

October 2024

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The Newsletter of the ESMBA



Welcome

The Association warmly welcomes members old and new to the new season and we look forward to seeing you at our competitions or ICC games over the coming year.

The Association continues to work on Development to ensure the future of the game and James Scoins & Brian Baker continue to establish connections with Schools around the country as part of our Schools Project.

We continue our work with the Bowls Development Alliance who will begin to set up County Hubs around the Country. We will work with those counties to ensure they can benefit from the BDAs knowledge and expertise, whilst accessing information and courses that can benefit Clubs and their members

BDA Development

The ESMBA work closely with the BDA on Bowls Development in England, if you think your Club, league or County would benefit from the local BDA Development Officer, then please get in touch with James Scoins james@esmba.co.uk

Open Pairs

The 2024 ESMBA Open Pairs was held at Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club on Saturday 7th September 2024.



Winners: Stephen & Peter Roberts (Left)



Runners-up: Jack Marshall & Chris Willies (Right)

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.

Article 1: The Rules of a Club

The rules of the club is called its **Constitution** and it is a critical document for all clubs. The Constitution determines how the officers and other management committee members of the club are appointed, and what powers they have. If the rules aren't followed then potentially the committee members aren't appointed lawfully, and so their actions may not be lawful either. This could result in the committee members being personally liable for the actions of the club.

The rules should also explain how members join the club, how they can be expelled, how often general meetings are called amongst other matters.

Your Bowls club Affiliates to a National Association – the ESMBA One of the benefits of membership of the ESMBA is the ability to adopt a common set of rules, which have probably been professionally drafted. The importance of a comprehensive and appropriate set of rules is highlighted when there is a dispute within the club between one or more of the members, particularly if the dispute involves an officer. This is, unfortunately, not uncommon. It is worth thinking about this when considering your own rules – if say the treasurer was suspected of financial impropriety, how would you investigate it, would you have the power to suspend them while you do, and if you needed to remove them how would the club operate while this process was going on? On the ESMBA website under club matters is a template Example of a Constitution. [The English Short Mat Bowling Association \(ESMBA\) - Templates](#). It is worth taking the time as the new season starts to review your current constitution against this template.

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Ask the Umpire:

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

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

How to become an Umpire booklet

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

Electrowind Rollers

The range of “Electrowind machines” came to life in early 2005 as a result of many Clubs starting to struggle with the manual winding up of their carpets.



The carpets still had to be wound up and stored away so the only alternative to manual machines was electric. A lot of thought went in to the design with four main factors in mind. 1). The ease of use so that everyone can wind the carpets up and down and not just the same one or two 2). Care of the carpets 3). The space in which the machines would be used and of course 4). Safety.

The machines have now been in circulation for over 18 years with over 290 Clubs right across the UK owning an “Electrowind” with many of the early machines still in good working order.

There are many stories of the plight that a lot of Clubs find themselves in at the moment but the one that stands out the most and we hear a lot is that one Club said

“We have a lot of members in their late 70’s and beyond who can still Bowl very well but that will all end if we cannot pick the carpets up and down”.



Club Health Checker

Our bespoke Club Health Checker is the Bowls Development Alliances free, online assessment tool and is available for all ESMBA affiliated clubs. By completing the Club Health Checker, it will reinforce what your club is doing well but also will help identify challenges you may be facing, while highlighting areas for targeted development and growth. By completing the 30-minute questionnaire, clubs are provided with a bespoke report that offers resources and guidance on how to improve across a number of key development areas. BDA Club and Community Development Officers are also able to offer further support should your club require advice and guidance on the results. Clubs are encouraged to complete the Club Health Checker every 12 months to understand where they have improved and developed and which areas they can give focus moving forward. **You can access the Club Health Checker at:** <https://bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com/club-development/club-health-checker/>



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Development Material

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



These are available from the Development Officer or 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 Officer:
james@esmba.co.uk if you would like some for your Club or County.

