

The ESMBA Management Committee puts forward the following proposals to allow the National Governing Body to regulate and update the playing rules of the ESMBA. The aim is to enable the ESMBA to keep abreast with developments in the game and to ensure the rules are fit for purpose and in line with current conditions.

Section 6 Paragraph b quotes

Every five years, normally immediately following the AGM for that year, a general meeting called the Rules Revision Meeting shall be held for the review of any changes to the playing rules of the E.S.M.B.A. No new playing rules may be introduced between Rules Revision Meetings.

The rules/laws of the game are well established and are now in a ready state to be governed and changed by the National Governing Body as with many other sports. Based on this the proposal is to delete this section and not hold a Rules Revision Meeting every 5 years. This also means that the ESMBA can be more flexible and change with the times in their approach. It will not preclude Members and Registered Players from submitting rule changes. This would mean renumbering Section 6 after Paragraph b.

This would include deleting all references to rules in the following sections:-

6(d) – line 1 “And Rule”

6(d) – line 3 “RRM for the years in which it is held”

6(f) – line 1 “or playing rules of the game”

Appendix – Title “And Rule”

Appendix line 1 “or to the playing rules”

Appendix line 3 “or to the precise rule”

Appendix line 8 “or rule”

Appendix line 12 “and RRM”

Appendix line 14 “or rules”