

E.S.M.B.A. REGISTERED PLAYERS

1. Registration

A player may only register with one County. All players recognised by each County Association must be registered with the ESMBA.

Registration is effective from 1 September each year to 31 August the following year and will be assumed to have continued, provided the annual subscription is received by the ESMBA Membership Secretary by 30 November, otherwise it will be deemed to have lapsed as of 31 August.

Players wishing to transfer registration from one County to another during the year may apply to do so but permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The 'gaining' County must notify the ESMBA Membership Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the effective date of the transfer giving the reasons why the transfer is required and the exceptional circumstances that justify it. The ESMBA Membership Secretary will check with the 'losing' County to ensure that there are no outstanding issues that might affect the transfer and notify the 'gaining' County if the transfer is approved. No additional subscription will be required.

Players who transfer from one County to another at the start of a new registration year will be personally responsible for ensuring that their old County is aware that they are transferring and that they should no longer be registered with that County. Their registration through the new County must be recorded with the ESMBA Membership Secretary prior to them taking part in any Inter County or National Competitions for the new County.

2. Registered Player Policy

The E.S.M.B.A. registered player policy was amended with effect from 24th July 2009. The new policy is as follows.

- a. **Players, Clubs and Associations affiliated to the E.S.M.B.A. shall not, without the specific permission of the E.S.M.B.A. Management Committee, play against Clubs, Teams or players who are not registered or who are members of a short mat bowls organisation that is not recognised by the E.S.M.B.A, nor against representative teams of such an organisation.**
- b. **E.S.M.B.A. registered players shall not play in any competition, league, or any other event that is organised by a short mat bowls organisation that is not recognised by the E.S.M.B.A. unless the event is licensed by the E.S.M.B.A.**
- c. **Players, Clubs and Associations playing in such circumstances may be excluded from the E.S.M.B.A.**

EXCEPTIONS

- i. E.S.M.B.A. licensed events are open to all. Licenses are paid for by the organising body specifically for the protection of registered players.
- ii. Clubs and Associations affiliated to the E.S.M.B.A. who wish to run tournaments or other competitions open to non E.S.M.B.A. registered players must obtain an E.S.M.B.A. licence for the event.
- iii. Internal club competitions are not affected by this policy. However, an internal club competition is one that specifically excludes all players from outside the club.
- iv. Competitions in aid of charity are not affected by this policy.

This policy is designed to prevent those who have chosen not to join the E.S.M.B.A. and who therefore contribute nothing to either their county or the E.S.M.B.A. from receiving the privileges of competitions arranged for E.S.M.B.A. members.

The E.S.M.B.A. would stress that this policy is not aimed at deterring genuine prospective members, but those who have chosen not to participate in the Association.