

**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY
SHORT MAT BOWLING
ASSOCIATION**

Affiliated to the ESMBA



***Constitution
and
League Rules***

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The Constitution

1. Description

- a) The Association to be called: “Oxfordshire County Short Mat Bowling Association”.
- b) The basis of Association’s legal structure is as an “Unincorporated Association”.

2. Objectives

- a) To promote, foster and safeguard the Short Mat game of bowls within the County boundary of Oxfordshire.
- b) To adopt and enforce the Laws of the game as laid down by the ESMBA and Oxfordshire CSMBA.
- c) To promote, organise and superintend various competitions among member Clubs of the Association and Counties.
- d) To interpret when called upon by member Clubs, questions of law or practice, and arbitrate in all disputes referred, to the Association, between members thereof.
- e) The Association is committed to promoting a safe environment in which Children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in the game of bowls. We will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies

3. Membership

- a) Will be open to all Clubs with suitable facilities and equipment as laid down by the ESMBA and Oxfordshire CSMBA.
- b) Each member Club shall appoint one Delegate per team, who will be responsible for attending Delegate's meetings. Each member Club shall nominate one person to whom all correspondence will be addressed.

4. Resignation of Membership

- a) Member Clubs, or members, may resign their membership of the Association at any time, but will lose all fees paid, and rights of the Association.

5. Discipline & Appeals

- a) Any Affiliated Club or Association Member, whose actions in the opinion of the Committee contravene the Association’s “Code of Conduct” shall be liable for disciplinary action following the ESMBA Disciplinary Procedures.
- b) If found guilty of contravention, subsequent penalisation may include suspension or expulsion from the Association.
- c) Any Affiliated Club or Association Member who has been penalised following a disciplinary matter, shall have the right of appeal to a general meeting of the Association, prior to appealing following the ESMBA Appeals Procedure directly to the ESMBA Disciplinary Committee.
- d) Any Affiliated Club or Association Member who has been penalised following a contravention of any other Constitution Rule, shall have the right of appeal following the ESMBA Appeals Procedure firstly to a committee formed by the Trustee’s and Officers of the Association, provided they are not directly involved in the complaint or alleged offence. Subsequent appeal may still be made to ESMBA Disciplinary Committee.
- e) If the appeal process was upheld, then costs incurred shall be born by the plaintive.

6. Subscriptions & Registrations

- a) Shall be agreed annually at the AGM for the County proportion.
- b) All subscriptions or registrations shall be made via Registration Secretary.
- c) Club Affiliation fees for the coming season shall be paid by the 30th June each year (excluding new clubs).
- d) Members may register via a Club at any point during the year via the Registration Secretary with the appropriate fee (OCSMBA plus ESMBA). All members wishing to play in OCSMBA leagues or competitions with the exception of open competitions must be registered with the ESMBA via Oxfordshire. Members can only be registered via one Club within OCSMBA at any one time. Members who are under the age of eighteen when registering must supply a parental consent form.
- e) The Committee reserve the absolute right to reject or exclude any Clubs or Members registration it deems to be either inappropriate or unacceptable.”

7. Committee

- a) All of the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, League Secretary, Competition Secretary, Registration Secretary, and thirteen other members.
- b) Committee members shall be elected at the AGM to serve for a period of two years.
- c) Half the Committee shall retire at each years AGM.
 - i) During odd years it will be the Chairman, Secretary, Competition Secretary and Committee Positions 1-6. On the other years the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, League Secretary, Registration Secretary and Committee Positions 7-13.
 - ii) In the event of a vacancy occurring during the two year period, but at an AGM. Any person standing will only be elected for one year, then at the next election can stand for the standard term.
 - iii) Any persons, who are co-opted to fill a vacancy occurring mid term, must stand for election at the first opportunity. Either for a period of one or two years depending on the due date for the election of that position.
- d) Maximum three members from any Club will be permitted to serve on the Committee, unless there are more that two vacancies post an AGM, in which case it can be five members from any club. Life Members are excluded from this number.
- e) Any member of the Committee who is absent from 3 or more consecutive committee meetings without supplying to the Secretary, in writing a good and notifiable cause, will cease to be a member of the committee.
- f) At all meetings, eight Committee members shall constitute a quorum, which must include two officers and a trustee of the Association. In the event of this not being met, the meeting cannot agree on any item, but they may be discussed. Life Members do not count towards a quorum.
- g) The Officers, Committee shall have a vote at all meetings and Life Members shall have a vote at general meetings. The Chairman in addition to his own vote will also have a casting vote at all meetings.
- h) Committee members who use their own vehicles for County meetings and other County business are entitled to claim 15p per mile for travelling expenses.

- i) In the event of either the Chairman or Vice Chairman not being present to chair the meeting, the order of precedence for the chair will be: Treasurer, Secretary or agreed committee member.

8. Casual Vacancies in Committee

- a) The committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies which occur in their number during the year.

9. Sub Committees

- a) The Committee shall be empowered to form any sub committee for a specific purpose. Membership of such committee need not be restricted to membership of the main Committee and shall report their proceedings to the Committee.

10. Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, League Secretary, Competition Secretary and Registration Secretary.

- a) **Chairman** - The Chairman shall preside at all committee and other meetings of the Association.
- b) **Vice Chairman** - The Vice-Chairman shall assist and deputise for the Chairman whenever necessary.
- c) **Secretary** - The Secretary shall convene all meetings of the Association, except sub-committee meetings, and shall attend all such meetings, take minutes of the proceedings, correspond with all Clubs and the ESMBA on matters connected with the Association, except such as are under the control of the Treasurer.
- d) **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions by due date, pay all expenses sanctioned by the Committee, make and prepare accounts to the end of the financial year, prepare the annual statement of accounts and submit them for verification before the AGM.

