## **England Under 21 Academy**

The ESMBA are pleased to announce that the England Under 21s have been rebranded and are now England Under 21 Academy.

The members who have joined the Academy will receive structured coaching from the two Coachbowls Level 2 qualified ESMBA members who have been assigned the task of further developing this initiative.

It is envisaged that the Academy team will also play matches at various venues around the country and invite under 21s in those and surrounding counties to join us for the day.

It is hoped that this will generate greater interest from our younger members and give them an insight into opportunities within Short Mat Bowls outside of club bowling.

Individuals, Clubs and County Associations are all requested to be involved in the development of the Academy, one benefit is we are not limited to numbers and there is no lower limit on how many sessions a player must attend.

Individuals can attend any session without invitation, preferably by appointment so that the correct paperwork can be completed in advance, please email <a href="mailto:under21manager@esmba.co.uk">under21manager@esmba.co.uk</a> and then just make themselves known on arrival to Brian Baker or Martin McGregor.

Likewise, Clubs and Counties can nominate members to attend please follow procedure as above.

The Academy are always looking for venues to host one of their days and if any county would like to promote the sport in their area, please contact us for more information.

Age criteria there is no lower limit, but the player must be under 21 at the beginning of the membership year i.e., on the 1st of September.

The International against Wales will only be selected from those in the Academy and the Main England Squad.