

**NYSMBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**GENERAL NOTES 2018-19**

**\*\*PLEASE SHARE THESE NOTES WITH YOUR OTHER TEAM MEMBERS\*\***

**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.

**WEATHER:** It will be very 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 07703366690 for emergencies only\***).

**ARRIVAL:** Make your presence known to the organisers only once all your team is present. Bowling will start **promptly** at the time shown on the draw sheets so ensure your team arrives in good time (we suggest AT LEAST 20 minutes before the due start). **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 in particular 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.

**UMPIRES:** One or two ESMBA umpires will be "on duty" each day to cover all mats. Before calling an umpire to your mat, please attempt to sort out any problems and measures initially with your opponents. Remember that once an umpire is called his/her decision will always be final.

**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 - it is **NOT** sufficient simply to raise your wood in the air. 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. Do **NOT** use force whilst a measure is taking place on an adjacent mat. It is ultimately the responsibility of the person playing the shot to ensure that no other person is placed at risk of injury.

**MAT ALLOCATION:** Being able to adjust quickly to different mats is an important skill and every effort has been made to ensure a different mat is used for each of your games. However this may not always be possible and mats from previous rounds may occasionally be re-used. Please accept the organiser's decisions where this occurs.

**RAFFLE:** As usual, raffle prizes are being supplied by the Association as part of the cost of organising these Championships. Please support the day by buying a ticket or two - £1 per strip – great prizes!

**CATERING:** At Easingwold, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided but entrants should bring their own lunch snacks.

**NATIONAL and NORTHERN ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

See other sheet for additional notes.

**ENJOY YOUR DAY AND GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOUR GAMES**