

## Guidance Notes on affiliation to Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association

Clubs may apply to be affiliated to Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association and the request will be put before the County Committee for acceptance.

There is an initial fee for joining of £20.00 but if membership lapses for more than two years this will be required to be paid again. Clubs are expected to provide the Association with a copy of the Club constitution. Officers of the Club should be Chairman, Vice-Chairman (advisable), Secretary and Treasurer. The Club should have a bank account in the Club's name with a minimum of two signatories and accounts should be presented to the members at an Annual General Meeting.

Individual Club members should be registered with the Association every year and can only register via ONE Club. The fee is currently £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for under-18's and the year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> August. A portion of this fee is forwarded to the English Short Mat Bowling Association (the governing body) and the remainder is retained by the County Association to cover administration and insurance costs. This amount is determined by ESMBA and is currently £3.00. The County Association takes out an annual insurance for public liability up to £2.5 million pounds to cover all registered members playing against other registered members. This does not cover the Club's equipment or premises, for which a separate insurance should be taken out. Some Village Halls or premises may have insurance cover for equipment whilst it is on the premises but this will not cover you if the mats or equipment are ever moved to another venue temporarily. Neither of these insurances will provide personal accident cover if a bowler is negligent.

**Please note:-** Registered bowlers should NOT play against un-registered bowlers. There are a few exceptions to this e.g. Charity Tournaments.