

WANTAGE & DISTRICT SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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Rules

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- 1) **REGISTRATION.**
 - a) Only English Short Mat Bowling Association (E.S.M.B.A.) registered players are eligible to play in the Summer Triples League or Competition organised by the Wantage & District Short Mat Bowling Association (W. & D.S.M.B.A.).
 - b) Players must be registered as per W. & D.S.M.B.A. Constitution Rule 22 at least 7 days prior to playing in any league match and the appropriate fee must accompany such applications.
 - c) Where a Club has more than one team in the Summer Triples League then players must be registered to play for ONE team only. Cross team substitutions are not allowed under any circumstances. Players who wish to change teams must apply for a transfer.
- 2) **TRANSFERS.**

No transfers after the Summer Triples League has started.
- 3) **DISPUTES and COMPLAINTS.**

Notice of a dispute or complaint must be submitted to the W. & D.S.M.B.A. Secretary within three days of the occurrence. The Secretary of the team or Club concerned must also be notified.

The Management Committee whose decision will be final will then consider the matter.
- 4) **PENALTIES.**

For any infringement of the W. & D.S.M.B.A. Constitution, Code of Conduct or Rules or E.S.M.B.A. rules the Management Committee have the full power to implement any of the following penalties.

 - a) Forfeiture or deduction of League points.
 - b) Cancellation of any particular result with or without the instruction to replay.
 - c) A temporary or permanent suspension from the Association.

The above penalties may be to any player, team or Club and may be implemented or enforced in any combination.
- 5) **MATTERS ARISING.**

In the event of any questions or matters arising which are not provided for in the W & D.S.M.B.A. Constitution, Code of Conduct or Rules or E.S.M.B.A. rules, then the Management Committee whose decision shall be final will deal with such questions or matters.
- 6) **MINIMUM AGE.**

There is no minimum age requirement for participation in a W. & D.S.M.B.A. Event. Clubs that cannot comply must notify the W. & D.S.M.B.A. Secretary without prejudice to their acceptance.

Any minor must be under the supervision of a parent or W. & D.S.M.B.A. or E.S.M.B.A. Child Protection Officer approved person.
- 7) **FEES.**

All Association fees must be paid before the season commences.



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8) **MATCH NIGHTS.**

Before the season commences each team must state a fixed night on which they will play home matches. All home matches must be played on this fixed night, unless both teams agree to play the fixture on a different night.

The Wantage & District Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup) & Summer Triples League Honorary Secretary must be notified immediately that such an agreement has been made.

9) **RULES OF PLAY.**

The E.S.M.B.A. Rules shall be applied, except for the variations as decided by W. & D.S.M.B.A.

10) **SUMMER TRIPLES LEAGUE.**

The Summer triples are for the enjoyment of all.

- a) 2 Mats 3 Players per mat.
- b) If the Home team wishes to use 2 mats then the Home Captain **must** offer the away Captain the choice of playing 1 or 2 mats.
- c) 3 Woods per player 10 ends.
- d) Jack off the mat twice per team without penalty then 2 shots away.
- e) A 2 wood each way roll up prior to the game commencing at 7.45pm. Unless otherwise agreed by both teams for a earlier start time.
- f) If the home team's venue is not available then they can play it away if possible.
- h) Skips to leave the head together, the skip may only visit the head prior to their last bowl of the end.

11) **POINTS.**

- a) Two points to the winner of each game.
- b) One point for a drawn game.
- c) Four points to the winner of the match.
- d) Two points for a drawn match.



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12) THE WANTAGE & DISTRICT CHALLENGE CUP (KNOCKOUT CUP).

- a) Entrance Fee(s) as determined by the A.G.M. to be paid to the Wantage & District Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup) & Summer Triples League Honorary Secretary by the date on the entry form.
- b) Each club may enter one or more teams in the W&DSMBA Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup). Each team to consist of a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15 players. All players must be registered with the ESMBA.
- c) 4 Players at home and 4 Players away i.e. 1 mat at home 1 mat away.
- d) 2 woods per player.
- e) 12 Ends.
- f) Points to be awarded as per Rule 11.
- g) Skips to leave the head together, the skip may only visit the head prior to their last bowl of the end.
- h) Both teams to send in their score cards.
- i) Played as a Round Robin as drawn by the Wantage & District Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup) & Summer Triples League Honorary Secretary and 2 other Committee Members.
- j) A maximum of eight teams to qualify for the Knock Out stages of The Wantage & District Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup).
- k) In the Wantage & District Challenge Cup (Knockout Cup) a game of ten ends or more, each team will be allowed to knock the jack off the side of the mat a maximum of three times without penalty. For each additional end on which they knock the jack off the mat a three shot penalty will be awarded to the other team.
Non-penalty ends will be replayed from the same direction and will not count as ends played. All ends on which shots are claimed will count as ends played.
- l) In the K.O stages the Home team (1st team on the sheet) to play an extra end to avoid a tie.
- m) When playing an extra end to avoid a tie in a game and a team during the normal game has had three or more penalty ends then these will not count while playing the extra end.
The extra end both teams will be without penalty ends to there name if the jack gets knocked off the side more than twice by the same team then the other team will be awarded the extra end.
- n) Final to be played on Finals Day.



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13) **COMPETITIONS.**

- a) In all competitions (i.e. Fours, Triples and Pairs) a player can only play for the club that is stated on their ESMBA registration card when entering any W. & D.S.M.B.A. competitions.
- b) All entry forms and fees must be returned to the Honorary Competition Secretary by the date on the sheet issued by the Honorary Competition Secretary.
- c) A substitute is allowed provided they have not played in that discipline and be limited to the use of one player substitute in the Triples and Fours, also one substitute in the Pairs in exceptional circumstances only. (With No substitute in the Singles).
- d) The Honorary Competition Secretary and any 2 other Committee Members shall conduct the draws for all Competitions.
- e) All competitions shall be organised under the auspices of the Honorary Competition Secretary.
- f) Points to be awarded as per Rule 11.
- g) In all Competitions there must be 8 qualifiers for the Quarter Finals using the Best Runners up if required.
- h) In the Knockout stages of the competitions, if the scores are level at the end of the match an extra end will be played to determine the winner. If on completion of the round robin stage teams are equal on points, shots and ends won, an extra end will be played to determine the winner.
- i) All competitions, the skip may only visit the head prior to their last bowl of the end.
- j) Finals to be played on Finals day.

14) **DRESS CODE.**

- (a) As Per W. & D.S.M.B.A. Constitution Rule 24.