

WEALDEN SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION



1. **Name.** The league will be known as “Wealden Short Mat Bowls League” (hereafter called the League).
2. **Objective.** To promote the game of Short Mat Bowls within the Wealden District and its immediate surrounds.
3. **Membership.** Open to those clubs within the Wealden District and its surrounds.
4. **League Officers.** The Officers must be registered members of club teams within the Wealden League. These Officers shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting.
5. **Committee.** The Committee shall consist of the elected Officers namely: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary.
6. **Annual General Meeting (A.G.M).** This shall take place during April each year. Notification of the A.G.M. shall be given by the Secretary to all league clubs at least six (6) weeks in advance of the due date. Reports from the committee will be submitted at the A.G.M. for those club teams present for their approval. Clubs wishing to submit proposals for the agenda shall submit such items, in writing, to the Secretary at least four (4) weeks before the date set for the A.G.M. Allowing time for the Secretary to return proposals to the clubs for consideration. These proposals must be seconded by another club team, and no proposals will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.
7. **Voting.** There will be one vote per Club/Team with the committee not having a vote, except that in the event of tied vote, the Chair will have a casting vote.
8. **Co-option.** The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and form sub-committees from the divisional clubs as required for dispute resolution. At the Pre-Season Meeting, volunteers will be asked to come forward to arbitrate for that purpose; three from Division 1 for Division 2 disputes, and three from Division 2 for Division 1 disputes. Should an Arbiter withdraw during a season, a volunteer can be co-opted by the Committee, as required. All club teams will be informed of these persons by the Fixture Secretary, and recorded on the fixture lists for that season.
9. **Accounts.** The League accounts shall run from April 1st to 31st March of the following year. A checked statement shall be submitted by the Treasurer at the A.G.M.
10. **League monies.** The monies shall be held in a bank/building society account at a branch approved by the Committee. Two signatures from the Committee Members shall be required for cheques to be signed off.
11. **Subscriptions.** The level of Club/Team subscriptions for the forthcoming season, shall be set at the A.G.M. on the recommendation of the Treasurer and subscription payments should be sent or given to the Treasurer no later than the Pre-Season Meeting.
12. **League Rules.** The game will be played to the rules of the English Short Mat Bowls Association but with the exceptions as laid out in the Wealden League Rules. Rule changes can only take place at the A.G.M for the forthcoming season.
13. **Insurance.** All clubs should comply with the E.S.S.M.B.A. regulations regarding this matter.
14. **Children and Vulnerable Adults.** The League is committed to promoting a safe environment in which Children and Vulnerable Adults can enjoy taking part in the game of short mat bowls. To this end, all clubs should comply with the E.S.S.M.B.A. regulations regarding this.