



# KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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### **Annex 'B' County Badge Holders**

The below are a set of guidelines on how the Committee run the Badge/County Team system within Kent. The Committee acknowledge their duties under the Equality Act 2010, and if anyone feels that the below impacts them unfairly, they are urged to contact the County Secretary in the first instance. The Committee have attempted to anticipate all needs and feel that the below guidelines are fair and impartial. Regular reviews shall take place to consider new information.

#### **County Badge**

- B1.1. To represent the County, members must gain their County Badge. This is obtained by either reaching a set position on the ranking list or reaching the designated stage of the Main or Plate competitions.
- B1.2. Players who reach the semi-final of the 'Main' competition will automatically gain a County Badge which makes them eligible for selection immediately in any team. Players who reach the final of the 'Plate' competition will receive a County Badge which makes them eligible for selection immediately (but only) into the B Team., This stipulation lasts 12 months, or until the player qualifies for their full badge in another manner, whichever comes first.
- B1.3. Ranking points from the past two years are added together to compile the ranking list and are rolled over each year. The total number of members appearing on the list varies each year and the County Committee decides upon the cut-off point.
- B1.4. Ranking points are obtained by entering the County Domestic Competitions (see Annex 'A') and are awarded in the following manner:
  - 2 points for each win in the round robin stage
  - 1 point for each drawn game in the round robin stage
  - 2 points for round robin winners
  - 2 points for each win in the knockout (Main) stage
- B1.5. The County guarantees every newly qualified player the opportunity to play at least one game in the following season after it has been earned.
- B1.6. Once a county badge has been obtained, players are eligible to play for the county without re-qualifying providing they are either on the current top 60 ranking list or they enter/ compete in at least two competitions in the forthcoming year. They can, of course, achieve both.
- B1.7. A Player will also be awarded a Kent County badge for gaining **Full**

national honours by representing their country in a full International tournament.

- B1.8. A member may decline becoming a county player.
- B1.9. If a player wishes to re-join the county team after playing for another county, the player must inform the county manager. Approval by the committee should be by majority. They may also regain their badge in the traditional method.
- B1.10. The County will not as a rule subsidize travel to away games. Transport to and from matches remains the ultimate responsibility of the individual.
- B1.11. Under 18's should only travel in a vehicle with a minimum of 2 other adults, if neither adult is related to the under 18 individual.

## **B2. Presentation Day**

- B2.1. All county winners and runners up will be given an opportunity to be formally presented with their trophies at a Presentation event.
- B2.2. This event shall be run separately to all other events and will not be part of the county team calendar.
- B2.3. It shall be known as the Kent County Short Mat Bowling Association Presentation Day.
- B2.4. The presentation event will be held before the following season *i.e.* *2009 / 2010 winners/runners up will be presented at the start of the 2010 / 2011 season.*
- B2.5. The presentation will be held in the lunch period of a friendly bowling day.
- B2.6. The event will include 4 teams, the premier team manager's select team, the 'A' team manager's select team, the 'B' team manager's select team and a President's select team.
- B2.7. The teams will consist of county players, un-badged winners, un-badged runners up, juniors and other individuals that the committee feel have promoted or helped the Association and game of Short Mat Bowls within Kent.
- B2.8. All winners and runners up will be rewarded with a free day's bowling *i.e.* there will be no charge to attend or bowl; all other bowlers will be charged at the agreed rate as set by the committee.
- B2.9. A nominated Committee member will run the day.