Signatories to cheques will be any two of: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

- e) **League Secretary** - The League Secretary shall arrange a League fixture list, receive all match results, maintain up to date League tables, that are distributed a minimum of four times per season, and ensure all Leagues are conducted within the rules of the ESMBA and Oxfordshire CSMBA.
- f) **Competition Secretary** - The Competition Secretary will receive all competition entries and fees, and will superintend all competition draws.
- g) **Registration Secretary** - The Registration Secretary shall receive all league registrations, player registration and transfers. They shall maintain a record of registered players within the Association and the issuing of ESMBA registration cards.

11. Accounts

- a) Two members of the Association, other than members of the Committee, shall be appointed to verify the Annual Statement of Accounts for the ensuing year.

12. Trustees

- a) The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the Holding Trustees of the Association.

13. Other Duties

- a) a) The Committee shall appoint: a Child Protection Administrator, a Facilities Manager, a Web Administrator, a Minute Secretary, ICC Squad Manager & ICC Assistant Squad Manger(s) as per “County Team Selectors Terms of Reference.”
- b) The Committee shall form with a minimum of three Association members a Competitions Sub-committee with the Competition Secretary also acting as the Chairman to undertake tasks in all aspects of the competitions.

14. Finance

- a) The Committee shall have sole control of the finances of the Association, and shall be empowered to incur expenditure necessary for the general administration of the Association. No other expenditure shall be incurred without the sanction of a general meeting duly convened for the purpose. The Financial Year shall end on the 30th April.

15. Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held within two months of the Association’s financial year end. The following business shall be transacted
 - i) To receive a report from each Officer.
 - ii) To elect Officers and Committee as required.
 - iii) To set fees & subscriptions.
 - iv) To appoint account examiners or auditors.
 - v) Any other competent business, of which due notice must be given to the Secretary in writing 21 days before the meeting.
- b) Due notice shall be given by the Secretary to each member Club at least 10 days before the meeting, together with an agenda and copy of the verified statement of accounts. No other business than that mentioned in the agenda shall be discussed at the meeting.
- c) Motions to the AGM will only be accepted from the Association Committee or Club’s provided that the club’s correspondent proposes it and seconded by all team captains within the club and they are also members of the Association.

16. Extraordinary General Meeting

- a) The Committee may on their own authority, or on the requisition of two thirds of member Clubs, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given in writing to member Clubs.
- b) Such notice shall state the time, place and object of the meeting. No other business other than that mentioned shall be discussed at the meeting.

17. General Meetings

- a) All members of the Association can attend at any General Meeting.
- b) Each club shall nominate 2 fully paid up members who shall have full voting rights. These members are to be declared prior to the meeting. All decisions will be by straight majority count, and will be binding to all affiliated Clubs.
- c) Except by leave of members present, no item on the agenda shall be withdrawn or taken out of order of the agenda.
- d) Tellers appointed shall not be members of the Committee.

18. Copy of Rules

- a) A copy of the Constitution, Rules and Bye Laws of the Association shall be displayed in each club and all members shall be bound thereby.

19. Alteration of the Rules

- a) No alteration to the Rules shall be effective unless carried by a majority vote as set out in Rule 17b, at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for this purpose.

20. Bye Laws

- a) The Committee shall be empowered to introduce Bye Laws of the Association which will take immediate effect, for the duration of that year.

21. Competition Registration

- a) Registered players shall be eligible for entry into all competitions organised by the Association, such entries must be with the Competition Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition.

22. League

- a) The Committee shall have sole control over the number of teams entered into the League and shall be responsible for dividing the League into Sections if necessary.

Where there is more than one Section

- b) New Clubs will initially be placed in the section appropriate to their geographical location.
- c) Where a club has multiple teams, the Committee may have one or more teams moved into the corresponding division in another Section, provided that the location of the club is suitable, and in discussions with the club concerned.

Where there is more than one division in a Section

- d) New teams shall enter the lowest division for that area.
- e) Two teams shall usually be promoted and relegated at the start of the next season.
- f) Where more than three teams enter or leave a section, then the sections will be equalised. With the higher number of teams in division one, this may mean that Constitution Rule 22e) may be increased or decreased, for that occasion.

23. Dress

- a) League matches and National Competitions: - The ESMBA Dress Code shall apply. Club colours - part 23d, shall be approved and registered with the County Committee, before being worn by a team otherwise penalties will be applied under League Rule 19.
- b) County representative matches: - The ESMBA Dress code shall apply. Players shall wear County colours and in addition players will also be required to wear a blue blazer with county badge where appropriate - and for male members a County tie. County bowls stickers must be used on their woods.
(N.B. The current OCSMBA County Colour is white shirts/blouses/polo shirts.)
- c) County Competitions: - The ESMBA Dress code shall apply with the following addition - individual 'teams' may wear coloured polo shirts provided they conform to part 23d, with a 'team' being defined as one to four players.
(N.B. The members of the Competition Committee who are present, shall have the power to refuse to allow any player to take part in a competition whilst

dressed in any coloured shirt they deem to be unsuitable and to this end all players who attend in coloured polo shirts - that are not their standard previously approved Club colours - should ensure they are also in possession of a white shirt).

- d) Colours - League Club or County Competition 'team'. Coloured polo shirts shall be permitted provided that the body of the shirt is of one plain colour, although different coloured arms, under arm side panel, collar, cuffs and placket shall be permitted. Names, initials or logos shall be in accordance with the ESMBA Dress code.
- e) Teams shall use proprietary coloured stickers of the same design on all bowls used in League Matches and County Competitions.

