



## **COMPETITIONS**

### **SUBSTITUTION POLICY – NESMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Version 3

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Note: The policy regarding substitution in the ESMBA Nationals is defined separately by the ESMBA.  
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(1) The normal route for players to qualify for the NESMBA Championships is by entering the relevant discipline in the NYSMBA County Championships (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) which are open to all NYSMBA members. There is no additional entry fee as this is paid for by the NYSMBA on behalf of all who eventually qualify. As at February 2014, the 4 semi-finalists in each discipline are guaranteed qualification. Additional places may be offered at the discretion of the NESMBA Championship Secretary.

(2) It is normally expected that qualifiers should attend the NESMBA Championships with exactly the same team players with whom they qualified and team skips are expected to establish that all their team members will be available to attend the Championships in the event of their qualification. Teams may refuse their place for any reason but substitutes for individual players will only be allowed for valid reasons (see 4 and 5). If their reason is deemed invalid, their place will be offered to the next best placed team.

(3) The intention of all qualifiers either to accept or refuse their place must be communicated to the Competition Secretary within one week of the conclusion of the relevant discipline. If this is not done, their place may be offered to another team.

(4) The Competition Secretary can allow substitutions in the following circumstances.

- (a) In the event of sickness or injury.
- (b) In order to attend a funeral.
- (c) In order to play in a National or International Competition.
- (d) In order to attend a National or International Competition to support an immediate family member who is playing.
- (e) Where a player in paid employment is unable to obtain leave of absence.

Substitutions other reasons will only be granted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(5) The County Championships serve not only as the qualifiers for the NESMBA Northern Championships but also as heats for the ESMBA National Championships. For this reason it is recognised that players may enter in a team in the knowledge that whilst they are available for the date of the National Finals they may not be available for the date of the Northern Championships. Substitutions for such players will therefore also be allowed whatever their reason.

(6) Substitutes should wherever possible be chosen from those who took part in the original discipline (in the County Championships) even though they did not qualify in their own right.

(7) The NYSMBA Competition Secretary MUST be informed of the names of any substitutes and the reasons for the substitution being necessary.