England Ladies: British Isles Squad 2024

The ESMBA wish the England Ladies Team the best of luck in Wales on the 12th/13th October 2024

Individuals:

Singles: Kate Williams

Pairs: Jo Featherstone, Emily Weaver (s)

Triples: Monica Carter, Donna Mills, Sonia Burden (s)

Fours: Denise Meritt, Julia Bruce, Carole Preece, Lynn Orlando (s)

Rinks:

Emily Weaver (s)

Paula Blackburn-Woods

Tracey Bailey

Helen Smurthwaite

Debbie Johns (s)

Cherry Kley

Janice Sansom

Karen Hall

Lynn Orlando (s)

Christine Harvey

Nadine Bailey

Di Rundle

Jo Streeter (s)

Paula Scales

Ava Cattell

Shannon Mead

Reserves: Ally Hobbs, Hazel Spry

The Bowls Development Alliance



The Bowls Development Alliance is a partnership organisation with a core purpose to; 'sustain, grow and develop the sport in partnership with the Bowls family'.

Created by the Sport's National Governing Bodies to channel Sport England investment into the sport, the Bowls Development Alliance's primary goal is to increase participation in bowls whilst ensuring the sport is inclusive and accessible for all. It champions collaborative working across the sport, and it works to develop NGB-affiliated clubs and their volunteers, safeguard participants and share best practice. Supporting Sport England current strategy "Uniting the Movement" is a key part of our work. Sport England state it is a critical time for the sport of bowls to articulate its contribution to boosting activity levels across the country and helping people realise the physical and mental benefits of playing sport. We are working closely with our partners and developing a new, shared vision for growing participation in the sport through our core services which include Club Development, Education, and Safeguarding programmers' can also find more information on the BDA website, and you can follow for updates and information on our social media channels.

The Bowls Development Alliance can be found on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BowlsDevelopmentAlliance

X (formerly Twitter) : www.X.com/BowlsDA

Instagram: www.instagram.com/BowlsDevelopmentAlliance

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/bowls-development-alliance

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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.

Please get in touch with Brab Hallows, 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.

CoachBowls Safeguarding

CoachBowls, the ESMBA's training partner has created a new course which is available to book on their website.



Coach Bowls

SAFEGUARDING: OFFICER TRAINING

This 4 hour online module covers all the information a safeguarding officer will need to help them fulfil this vital and rewarding role in their club. It includes safeguarding awareness for both Child and Adult safety, as well as how to make your club safer, roles and responsibilities, and highlights help and support. This course combines the old Time to Listen Child Safeguarding with the Adult Safeguarding Course. The course can be booked here [Safeguarding Officer Training | Coach Bowls](#)

Ask the Umpire

Please can you ask the Umpire Director to clarify ESMBA rule F10 : Playing with a Player Missing. The order is defined as Lead, Lead, 2nd, Lead, Lead, 2nd, which seems straight forward. However, when team A is a person short and loses the previous end, is the order of play for the next end: LeadB, LeadA, 2ndB, LeadA, LeadB, 2ndB OR LeadB, LeadA, 2ndB, LeadB, LeadA, 2ndB?

Umpire Directors answer:

I have designed a format card that explains the playing order when playing with a player missing. This can be cutout and laminated for ease of reference.

FORMAT FOR PLAYING WITH ONE PLAYER MISSING.E.S.M.B.A. RULING. "Absentee Players".
A triples or Fours game will commence with the missing player being considered as the "Second" and a definite order of play will be maintained. It shall be: LEAD, LEAD, SECOND, LEAD, LEAD, SECOND. "A" is the team with a player short.

Safeguarding

Safe Bowls for All



Ensuring positive, inclusive, accessible and secure clubs for everyone

"A" GOING FIRST		"B" GOING FIRST	
A	LEAD	B	LEAD
B	LEAD	A	LEAD
B	SECOND	B	SECOND
A	LEAD	B	LEAD
B	LEAD	A	LEAD
B	SECOND	B	SECOND
A	THIRD	B	THIRD
B	THIRD	A	THIRD
A	THIRD	B	THIRD
B	THIRD	A	THIRD
A	SKIP	B	SKIP
B	SKIP	A	SKIP
A	SKIP	B	SKIP
B	SKIP	A	SKIP