24. County Badge

- a) The County badge to be made available for sale to all Oxfordshire registered players. This will not apply to Officers of the Association, who will receive a County badge on acceptance of office.
- b) County Player badges will be awarded free after a player has played 6 County or 3 Inter - County Championship matches for the Association. This badge will be fixed beneath the County badge.

25 Honorary Life Membership

- a) Honorary Life Membership may be award at the discretion of the Committee with approval of a General Meeting. To a member who has undertaken positions of responsibility and contributed greatly to the Association over considerable years surpassing those that are recognised by long service.
- b) Honorary Life Members may attend all meetings of the Association.
- c) The maximum number of Life Members at any one point, shall not exceed half the total number of Officer & Committee positions.

26 Dissolution

- a) If at any Meeting of the Association a motion be passed calling for the dissolution of the Association the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- b) If at that Special General Meeting the motion is carried by at least two-thirds of the votes cast, instead of the standard majority count. The Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association.
- c) After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members or clubs of the Association, but shall be transferred to some other organisation or organisations as agreed by the votes cast at the Special General Meeting at which the dissolution was approved.

Code of Conduct for - All Affiliated Clubs, Association Members, Officers & Committee

The following code of conduct is for all Affiliated Clubs, Members, Officers and Committee. This supplements and enhances the Laws of the ESMBA and the OCSMBA Constitution and League Rules. The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

All Affiliated Clubs, Association Members, Officers & Committee must:

- 1) Following all guidelines laid down by the ESMBA and the Association.
- 2) At all times act in the best interests of the County and do not undertake any action that is likely to bring the Association into disrepute.
- 3) All members must bowl within the rules and respect decisions made by officials.
- 4) All members must respects the rights {not to be: harassed, discriminated, bullied}, dignity and worth of all Association members regardless of age, gender, ability, physical or mental disability, cultural background, marital status, sexual preferences or religious beliefs.
- 5) Will ensure obscene or abusive language is not used at any time.
- 6) Consider the wellbeing and safety of other Association members and members of the public before, during and after activities within the Association.
- 7) Develop an appropriate working relationship with other members of the Association based on mutual trust and respect.
- 8) Promote the positive aspects of bowling (e.g. fair play).
- 9) Encourage and guide Members to accept responsibility for their performances and behaviour not just results. All players, opponents, spectators and umpires are to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.
- 10) Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 11) Never condone rule violations, dangerous bowling or the use of prohibited substances.

Code of Conduct - Inter County Competitions Players

All members when selected to the Inter County Squad must accept certain additional responsibilities that go with representing the County, above those within the main Code of Conduct for the Association.

An ICC Squad Member should:

- 1) Treat all players, opponents, spectators and the umpire with courtesy and respect at all times.
- 2) Give of their best at all times.
- 3) Show commitment to the ICC and to the team, by:
 - I. Offering support and backing to their fellow bowlers at all fixtures at all times.
 - II. Ensure you are in a fit condition to bowl or attend. Informing the team manager of any issues with regard to fitness.
 - III. Be smartly dressed in correct attire at all times when representing the county, in accordance with Rule 23b of the OCSMBA Constitution.
 - IV. Ensuring that county stickers are used on all bowls when playing in an ICC fixture, in accordance with Rule 23b of the OCSMBA Constitution.
 - V. Completing paperwork as forwarded to you and returning it at the earliest opportunity.
 - VI. Ensuring unavailability for any game is notified to the Squad Manager at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - VII. Ensuring that you are present by the stated time for all fixtures or coaches for fixtures.
 - VIII. Remaining for the duration of all fixtures unless special dispensation to leave early in exceptional circumstances is obtained from the Squad Manager/Captain.
 - IX. Assisting other members of the squad in the preparation and packing up of the venue for home matches.
 - X. Discuss with the Team Manager/Captains any grievances that you may have.

League Rules

1. Registration

- a) Only registered players with the OCSMBA are eligible to play in the Leagues organised by or in association with the OCSMBA.
- b) Players must be registered as per Constitution Rule “6. Subscriptions & Registration” and assigned to a team from that club at least 7 days [from when the Registration Secretary receives notification & payment] prior to playing in any league match for that team.
- c) Bowlers can only be assigned to one team, which is bowling in leagues organised by or in association with the OCSMBA, at a time. Cross substitutions between teams are not allowed under any circumstances. Players who wish to change teams must apply for a transfer.
- d) A player registered to a Club but not assigned to a team, can be assigned immediately to a team from that club, by informing the Registration Secretary. Unassigned players, can not be assigned to a team from a different club unless via a transfer application.
- e) Each League team must be registered with a minimum of ten players assigned from the same club.
- f) Team entry fee for the Winter League must be paid before 30th June.
- g) Failure to observe these rules could mean forfeiture of all relevant matches until the fees are paid.

2. Transfers

- a) Any application for a transfer shall be submitted to the Registration Secretary, by the person requesting a transfer, on a fully completed Transfer Form, together with the fee of £3.
- b) The applicant shall submit the Transfer Form to the Team Captain or Club Correspondent, of both teams involved for them to sign as approving the transfer. Any objection to the proposed transfer, by the representative of either Club, must be submitted to the Registration Secretary in writing, within three days of receipt of the form from the person requesting the transfer, giving a full explanation as to the nature of the objection. No transfer request shall be unreasonably withheld.
- c) A transfer will become effective immediately the approved form reaches the Registration Secretary.
- d) No transfer will be permitted after the 31st December in any season. In exceptional circumstances, special permission may be granted by the County Committee.

3. Disputes & Complaints

- a) Prior notice of a dispute or complaint must be submitted to the League Secretary within three days of the occurrence. The Secretary of the team or club concerned must also be notified. The matter will then be considered by the Committee whose decision will be final.

