



COUNTY TEAMS SELECTION POLICY

(last modified and approved by ManCom – July 2 2021)

Note 1 - This policy is reviewed by the Management Committee in advance of the AGM each year to agree any changes for the next season.

Note 2 - Any references to he/him etc. can equally apply to she/her etc.

OBJECTIVES

In order to give members the opportunity to compete at the highest regional level, the NYSMBA undertakes to select and manage teams to represent North Yorkshire in the NESMBA (Northern) Inter-county league competition.

The ultimate objective is to raise the profile and reputation of North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling by achieving success in the Northern competition by winning both divisions.

SELECTION

Consideration for selection needs to be fair and nominally open to any NYSMBA member. It must not be open to criticism about “closed shops” or “favourites” and captains must not regard their team as their own personal “club”.

The selection of players for each inter-county fixture should be done on a match-by-match basis by each team captain with the objective of forming a team capable of achieving the maximum level of success in the fixture concerned. Therefore, captains must be prepared to drop underperforming players and give opportunities to players with potential to prove themselves. Captains should always be prepared to justify the choices they make if requested.

Where there is a clash of fixtures, players are free to decline an invitation to play in one team in favour of another without jeopardising their selection in future matches.

Captains will select their teams from a list of players known as the “County Squad”. This list will predominantly be made up of those players who were selected during the previous season. Additions to this list can come from...

- Clubs which can recommend players with potential.
- Individual players can also self-nominate by contacting the Secretary expressing a wish to be considered for selection.
- Any committee member who identifies potential new players during the season.

The Secretary will be responsible for updating the Squad list with the contact numbers of any such additions and ensuring all captains are aware of any changes.

NESMBA league Rule 24 – “starring”

Before the commencement of the season.

The A and B team captains must each identify 12 players who will only be able to play in their teams. These players cannot be selected to play in another team for the duration of the season. The captains should ensure that all these players agree to being “locked in” to a single team from the start of the season.

As the season progresses.

The A and B team captains must make any non-starred player they select for a 3rd time aware that this will lock them into their team for the rest of the season. They should also notify the other captains so that they are aware that these players have been added to their original 12.

NESMBA league Rule 20 – Missing Players

If a full team cannot be raised for any fixture and it proves impossible to re-arrange the date, captains should be aware of this rule which allows the fixture to take place with a reduced number of players.

“If a team is unable to field a full team (20 players) the missing players shall be deemed to have been playing in the following games – Fours and Triples. (Therefore, if a team turns out with only 19 players they will have one Four which consists of only 3 players and likewise if a team turns out with only 17 players they will have two Fours which consist of only 3 players and a Triple which consists of only 2 players). If any game is not played due to a team having insufficient players the game will be awarded to the other team by a score of 10-0.”