain rules.
- 2.2 Only 4 team members may play in a particular match unless there is a technical issue affecting a player in which case, with the permission of the Tournament Director, a substitute player may complete the match. Should this not be possible the Organiser may award a result for the match based on the boards completed.

3. Results

- 3.1 Results will be published on the NIBU website within 24 hours of the match round being completed.
- 3.2 National points will be awarded for each match won and for the overall league result.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries must be made online through the form on the NIBU website - the names of the 'core' team members should be included.
- 4.2 Entry fee of £60/€72 per team must be paid before the date of the first round of matches.