4. Penalties

- a) For any infringement of either the ESMBA or Oxfordshire CSMBA Rules, the Committee shall have the full power to implement any of the following penalties.
 - i) Forfeiture or deduction of League points.
 - ii) The cancellation of any particular result, with or without the instruction to replay.
 - iii) A temporary or permanent suspension from the League or Association.
- b) *The above penalties may be applied to any player, team or Club and may be implemented or enforced in any combination.*

5. Matters Arising

- a) In the event of any questions of matters arising which are not provided for in either the ESMBA or Oxfordshire CSMBA Rules, then such questions or matters shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

6. Minimum Age

- a) The minimum age requirement for participation in the League shall be ten years. Clubs that cannot comply must notify the League Secretary without prejudice to their acceptance in the League.

7. Match Nights

- a) Before the season commences, each team must state a fixed weekday night along with the nominal start time when they will play home matches.
- b) The nominal start time for single mat match is between 19:15 and 19:45 and for dual mat match is between 19:15 and 20:00; Unless mutual agreement has been reached prior to the evening with the Captains concerned.
- c) All home matches must be played on this fixed night, unless in exceptional circumstances, both teams agree to play a particular fixture on a different night within the season.
Note: See League Rule 15 for definition of 'exceptional circumstances'.
- d) At least seven days notice must be given by the team requesting the variation. The League Secretary must be notified immediately that such an agreement has been made.
- e) Each team will be entitled to two trial ends at the start of each game.”

8. Rules of Play

- a) The Rules of Play shall be laid down by the ESMBA, except for the allowed variations as decided by the Oxfordshire CSMBA.

9. Teams

- a) A team shall consist of eight players.

10. Matches

- a) Each team of eight players shall play as two fours.
- b) Each four shall play one game of twelve ends against a four from the opposite team.
- c) A match shall consist of two games.
- d) Each player will play two bowls.
- e) The four who has the highest shots after the completion of the last end shall be the winner of that game.

- f) Should the score be tied on completion of the last end, the game shall be declared drawn.
- g) The team with the highest shot total after the completion of both games, shall be declared the winner of the match.
- h) Should the match be tied then the match points will be shared equally. The game points shall stand as previously.
- i) At least three players from each team must be present at the due time of commencement.
- j) Play during the match must be continuous, with the second four ready to bowl as soon as the preceding game is over. Matches may if mutually agreed, be played on two mats simultaneously, but if matches are played consecutively they shall both be played on the same mat.
- k) In exceptional circumstances a minimum two mat club, with the agreement from the League Secretary and teams involved, may arrange to play two matches in one evening. With team members playing in the first of two consecutive games on one mat, and then playing in the second of two consecutive games on another mat against a different team.
- l) Playing three's up is not allowed. The skip may remain at the head end until it is their turn to bowl. If the skip chooses not to remain at the head, they cannot visit the head again until prior to bowling their second wood, and then only when in possession of the rink.

11. Order of play

- a) Each team Captain may decide on the individual make up of their fours, and in which order their fours game is to be played.
- b) Prior to the start of the game two score cards must be made out by each captain clearly listing the players names and their initial order of play.
 - i) Where two games are to be played consecutively each captain shall mark one card with the number 1 and the other with the number 2. The two cards marked No 1 shall then be exchanged simultaneously and the players annotated on those cards shall play the first game.
 - ii) Where it has been mutually agreed to play two games at the same time on different mats the home captain shall inform the away captain which two mats are to be played on and their relevant number. Each captain shall then mark one of the mat numbers on each of their cards. The four cards shall then be exchanged simultaneously and the players annotated on those cards shall play on the mat recorded on them.

12. Points

- a) Points shall be awarded on the following basis:
 - i) Two points to the winner of each game.
 - ii) One point for a drawn Game.
 - iii) Four points to the winner of the match.

13. Non Arrival of Team or Player

- a) Team
 - i) The non arrival of a team normally leads to a complete forfeiture of the match by 8 points to nil, and by 20 shots to nil. Should a team wish to appeal against forfeiture decisions, they must apply to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the Scheduled match time.
 - ii) The schedule for claiming each game, and or the match, is as follows:
 - 1) The first game can be claimed ½ hour after the arranged start time of match.
 - 2) The second game can be claimed 1½ hours after the arranged start time of the match.
 - 3) If one game is claimed, that team shall be awarded 2 points and 10 shots to nil.
 - iii) In the event of a team arriving late, the games claimed shall stand and the match shall continue with the next scheduled game.

b) Players

In the event of a four being short of players, the following shall apply:

- i) With one player short, refer to the ESMBA Rule book.
- ii) If either four is two players short then the game will automatically be awarded to the opposing side by 2 points and 10 shots to nil.
- iii) No team shall be allowed to field a short four if an eligible substitute is available.
- iv) No player may play in more than one game per match.

14. Unfinished Matches

If a match has to be abandoned before the normal finish due to external circumstances, the following rules will apply:

- a) For a match played on one mat, if the first game has played less than three ends (i.e. the last wood of the third end has not been bowled), then the rescheduled match will commence from the beginning and the ends already played will be ignored.

