

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

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.