



West Sussex County SMBA ICC Selection Policy

COUNTY TEAM ADMINISTRATOR

The administrator is the link between the County and the ESMBA. This position is to be appointed by the Management Committee from within its members.

The administrator is responsible for:

- the arrangement of B team fixtures and the Over 60s matches with Kent and East Sussex also the Triples Shield match with Kent.
- the booking of our venue for all of the Home Premier, A-Team and B-Team fixtures.
- Competition dates are to be arranged with the Competition Secretary and booked as required.

The administrator will then be able to issue the County Diary for the season for the Secretary to distribute to all affiliated clubs (date as per Work Plan).

- Receive invoices from Leisure Centre and liaise with the Treasurer and Competition Secretary.
- Liaise with the County's umpire director giving dates when umpires are required.
- Reply to ESMBA over entries for the next season and raise the appropriate monies from the Treasurer.
- Contact all clubs about possible new players to County teams.
- Be responsible for holding items of the County uniform and keep appropriate records.

TEAM MANAGERS

Team Managers responsibility include:

- Keeping an up- to-date player availability sheet for their squad, to be maintained to assist the Manager when selecting teams.
- Notifying selected players of their selection as soon as possible. Information to be sent to players should include a map of the venue for away games, the selected team, time of arrival and any other relevant information for the fixture.
- (Premier and A-Team Managers) Phoning the ICC organiser with the results within 48hrs and returning the ESMBA result sheet to the ICC organiser by the Friday following the date the match was played.
- Collecting match fees, and making any payments required on the day. Cash and receipts to be kept and returned with the appropriate form to the County Treasurer.
- Running of a raffle if so desire.
- Keeping a record of county caps earned by their squad to allow Badges and awards to be given when necessary.
- They may also wish to work with at one or two assistants of their choosing. The two assistants to be from different clubs. One can be from the same club as the manager.
- Check all players have the correct uniform.

APPOINTMENT OF TEAM MANAGERS

After the last county game of the season, applications will be accepted for the following positions County, Premier Team Manager, A Team Manager and B Team Manager.

Applications are to close by the end of May so the people elected can be announced at our AGM.

In the event of more than one applicant the Committee are to arrange interviews with the applicants and will make their decision known at the AGM.

The committee can replace any Manager they wish if they believe a change of personnel will improve the performances and results of the teams in question.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection for any of the county squads, a player must meet the following criteria:

- Must be registered with West Sussex County Short Mat Bowling Association.
- Must be resident in West Sussex or play within the County Winter League/Cup structure.
- New or returning players to the squads 'may' be requested to attend the trials before selection.
- Winner of individual County Championship (Champion of Champions, Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours) in the previous season.
- Additional players may be invited into the squad but no player may be selected for the Premier team without normally having played for the A Team. Similarly, no player may be selected for the A Team without normally having played for the B Team. The exception is a player with a proven record who moves into the County, joins a club and plays league/KO Cup games for that club. A similar dispensation may be given to the winner of an individual County Championship in the previous season.

SQUAD SELECTIONS

The ICC squad for Premier and A-Team games is to consist of 40 players. This squad is to be selected by the Premier and A-Team Managers. The B-Team Manager can suggest players from the B-Team they think could be included at a higher level.

All remaining players wishing to play for the county will form the B-Team squad and will be sent an availability sheet requesting their availability for the coming season. The B-Team Manager can determine the number of players they wish to have in their squad and can add extra players to this if they desire.

All players must be willing to travel and play on all surfaces as required, including the KO stages for the Premier and A Team competitions.

SELECTION

The Managers prime objective shall be to maximise winning potential and to this end they shall make every effort to be aware of the current form of all players within their squads, and to show the County in a good light.

When selecting teams for each fixture they shall seek to play what are considered to be the best available players for all positions, whilst at the same time retaining the right to ensure compatibility of players within each discipline and within the team. The requirements of the Premier team will take precedence over those of the A-Team and the requirements of the A-Team over those of the B-Team.

The Premier and A-Team Managers will check the availability of their squad prior to team selection.

The Premier team Manager will select a team of 16 for the Premier game.

The remaining available players from the ICC squad will all play in the A-Team game plus any B-Team players the A-Team Manager desires. (A-Team consists of 16 min to 24 max players)

The B-Team Manager will select their teams using the availability sheets and will select a strong and balanced team whilst trying to give opportunity to as many players as possible.

All Managers are encouraged to work together and share information which could assist them with their selections.

A selected player may decline their selection and play for their club if they desire but this may affect their selection for future games.

COUNTY BADGES & ICC CAPS

- COUNTY LAPEL BADGE - On playing their first county representative game (Premier, A or B) a player will be awarded a County Player Lapel Badge.
- COUNTY BLAZER BADGE - On completion of eight matches (Premier, A or B) a player will be awarded their County Blazer Badge.
- ICC CAPS - Players who reach 50, 100, 150 etc games for the Premier or A-Team will receive recognition of this achievement prior to the game in question.

COMPLAINTS

Any complaint about selection or procedures adopted, shall be made in the first instance in writing to both the Team Manager and the County Team Administrator. If agreement cannot be reached the matter shall be considered by the Management Committee whose decision will be final.

REVIEW

This document to be reviewed every third year.