If less than three ends of the second game have been played, the result of the first game will stand, and the second game will commence from the beginning and the ends already played will be ignored.
- b) For a match played on two mats, if both mats have played less than three ends (i.e. the last wood of the third end has not been bowled in each game), then the rescheduled match will commence from the beginning and the ends already played will be ignored.
- c) Otherwise the rescheduled game(s) will continue from the last completed end when the abandonment occurred, and the final score will be the sum of the scores on the two occasions. Where possible, the teams playing the rescheduled interrupted game should consist of the same people as those originally playing. The match cards should be sent to the League Secretary after each game, the first one being clearly marked 'Game abandoned after X ends' on the appropriate half of the card, and the second marked 'Final (X-12) ends'

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- d) If there are 3 or fewer ends to play on the second game in the case of single mat venue, or on both games in the case of a two mat venue, (i.e. the last wood of the 9th end has been bowled), then the game can be considered completed, subject to approval by the committee.
- e) With two mat venues, if the two games are at different stages, the appropriate rule will be applied to each game separately.
- f) Following the rules already stated being applied if there are remaining ends, these must be completed before the end of the league schedule.
- g) The League Secretary must be notified within seven days of all abandoned matches and the rearrangements.

15. Postponement of Matches

- a) Teams may at any time, mutually agree to play any fixture in advance of the agreed date.
- b) Should it become necessary, and in exceptional circumstances only, a match may be postponed by the mutual consent of both teams. It is the duty of the team requesting the postponement to notify their opponents and the League Secretary in writing within one week, stating full reason(s) for the postponement.
- c) Once the season has commenced no more than two fixtures shall be postponed in any one season by a team, or points may be deducted/awarded to the opposition at the discretion of the Committee after due consideration of the reasons given for all fixtures that have been postponed.
- d) "Exceptional circumstances" are defined as:
 - i) The non availability of a venue over which the club has no control
 - ii) Severe weather conditions
 - iii) The precedence of a higher level competition
 - iv) A shortage of players beyond one per rink, due to accident or illness
- e) A revised date for any postponed fixture shall be mutually arranged and notified to the League Secretary within two weeks of the original date, by the team who requested the postponement. Any subsequent postponement of a rearranged fixture, by the same team, will be subject to review by the Committee and may result in the match being awarded to the opponents.
- f) All fixtures shall be arranged to be completed by the last week of the season and if a team is unable to arrange a suitable date at its own venue, it shall if necessary play the fixture at the opponents' venue.
Where teams are unable to agree on a date for a rearranged fixture the Committee shall decide upon a date and if necessary a venue after hearing representation from both teams."

16. Match Results

- a) One match result card shall be supplied by the home team, and made out and signed by both Captains. It is the responsibility of the winning team, or home team if the match is drawn, to ensure that the result card is in the hands of the League Secretary no later than 7 days after the match has taken place.
- b) ***Failure to comply with this rule will result in an automatic loss of points in this match by the offending team.***

17. Dress

- a) See Constitution Rule 23. Dress.
- b) Penalties
 - i) A penalty of 2 points will be applied for each and every player reported to the Committee for contravention of Constitution Rule 23 Dress.
- c) Complaints
 - ii) Any team wishing to complain about incorrect dress must do so in writing, having first indicated to their opponents, **before the commencement of play**, of their intention to do so.

18. Addendum for Oxfordshire CSMBA

- a) Clubs may not organise Open Competitions without first approaching the Committee.
- b) Variations to the ESMBA Rules and Laws.
 - i) **Rule 6.** Heavy weight jacks of not less than 25oz or more than 32oz must be used in all events organised by the Association, and also all open events organised by member Clubs

19. Forcing or Firing Shot Warning

- a) If a bowler, is going to bowl a wood with sufficient force to move the jack or wood(s) from the head then a warning as detailed in the ESMBA “E11 Forcing Shots” should be given.
- b) The skip of the opposing team, has the option of issuing the ‘yellow’ warning to the player concerned via that bowlers skip - If they deemed the wood should have been preceded by a warning and actions described within Rule E11.
- c) After the game is completed, the skip informs their Captain, who marks next to the bowler’s name on league result card of this fact.
- d) If a bowler during a game is given two yellow warnings, they must leave the mat immediately, and their team continues bowling with the reduced number and also woods. The league result card is marked to indicate the bowler had two warnings.
- e) If the player declines to leave the mat, or more than one bowler from the same team receives two warnings the game is abandoned immediately. The League Secretary should be informed with 24hrs of this fact, for the matter to be followed up by the Committee. The other game in the league match proceeds as normal.

Oxfordshire Competitions Rules

1. Rules of Play

- a) The rules of play will be those laid down by the Competition Secretary for the Competition.

2. Competition Day Registration

- a) Any player in the County Competitions who does not register 15 minutes prior to their programmed playing time, or does not notify the Competition Secretary of their withdrawal prior to the competition without good cause will not be allowed to enter any County Competitions in the following Year.
- b) All players are required to be on the allocated mat and ready to play either at the time stated for the commencement of their game or whenever the mat becomes available for use, unless a player(s) of your opponents are still playing in a game on another mat.
- c) If a team does not take the mat within 10 minutes of being called to the mat, [unless exceptional circumstances prevail of which the Competition Secretary or Organiser have been made aware, and are in a position to delay the game while not affecting overall competition], then the game will be forfeited and the following action will be taken:
 - i) During Round Robin Stage(s)
the 2 points for the game will be awarded to the opposition - and
1 shot per end will be awarded to the opposition - and
1 additional point will be deducted from the team's points tally.
 - ii) During Knock-out Stage
The opponent(s) will progress to the next round.
- d) If players are missing from a team then the following will apply:
Singles - if the player is missing the game will be forfeited and the above will apply.
Pairs - if a player is missing the game will be forfeited and the above will apply.
Triples & Fours - if one player is missing the standard ESMBA Rules will apply.
Triples & Fours - if two players are missing the game will be forfeited as per part c).

3. Contravention of Constitution Rule 23 Dress

- a) For the first offence the player will be warned. This will be backed by a letter to the players Club, informing of the warning, and requiring the player to be properly dressed at future competitions.
- b) On the second offence the player will be allowed to play, but will be banned from all future competitions until an assurance is given by the player's Club, that the rule will be observed in future. These circumstances will also be communicated to the player's Club by letter.

