



December 2024

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The Newsletter of the ESMBA



On behalf of the ESMBA Management Committee, I would like to wish all of our Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Barry Hedges, Chairman

How to become an Umpire booklet

Ever thought about becoming an umpire? Want to know what's involved? Then this booklet is for you.

The English Short Mat Bowls Association



Announcement

We are delighted to announce the Association has been recognised in a recent Global Health and Pharma Magazine Award as the most Inclusive Bowls Association.



British Isles 2024

Premier:

Congratulations to:



Gary Best & Matty Worden on winning the British Isles Pairs

Stephen Stanton, Jack Knight, Ben Riley and Emily Thomas for winning the British Isles Fours



A Team:

Congratulations to:



Jack Marshall & Glenn Harvey for winning the A Series Pairs

Tim Harwood, Richard Stagg, Chris Willies and Mark White for winning the A Series Fours.



Full report in next months issue





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Ask the Umpire:

Each month, we will be asking Umpire Director Brab Hallowes questions

If you have a question for Brab, please email James james@esmba.co.uk who will feature your answer in next months newsletter!

Would you like to be on the mailing list for the newsletter? email james@esmba.co.uk



Safeguarding for Clubs

You may be aware from 2028 it will be mandatory for clubs to have a safeguarding contact and we are being asked what the role involves.

Firstly please let me say, we are aware that this maybe a concern for smaller clubs to find someone willing to take on the role, but equally let me say there is already members of your club who look out for the wellbeing of their fellow bowlers. For example the person who phones when someone didnt attend club as normal to ensure all is well, or who offers help to people who find attending club difficult. Safeguarding is a natural extension of club welfare.

Club safeguarding officers are not required to make safeguarding decisions or investigate any claims. They do not need to be Judge John Deed or Mrs Marple, but they are the 'eyes and ears' at a club. If they notice anything concerning or concerns are brought to them they need to keep the information confidential and seek advice from their county officer or the NGB lead. The Club Safeguarding officer will not be left unsupported to deal with these matters alone.

More information can be found by watching a short, free online learning presentation run by BDA which can be found at [Bowls Development Alliance - eLearning Survey](#)

If you want to know more about this very rewarding role please contact your County safeguarding officer for more information.

North Somerset Schools

Short mat bowls is going from strength to strength in North Somerset schools and the wider Avon region, with 29 U18's being ESMBA registered in the past month. Some of these bowlers will be competing in the inaugural Avon U18's Singles Championship in December where we look to crown our first Short Mat Bowls Champion.

Four Schools are now offering Short Mat Bowls as an option for their pupils, with curriculum and/or extra-curricular opportunities available at Clevedon, St Katherines (both North Somerset) and Ashton Park and Bedminster Down (South Bristol).

St Katherines led the way with the introduction of Short Mat Bowls back in the academic year 2022-23, and they continue to break new ground by playing their first ever match in the Avon Challenge Cup on November the 12th November. Two triples from St Katherines took on Timsbury Short Mat Bowls Club over 18 ends at the Bristol Indoor Bowls Club. The St Katherines team played superbly well to run Timsbury extremely close, missing out 19-11 and 14-11 on both mats (and were only 2 shots down after 9 ends). The Timsbury bowlers were fantastically supportive and encouraging of the young bowlers and admitted that they had to pull out some of their best bowls to earn the win in what was an extremely competitive match.

We look forward to hopefully seeing more schools introduce Short Mat to their curricular/extracurricular menus and seeing how the growing number of talented bowlers progress over the coming months.

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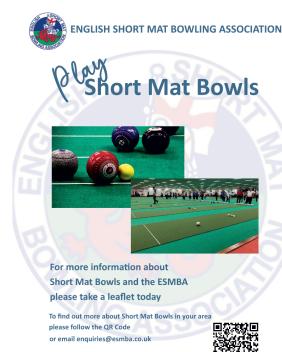


Development Material

Did you know that the ESMBA has a range of Development Literature, from Posters to informative leaflets?

These can be picked up at any ESMBA Fixtures or Events.

Digital Copies are available on the ESMBA Website – Club Support.



Please contact James Scoins, ESMBA Development Director: james@esmba.co.uk if you would like some for your Club or County.

Club Matters

Over the next few months in the newsletter, the ESMBA will be publishing a series of articles relating to clubs and how they are governed. This months article is about Compliance and Insurance.

Article 3: Compliance & Insurance

The officers are responsible for the club's compliance with any appropriate legislation-for instance Health and Safety, Safeguarding and in particular the Equality Act 2010 and the General Data Protection Regulation. They are also responsible for ensuring that appropriate insurance cover is obtained for the Club, if they do not do so they may be personally liable. One of the benefits of ESMBA Membership is access to the ESMBA's Insurance Scheme. If the club maintains membership records on a computer, it should do so in a responsible manner ensuring that the information is held securely and complies with GDPR guidelines.

BDA Weeks of Learning

Booking for January 2025 is now open click here to reserve a place [BDA Education](#).

'The weeks of learning offered by the BDA are proving very popular. They cover a variety of topics and the next week is scheduled in January and the program is listed below and open to book now.

Creating a Marketing Strategy	20/01/2025	10-11:30am
How to Complete the Club Health Checker	20/01/2025	2pm-3pm
Safeguarding Children and Young People	20/01/2024	5-6pm
What funding do you need and why?	21/01/2025	10-11:30am
How to put together a funding bid?	21/01/2025	1-2:30pm
Engaging Your Communities	21/01/2025	6-7:30pm
Safeguarding Children and Young People	22/01/2025	10-11am
Introduction to Bowls Big Weekend	22/01/2025	6-7pm
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Creating a Marketing Strategy	23/01/2025	6-7:30pm
Engaging Your Communities	24/01/2025	10-11:30am
Completed Club Health Checker - Questions and Answers	24/01/2025	2pm-3pm





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Markers Courses

Do you want to learn how to mark a game properly, or learn how to do those tricky measures?

The ESMBA is now offering Markers Courses in your area. – with a minimum number of 6 participants

Please get in touch with Brab Hallowes, Umpires Director: brab@esmba.co.uk for more information

New Safeguarding Booklet

The ESMBA Lead Safeguarding Officer, Lynn Dean has launched a new safeguarding leaflet. These leaflets are aimed for Clubs to understand how they can manage safeguarding within their Club.

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ESMBA Development

As the ESMBA moves forward with Development, we propose to create a development network across the association. These Development Contacts would be the 'local knowledge' of the ESMBA Development team across England in their respective county associations and enable us to target areas with better development strategy and support both from the ESMBA and the Bowls Development Alliance. This role will begin by being a contact point for existing clubs who need advice, support or just signposting to development assistance and to pass leads on clubs whose members aren't registered to the ESMBA for us to contact alongside our Bowls Development Alliance partners.

The ESMBA Committee hope we can count on your support going forward.

If you would like to discuss this or have a candidate in mind, please contact James Scoins james@esmba.co.uk

Ask The Umpire

We asked: Is it right that a jack is still live in the ditch when even though most of the jack is beyond the ditch line a small portion is still inside the playing area?

Brab answered: Yes, providing any part of the jack is in contact with the 'live area' the jack is still live and should a bowler deliver a bowl that touches any part of the jack on its route into the ditch (and doesn't touch anything else in the ditch on its route in) that bowl would be a toucher.

I have attached a diagram of how the jack could be in the ditch and still be 'live'. The black line indicates the front of the dead line, the jack is 'live' in this scenario

