

D.C.S.M.B.A COUNTY/ NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF PLAY (amended 2017)

1. Rules

- Unless otherwise stated in the following paragraphs, all matches will be played in accordance with current ESMBA rules

2. Organisers rights

- The Competition organiser reserves the right to change the rules to ensure the smooth running of the County Finals & National Qualifiers.
- The Competition secretary has the right to amend group numbers if entries are low, or that a player/group withdraws from the competition.

3. Registered Players

- All participants must be registered with the DCSMBA through a County Registered club

4. Dress Code

- Dress should be Mid Grey or Black below the waist, but it is important that ALL TEAM members must be wearing the same club colours or white above the waist.
- Jeans Cords or other similar materials are not acceptable.
- Correct bowling shoes must be worn, these may be Black, Brown, White or Grey
- Failure to comply with this request may result in a player or whole team be disqualified

5. Bowling Stickers

- If bowls stickers are used, then all players in any TEAM must have identical stickers on each side of all woods(or none at all for all players)

6. County/National Substitutions

- The players listed on the original entry form, will comprise the team and will play together throughout the competition
- Teams are allowed to use one additional substitute providing the County Competition Secretary agrees with the reasoning and gives their express permission.
- The substitute must not have been a member or substitute for another team in the same competition.
- Once a substitute has been used, the original player may take no further part in the competition.
- No substitutes are allowed in the singles.

7. Scorecards

- Please ensure that all cards include players names, competition and subsequent round and SIGNED by the losing skip before returning to Competition Secretary.
- This includes “Walkovers” where the team or player conceding must also sign and complete the card before returning

8. County/National Qualifiers

- Competitions will consist of 2 rounds

Round one of each discipline will be conducted as a “Round Robin” basis with each player/team playing against all others drawn in the groups.

- All disciplines will play 10 ends, each skip will toss for “Jack”. There will be no time limits
- Results are based on the combined score overall that have been played.
- 3 points awarded for a win and 1 for a draw in all disciplines.
- The player /Team with the highest number of points will go forward to Finals Day.
- If at the end of the “round robin” the points are tied then aggregate shots will count, and if it’s still a tie, shot difference shall be used to decide which player/team is placed higher in the group.
- At the end of the round robin, if player/team cannot be separated by points then shots difference the team/player will play the 3 end play off.
- Ensure that all cards are returned to Competition Secretary, including all details as prescribed in Rule 7 at the end of each match.

Round Two onwards shall be based on a “round Robin” in the morning, then a straight knockout competition.

- Competition day qualifiers will attend the Finals which will comprise of the last 32 in Singles and Pairs, 16 in the Triples and Fours.
- ESMBA Competitions are open to all registered members
- Any player may enter them with any other registered member of the English Association, except
- All players entering are expected to attend local heats.
 - Players qualifying from these heats will be expected to attend the National Finals, (all disciplines) which are held at a neutral venue (usually in the Midlands) held at the beginning of April.
 - Failure to take your place as a designated entrant (as finalist) to the nationals could affect the Counties future allocations to the National Competitions.
 - Please make Organiser aware at the knockout stages if you don’t wish to take up your National place
 - If a player/team request not to take the allocation which they have earned, a play off will be organised by the Competitions secretary on the day to fulfil the allocated places available by the ESMBA
 - This play off will be decided on a 3 end basis, the “jack may only be knocked off once by each player/team, on a second occasion, the play off will be awarded to the opponents.

9. National Qualifiers

- The number of qualifying places will be notified to all teams once the ESMBA has informed the County Competition Secretary
- With the exception of the National Mixed Fours and National Under 18’s, if there are less than 4 entries(minimum needed for a place at Nationals) teams will be informed, if they wish to be accepted the entries will be forwarded to the ESMBA who will seek to play them with another County.

10. Commitment

- All players entering the competitions do so with the express intention of attending any subsequent stage of the event and also the finals should they qualify
- Players who do qualify and do not attend without prior notice (at least 48hrs) and good cause will face a ban from the event for the following season
- Should you find at any stage throughout the competition, that you are unable to fulfil this commitment, you should withdraw from the event immediately
- Please ensure you notify the County Competitions Secretary ASAP (in Writing)

11. Decisions

- All competitions shall be administered by the Competition Secretary who will reserve the right to amend players/teams in groups if required by low number of entries.
- All decisions taken by the County Committee will be in the interests of all others taking part.

12. Appeals

- Members have the right to appeal against any action taken against them.
- Further details can be found in the County Constitution. Any subsequent decision made by the committee will be final.

13. Club Team Event (County Tens)

- Team changes and substitutions do not apply to this event, it is always the home team "Jack", but team members must have been registered with DCSMBA and the club they represent before 1st October of the season in question
- The club may change players as they see fit provided they only use members registered with DCSMBA via the named club.

14. Junior Championship

- This event is open to all registered members under the age of 18 on the date of the finals
- The date will be shown on the entry form and on the County Diary of Events

15. Start Times

- Sign in times for events are shown on the draw sheets and accompanying information
- Failing to sign in by the required time may result in the player/team being disqualified

16. Markers

- In the County/ National Singles Competitions, **ALL** players are expected to agree to undertake to **MARK** other matches, or **Provide a marker**, to allow the smooth running of the competition, as **Markers** will **Not** be provided by the County.