4. Competition Fees

- a) The competition fee will be fixed by the Association to cover all costs incurred in running the Competition.
- b) This fee to be paid at the time of entering the competition.
- c) When players withdraw from competitions no later than 14 days prior to the date of the competition the Association will refund the whole of the Competition Fee.

5. Jack off the Mat

- a) In County Competitions (except League) teams and players be allowed one dead end for knocking jack off mat, thereafter, incur a penalty of 2 shots and end played.

6. Competition Draws

Method of Draw for County Competitions

- a) The draw will be supervised by the Competition Secretary who will have previously numbered the entries on the original entry forms received.
- b) Three members of the Competitions sub-committee will assist with the draw.
- c) The format of the round robin stage and knock out stages will be determined by the Competition Secretary prior to the draw taking place, with a blank draw sheet being created.
- d) One of the draw assistants will proceed to draw the numbers, with the second member converting the numbers to the names on the original entry form, with the third writing them down on the prepared draw sheet. The Competition Secretary will supervise the process and can if necessary substitute for one of the assistants.
- e) Each team will be placed in the groups in the order of the draw.
- f) Should it be necessary to equalise the groups after publication, the teams in groups of four will be moved with the 4th team in each group moving until the draw is complete. The same system will apply in reverse should whole or part groups not be available.

7. Player Substitution

Initial Stages of Competitions:

- a) A team is defined as being formed when the Competition Draw takes places.
- b) Replacement players will be permitted within a team, as per ESMBA National Championship Rules for Substitution.
- c) The replacement of an entire team will not be permitted. A Singles player is classed as team.
- d) If a group is reduced to two teams they will play each other twice as the 1st and 3rd game on the schedule of play.

Final Stages of Competitions:

- e) Replacement players at the final stages will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. All requests for replacements will be considered by the Competition Sub Committee.”

Club Championship Competition Rules

1. Each Team will consist of six players; one Single, one Pair and one Triple. Each Team will appoint a Team Captain who must register his Team at least 15 minutes before play is due to begin.
2. All players must come from the same club.
3. Any changes to the entered Team must be registered at least 15 minutes before play commences.
4. If on the day of the competition the team is a player short; they may play with five players. The missing player must be from the team of Triples.
5. Substitutes [ESMBA Rule 17]. The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Team and will normally play together throughout the Competition. One additional player – and the same player – may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he/she has not already played in the Competition.
Note: Rule 2 must not be broken.
6. Players may change disciplines between games but no one may play on the same mat twice, otherwise that game is conceded to the opposition, with points for the mat win, and one shot per end.
7. Two points will be awarded for each game won, with one point each for a drawn game, there will be three additional points for the Team with the highest plus shots difference.
8. The Singles game will be 10 ends 4 woods, the Pairs 10 ends 2 woods, and the Triples 8 ends 2 woods.
9. At the beginning of each game the Team Captains will toss a coin, the winner has the option to play first or second on all mats. The Team playing first will be the home team on all scoreboards.
10. In the knock out stages, should the points and shot difference be the same for both Teams the winning Team will be the Team winning the greatest number of ends. In the event of the two Teams being drawn on points, shots difference and ends won, the Captains or a nominated player from the Team will play a one end four wood play off and the winner of this play off will go through to the next round.
11. The Competition will be completed [including finals] in one day, if possible.

County Team Selectors Terms of Reference

1. Appointment of Squad Manager(s).

- a) The County Committee shall appoint an ICC Squad Manager for the Summer and Winter ICC Competitions (as necessary). These post may be filled by the same, or two separate, individuals. Such appointments shall initially be for a period of two years.
- b) The County Committee shall appoint an ICC Assistant Squad Manager for Winter ICC Competitions. Such appointments shall initially be for a period of two years.
- c) Six months prior to the end of any current appointment, or in other circumstances as necessary, the county shall invite applications from players registered within the county, for these positions.
- d) At the first Committee Meeting following the closing date for applications, the County Committee shall then consider all applications received and appoint the relevant Squad Manager(s).

2. Initial Squad Selection

- a) a) Two months prior to the commencement of the relevant season the County Chairman, together with the ICC Squad Manager(s) & Assistant, Captains(s) and Vice Captain(s) from the previous season, the Competition Secretary, League Secretary and County Secretary shall form a sub committee and meet to select the squad for the forthcoming season.
- b) The 14-16 players considered on performance at the start of the season to be the best in the county shall be designated as Premier Team players. Only these players shall be entitled to vote for the Captain and Vice Captain of the Premier Team. All other players nominated to the squad shall be entitled to vote for the Captain and Vice Captain of the A Team.

3. Criteria to be Used in Selection.

- a) The Competitions Secretary shall present details of results by all individuals in County, National and Wantage and District Competitions having allocated a specific number of marks for each stage of each competitions successfully progressed through.
- b) The ICC Squad Manager(s), Assistant/Captain shall present full details of performance during the past season by all current Squad members.
- c) These, together with information supplied by the League Secretary on individual performance in League matches and recommendations that have been followed up and players observed, shall be the basis on which players are judged for selection.

4. Appointment of Team Captain & Vice Captain

- a) Prior to the first game in each season applications shall be sought from the members selected into the appropriate squad for the positions of Team Captain and Vice Captain. Separate nominations shall be sought for each position and any player within the relevant squad may apply for either or both positions.
- b) Once the closing date for nominations has passed all members of the relevant squad shall be entitled to vote for these positions.

