
CONSTITUTION OF THE WOKING BOROUGH OPEN SHORT MAT LEAGUE

1 TITLE

The League shall be called The Woking Borough Open Short mat League

2 ADDRESS

Shall be that of the current Hon. Secretary

3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To enable/promote the game of short mat bowls in the Woking Borough
- 3.2 To oversee the operation of the League and provide a forum for social contact
- 3.3 To observe rules and regulations of ESMBA and SCSMBA.
- 3.4 To maintain a register of individual players affiliated to League (who must be affiliated to SCSMBA and ESMBA)

4 MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Open to clubs based in Surrey
- 4.2 All registered players shall be affiliated to the SCSMBA through their clubs.

5 MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The affairs of the League shall be managed by the Management Committee.
- 5.2 The Management Committee shall consist of:
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Match Secretary
 - One representative from each affiliated club
- 5.3 A quorum shall consist of not less than one half of the Management Committee.
- 5.4 All officers shall relinquish office after serving on the committee for one year. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- 5.5 All decisions of the Committee shall be confirmed by a simple majority. The Chairman shall have a casting vote, in addition to his own vote, in the event of any issue.
- 5.6 The Committee shall meet when necessary as determined by the Chairman and

Secretary. Resolutions passed at these meetings shall be binding on all affiliated clubs.

6 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The officers shall be elected by affiliated club representatives at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)
- 6.2 Nominations of officers must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary four clear weeks before the A.G.M.
- 6.3 Incumbent officers seeking re-election should inform the Secretary of their intentions four clear weeks before the A.G.M.

7 REGISTRATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 7.1 All players shall pay a registration fee via their affiliated club to the SCSMBA which will include registration with the ESMBA.
- 7.2 All competing clubs shall pay an annual fee to the League on or before the opening day of the League's programme of fixtures.
- 7.3 The annual fee shall be set each year by the Committee.
- 7.4 Clubs competing in the League shall pay a match fee (on the day) for each fixture played.

8 LEAGUE MATCH RULES

- 8.1 All League fixtures shall be played under rules agreed by the Management Committee.

9 ACCOUNTS

- 9.1 The Hon. Treasurer shall keep accurate and proper books of the accounts of the League to enable a full and accurate report and statement of the League's finances to be presented at every A.G.M. or when requested by the Management Committee.
- 9.2 The financial year will end on 31st March each year.
- 9.3 The accounts and balance sheets presented at the A.G.M. shall be certified by one honorary auditor appointed at the previous A.G.M. to examine and verify these accounts.

10 ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS

- 10.1 The A.G.M. of the League shall be held in April each year.
- 10.2 A.G.M's shall be open to all affiliated clubs. Notice of the date and time of all A.G.M's shall be circulated to all affiliated clubs at least six days before the meeting.

10.3 The business transacted at the A.G.M. shall consist of:

- a) Year end reports from officers
- b) Presentation of certified accounts
- c) Election of officers
- d) Appointment of Hon.Auditor
- e) Any motions that have been duly proposed and seconded
- f) Presentation of trophies

10.4 No quorum is necessary for the A.G.M. as the business of the League must proceed.

10.5 Motions, reports and statement of accounts shall be deemed adopted if a simple majority of votes cast are in favour.

10.6 The constitution can be amended, added to or reposed at any General Meeting provided due notice is given in writing to the secretary.

10.7 Amendments to the Constitution shall be deemed adopted if two-thirds of votes cast are in favour.

10.8 All affiliated clubs represented at the A.G.M. shall have two votes. In the event of a tied result the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

10.9 Postal or proxy votes will not be admissible.

10.10. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the Management Committee or by application to the Secretary requesting such a meeting to take place. Notice, together with an agenda of any such meeting shall be given to all affiliated clubs 28 days before the date set.

10.11. The Secretary shall specify the business to be conducted at an E.G.M. and voting procedure will be as specified in 10.7.10.8 and 10.9.

11 SEVERANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Management Committee shall have the power to expel any club or individual player whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the League or game of short mat bowls.

12 Dissolution

In the event of the League being unable to carry out its objectives, the assets of the League shall be listed, enumerated and circulated to all affiliated clubs. An Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of dissolution and disposal of assets shall be called.