



ESMBA Medical Exemption Scheme

The **English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA)** acknowledges that not all disabilities are visible and remains committed to ensuring inclusivity, understanding, and equal opportunity for all participants within the sport.

To support this commitment, the ESMBA administers a **Medical Exemption Scheme** to accommodate players whose medical conditions or disabilities necessitate specific adjustments to standard playing regulations or equipment requirements.

Approved applicants will be issued with an official **ESMBA Medical Exemption Lanyard**, which should be worn at all relevant events to indicate that the holder has been granted an exemption under the Scheme. The lanyard serves to promote awareness, understanding, and respect among players, officials, and spectators.

Types of Exemptions

The ESMBA Medical Exemption Scheme may cover, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- **Use of mobility aids** on or near the playing area (e.g., walking sticks, frames, or wheelchairs).
- **Adaptations to delivery style** where a physical condition prevents the player from delivering the bowl in the conventional manner.
- **Use of mechanical or assisted delivery devices**, such as bowling arms or launchers.
- **Exemption from certain dress code or footwear requirements**, where medically necessary.
- **Other reasonable adjustments** considered appropriate by the ESMBA Committee to enable fair participation while maintaining the integrity of the game.

Application Process

Applications for a medical exemption should be submitted to **lynn@esmba.co.uk**, accompanied by relevant **medical evidence** to substantiate the request. All applications and supporting documentation will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The information provided will be reviewed and collated for presentation to the **ESMBA Committee**, which will assess each application on its individual merits and determine whether an exemption is to be granted.