5. Team Selection Procedures

- a) The ICC Squad Manager & Assistant, together with the Captain and Vice Captain of each relevant team shall form the selection committee for each individual fixture and shall meet to select teams.
- b) The selectors prime objective shall be to maximise winning potential and to this end they shall make every effort to be aware of the current form of all players within the squad.
- c) When selecting the teams for each fixture they shall at all times seek to play what are considered to be the best available players for all positions - whilst at the same time retaining the right to ensure compatibility of players within each discipline.
- d) Once the team has been selected it shall be notified to all relevant players and this shall be at least seven days prior to the date of any fixture (unless reserves are required to be brought in due to withdrawals).
- e) The players selected as Premier Team players should normally play in Premier Team matches but this is not an automatic right and the selectors shall reserve the right to leave any of these players out of the team if they consider that they have justifiable grounds for doing so. Grounds shall include such matters as players suffering from loss of form, lack of commitment or causing disruption within the team.
- f) Where such actions are taken a note shall be made of the decision of that selection committee and may be referred to in cases of complaint or disputes.
- g) Additional players may be invited into the squad to play in the A Team as necessary and if current form makes them worthy of consideration but no player may be selected for the Premier Team, without first having played for the A Team unless a player with a proven record moves into the county.

6. Complaints

- a) Any complaints about selection or procedures adopted, shall be made in the first instance in writing to the Selection Committee via the County Secretary. If agreement cannot be reached, the matter shall be considered by the main Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Association Life Members

2007 Barry Dillon

England & Nationals Roll of Honour

England Squad Players

- 2002-03 Trevor Brown, Geoff Cross, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2003-04 Trevor Brown, Geoff Cross, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2004-05 Trevor Brown, Geoff Cross, Matthew Smith, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2005-06 Trevor Brown, Matthew Smith, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2006-07 Trevor Brown, Matthew Smith, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2007-08 Trevor Brown, Michael Keevil, David Wiggins
- 2008-09 Trevor Brown, David Wiggins, Roger Wiggins
- 2009-10 Trevor Brown, Geoff Cross, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2010-11 Andrew Brown & Trevor Brown
- 2011-12 Julian Bradbury, A.J. Brown, Michael Keevil, David & Roger Wiggins,
Les Woodward

England Under 18's or 21's Squad Players

- 2007-08 Andrew Brown
- 2008-09 Andrew Brown
- 2009-10 Andrew Brown
- 2010-11 Andrew Brown

England Ladies Select Squad Players

- 2011-12 Gloria Smith

ESMBA National Champions

- 2002 Fours – Trevor Brown, Geoff Cross, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2003 Singles – Trevor Brown
- 2004 Under 18's – Matthew Smith
- 2006 Pairs – Trevor Brown & Matthew Smith
- 2006 Fours – Trevor Brown, Matthew Smith, David & Roger Wiggins
- 2007 Pairs – Michael Keevil & David Wiggins
- 2008 Singles – Trevor Brown
- 2011 Four – Julian Bradbury, Michael Keevil, Les Woodward, Roger Wiggins

Past County League & Competitions Winners

League Championship

Division 1

92-93 Didcot Conservative 'A'
93-94 Didcot Conservative 'A'
94-95 Steventon 'A'
95-96 Hanborough 'C'
96-97 Kingston 'Gunners'
97-98 Drayton 'Wasps'
98-99 Drayton 'Wasps'
99-00 Grovelands
00-01 Wootton 'Chiefs'
01-02 Didcot Conservative 'Barn Owls'
02-03 Wootton 'Chiefs'
03-04 Wootton 'Chiefs'
04-05 Wootton 'Chiefs'
05-06 Wootton 'Chiefs'
06-07 Wootton 'Chiefs'
07-08 Wootton 'Chiefs'
08-09 Wootton 'Chiefs'
09-10 Didcot Conservative 'Barn Owls'
10-11

South Oxon Division 1

97-98 Drayton 'Wasps'
98-99 Drayton 'Wasps'
99-00 Didcot Con 'Jumbo Jets'
00-01 Drayton 'Wasps'
01-02 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
02-03 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
03-04 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
04-05 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
05-06 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
06-07 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
07-08 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
08-09 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
09-10 Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
10-11

League Championship

Division 2

Brightwell
Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor
Stanford Village
Benson
Challow Cricket Club
Benson
Warborough 'Wanderers'
Challow 'Windymillers'
No play-off this season

South Oxon Division 2

Drayton 'Rollers'
Wallingford 'Regals'
Harwell 'Hares'
Wallingford 'Royals'
Drayton 'Rollers'
Brightwell
Wallingford 'Regals'
Drayton 'Wasps'
Benson
Drayton 'Hammers'
Benson
Warborough 'Wanderers'
Drayton 'Rollers'
No Division this season

Vale White Horse Division 1

97-98 Kingston 'Gunnars'
98-99 Wootton 'Flyers'
99-00 Grovelands
00-01 Wootton 'Chiefs'
01-02 Wootton 'Chiefs'
02-03 Wootton 'Chiefs'
03-04 Wootton 'Chiefs'
04-05 Wootton 'Chiefs'
05-06 Wootton 'Chiefs'
06-07 Wootton 'Chiefs'
07-08 Wootton 'Chiefs'
08-09 Wootton 'Chiefs'
09-10 Wootton 'Chiefs'
10-11

Vale White Horse Division 2

Wootton 'Wanderers'
Comrades
Grove 'Millbrook'
Morland Speckled Un's
Southmoor
Hanney
Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor
Stanford 'Village'
Kingston Bagpuize
Challow Cricket Club
Stanford 'Village'
Grove 'Millbrook'
Challow 'Windymillers'

