



# ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION AND RULE AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution or to the Playing Rules should be submitted in the following format:-

- State the precise section of the constitution or the precise rule to which the amendment refers and quote the existing wording in sufficient length that it is intelligible.
- State precisely how the wording is to be changed, including the paragraph numbering and any subsequent renumbering that may be needed.
- Quote the wording of the revised section or rule.
- State the rationale for the proposed change explaining why it is needed and/or what it will achieve.

Remember to consider whether the change will affect any other sections of the constitution or rules and if necessary propose consequential changes needed if the main proposal is carried.

### *Example*

*Amendment to Constitution Paragraph 5 ADMINISTRATION AND STRUCTURE sub-paragraph (b)*

*“The minimum number of clubs needed to form a County Association shall be four. Counties of less than four clubs will be known as “affiliate designate” and will be recognised by the E.S.M.B.A., but will have no voting rights.”*

*Delete “four” and replace with “six” in both sentences.*

*This sub-paragraph will then read –*

*“The minimum number of clubs needed to form a County Association shall be six. Counties of less than six clubs will be known as “affiliate designate” and will be recognised by the E.S.M.B.A., but will have no voting rights.*

### *Rationale:*

*County Associations need to have a minimum of six clubs in membership to be viable.*