

SHAB LEAGUE

1. TITLE

The organisation shall be called the '**SHAB LEAGUE**'

2. ADDRESS

The headquarters of the **SHAB LEAGUE** will be the Chobham Community Centre, Windsor Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8NG.

3. CONSTITUENTS

The **SHAB LEAGUE** will consist of clubs playing short mat bowls which are members of the Surrey County Short Mat Bowling Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the **SHAB LEAGUE** will be open to all short mat bowling clubs at the discretion of the Committee. All clubs who wish to become members must have a minimum of two short mats available. All players must be registered members of the English Short Mat Bowling Association.

5. MANAGEMENT

a) The affairs of the **SHAB LEAGUE** shall be managed by a Committee. The Committee shall consist of one representative from each Club. The following Officers will be elected by the Committee members at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations to be received by the Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.

- i) Chairperson
- ii) Honorary Secretary
- iii) Honorary Treasurer
- iv) Honorary Match Secretary
- v) A County Committee Representative will be appointed by the 'County' and may attend and speak at meetings, but have no vote.

b) One half of the Committee shall form a quorum except for the Annual General Meeting where, as the business of the **SHAB LEAGUE** must be concluded, no quorum shall be required.

- c) All Office holders and other Committee members shall relinquish office after serving for one year, but all such Office holders and Committee members shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- d) Each member club is entitled to select from its membership one representative to serve on the Committee of the **SHAB LEAGUE**.
- e) Each representative present shall have one vote. No postal or proxy voting shall be permissible.
- f) All decisions of the Committee shall be ratified by a simple majority of the votes of the Committee members present at the meeting.
- g) The Committee shall meet at such intervals as may be decided upon from time to time by the Chairperson and Secretary. An extraordinary meeting can be requested by a majority of the member Clubs.
- h) Decisions made by the **SHAB LEAGUE** Committee shall be binding upon member Clubs.
- i) Member Clubs may tender resolutions for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. Such resolutions shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the next advertised meeting of the Committee. These resolutions will be notified to members of the Committee at least 14 days before the next meeting.
- j) The **SHAB LEAGUE** shall hold an Annual General Meeting, usually in May.
- k) Any member registered to play in the **SHAB LEAGUE** organised events may attend the Annual General Meeting and must be heard by that meeting on any topic that is under discussion, if they so wish to address the gathering.

6. LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Committee may set such fees, or other charges, as it may decide are necessary for the purposes of the running of the League.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer shall keep accurate and proper books of accounts which shall be audited and submitted to the Annual General Meeting and to any other meeting of the Committee, if so requested by any member of the Committee.

8. CONDUCT

The Committee shall have the authority to suspend or expel any member club or any member of such club where the conduct of the member club or club member is considered by the Committee to be detrimental to the interests of the **SHAB LEAGUE** or Short Mat Bowling.

9. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

The Constitution and any amendments thereto, should be submitted to the Committee of the SCSMBA for their approval, before they become effective.

10. SHAB RULES

The **SHAB LEAGUE** matches will be played under the ESMBA Rules with exceptions where agreement is made with the SCSMBA.

11. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising out of, or not covered by, the Constitution of the **SHAB LEAGUE**, shall be referred to the Committee of the **SHAB LEAGUE** whose decision shall be binding.

12. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the **SHAB LEAGUE** being dissolved the assets of the **SHAB LEAGUE** shall be listed and circulated to all member Clubs. The Committee shall then call a Special Meeting at which all clubs may attend to decide on the disposal of the assets of the **SHAB LEAGUE**.

This Constitution was considered and approved by the Surrey County Short Mat Bowling Association at their meeting on 31st January 1997. Five minor amendments were made to the original draft.

Item 5a) last sentence was added and Item 5f) last sentence deleted 9.3.01.

Item 5j) was added to the Constitution on 8th June 2001 and was verbally agreed by SCSMBA during September 2001.

Item 5k) was added to the Constitution on 6.3.02.

Item 5a) v) was agreed at the AGM on 5th March 2004.

Item 5c) was amended to allow for Officers who are not necessarily Committee members, Aug 2005

Proposals for the AGM, 4th May 2007, Items 5b) & 5j) amendments to move the AGM to May, and several other minor amendments. At the 2009 AGM it was decided to merge the AGM and the Management Committee May meetings, but the right-to-speak rules were not changed.