

NYSMBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - GENERAL NOTES 2020-21
(TO BE READ BY ALL ENTRANTS**)**

SUBSTITUTIONS: If you need to make changes to your team since sending in your entry form you **MUST** inform the organisers before the day of the competition. It is essential that we keep an accurate list of all present together with contact tel. no. **for COVID Track & Trace purposes.**

WEATHER: It will be exceedingly difficult to reschedule any Championship to another day so we will only cancel in extreme weather conditions. Please make every effort to attend and in icy conditions leave plenty of time for travel. **(Call Robert on 07703 366690 for emergencies only).**

ARRIVAL: Do not aim to arrive more than 15 minutes before your start time then make your presence known to the organisers once all your team is present. Bowling will start **promptly** at the time shown on the draw sheets. **We cannot afford to delay the start for late arrivals.**

RULES: All games to be played according the ESMBA “Laws of the Game” and all participants should be conversant with these. Note that the ESMBA Rules concerning jack off the mat, visiting the head and “threes up” shall be observed. **Dress is greys/whites (or club colours) and proprietary bowling shoes MUST be worn.** Toss to decide who goes first - no trial ends. **You will be informed of any additional rules imposed due to the COVID precautions in a separate sheet nearer the date.**

UMPIRES/MEASURING: There will NOT be any official umpires "on duty". Any disputes must be resolved by Skips on the mat by referring to the Rule Book. Measuring will not be allowed so difficult decisions must be agreed between Skips.

FORCING SHOTS: You **MUST** put safety first when delivering any wood that is likely to send woods onto adjacent mats. A **verbal and visual** warning is required to make your intentions clear. Those at the head must make others in the vicinity of the head (including those on neighbouring mats) aware that force is about to be used so ensure this is done before going ahead with your shot. It is ultimately the responsibility of the person playing the shot to ensure that no other person is placed at risk of injury.

PLAYING SCHEDULE & MAT ALLOCATION: Details of the schedule for the day and the mat allocations will be posted on the website in advance of each competition. Please look out for these. They will NOT be posted on the noticeboards as is usual in order to prevent a congregation of players at this point in the hall. If it is not possible to use different mats due to COVID restrictions, please accept this.

RAFFLE and REFRESHMENTS: There will NOT be a raffle at any of the Championships and biscuits and teas/coffees will NOT be supplied. Entrants should bring their own snacks/drinks if required and these may be consumed in the hall.