West Oxon Division 1

05-06 Charlbury 'A'
06-07 Charlbury 'Owls'
07-08 West Witney 'Bluebirds'
08-09 North Leigh 'Millers'
09-10 West Witney 'Bluebirds'
10-11

Afternoon League

08-09 Stanford 'Blues'
09-10 Drayton 'Wasps'
10-11

County Singles

92-93 Gordon Edwards
93-94 John Calvert
94-95 Gerald Norton
95-96 Dave Morgan
96-97 David Wiggins
97-98 David Wiggins
98-99 Ray Claridge
99-00 Mike Whiting
00-01 Bryn Jones
01-02 Geoff Cross
02-03 Trevor Brown
03-04 David Wiggins
04-05 Trevor Brown
05-06 Matthew Smith
06-07 Trevor Brown
07-08 Trevor Brown
08-09 Roger Wiggins
09-10 Michael Keevil
10-11 Adam Dickson

County Pairs

T. White & G. Edwards
T. White & G. Edwards
J. Marsh & D. Morgan
L. Harris & G. Hughes
A. Venn & J. Moore
A. Venn & J. Moore
M. Claridge & R. Claridge
A. Venn & J. Moore
D. Wiggins & R. Wiggins
T. Brown & G. Cross
D. Webb & A. Foster
D. Webb & A. Foster
A. Venn & B. James
P. Moore & J. Bradbury
B. Ritchie & L. Woodward
A. Foster & D. Webb
N. Davis & T. Brown
E. Hasker & C. Hasker
A. Brown & G. Cross

County Triples

92-93 R. Windsor, J & T White
93-94 B. James, A. Venn & J. Moore
94-95 J & T Mullins & M. Boughton
95-96 A. Venn, N. Cole & J. Moore
96-97 J. Moore, A. Venn & N. Cole
97-98 L & A Foster & C. Brock
98-99 J. Moore, R. Wiggins & A. Venn
99-00 R & M Haines & D. Webb
00-01 T. White, G. Edwards & D. Wiggins
01-02 G. Cross, T. Brown & R. Wiggins
02-03 M. & E. Street & B. Barnard
03-04 S. Cartmell, R. Wiggins & D. Woodley
04-05 M. Whiting, D. Webb & A. Foster
05-06 M. Foster, T. Cross & R. Claridge
06-07 A. & D. Sirett & C. Hasker
07-08 B. Cummings, R. Claridge & T. Cross
08-09 G. Cross, A.J. Brown & D. Wiggins

County Triples - continued

- 09-10 G. Mason, L. Sims & D. Sims
- 10-11 G. Cross, G. Davies & A. Brown

County Fours

- 92-93 A & G Norton, D. House & S. Sawyer
- 93-94 S & K Franklin, R. Mills & R. Claridge
- 94-95 R. Gleed, A. Dunlinson, T. Prior & J. Mills
- 95-96 L & A Foster, A. Atkins & P. V'D' Mortel
- 96-97 J & P Mattingley, W & J Haines
- 97-98 R. Claridge, T. White, G. Edwards & D. Woodley
- 98-99 R. Talbot, E. Lamb, M. Whiting & D. Wiggins
- 99-00 M & J Cole, P. Moore & B. James
- 00-01 B. Preston, M. Haines, D. Webb & A. Foster
- 01-02 M. & E. Street, J. Durbin & B. Barnard
- 02-03 G. Smith, R. Wiggins, B. Bloxwich & J. Gibbins
- 03-04 B. Lamb, J. Rollings, A & P Curtis
- 04-05 S. Faulkner, M. Cross, M. Smith & R. Wiggins
- 05-06 S. Faulkner, M. Buzzard, M. Cross & R. Wiggins
- 06-07 M. Buzzard, B. Cummings, D. Wiggins & R. Wiggins
- 07-08 G. Cross, A.J. Brown, D. Wiggins & R. Wiggins
- 08-09 G. Cross, A.J. Brown, D. Wiggins & R. Wiggins
- 09-10 P. Keevil, H. Keevil, M. Keevil & L. Woodward
- 10-11 G. Cross, T. Cross, G. Davies & A. Brown

County Under 18's

94-95
95-96
96-97
97-98
98-99
99-00
00-01 Matthew Smith
01-02 Matthew Smith
02-03 Matthew Smith
03-04 Matthew Smith
04-05 Jamie Rawlings
05-06 Daniel Cross
06-07 Andrew Brown
07-08 Andrew Brown
08-09 Andrew Brown
09-10 Andrew Brown
10-11 Andrew Brown

Club Championship

Didcot Conservative Club
Didcot Labour Club 'B'
Wootton
Wootton
Wootton
Wootton
Wootton
Wootton 'A'
Harwell
Wootton
Wootton
Grove
Didcot Con 'Barn Owls'
West Witney
Didcot Conservative Club
Didcot Conservative Club
Didcot Conservative Club

Warman Leisure Mixed Pairs Captains Cup

97-98
98-99
99-00
00-01 Betty Dibley & Jim Moore
01-02 Joan Durbin & Bob Barnard
02-03 Andrea Cummins & David Wiggins
03-04 Christine Williams & Les Gray
04-05 Pat Moore & Trevor Brown
05-06 Edward & Gill Iles
06-07 Gloria & Matthew Smith
07-08 Sandra & Tony Anns
08-09 M. & M. Hanney (Wiltshire)
09-10 Gloria Smith & A.J. Brown
10-11 Pam & Les Baldry (Wiltshire)

Jim Ritchie (Didcot SMBC)
Alan Foster (Grove)
Rod McBeth (Didcot Lab)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
Norman Cottrell (Chieveley)
Norman Cottrell (Chieveley)
Norman Cottrell (Chieveley)
David Wiggins (Wootton)
Bob Barnard (Harwell)