

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 clubs within Wealden District and its surrounds. 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 Match 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. Clubs wishing to submit items 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.

Reports from the committee will be submitted at the A.G.M. for those clubs present for their approval.
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 having a casting vote.
8. **Co-option.** The Committee shall have the power to form sub-committees from the divisional clubs as required for divisional disputes. This will take place at the A.G.M. and all clubs informed of these persons by the Match Secretary, recorded on the fixture list at the beginning of the following 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 league club subscriptions shall be set at the A.G.M. on the recommendation of the Treasurer for the forthcoming season and sent to the Treasurer before their first game.
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