



## **COMPETITIONS**

### **STANDARDS**

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This documents defines the standards to be followed during the organisation and running of all NYSMBA Competitions.

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### **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS / NATIONAL HEATS**

1. Entry is open exclusively to all NYSMBA affiliated members. There will be no cap on entry numbers.
2. Entry forms must normally be received by the Competition Secretary no later than the published closing date and must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fees.
3. Teams who wish their entry to be submitted to the ESMBA as an entry into the National heats must indicate this on the entry form.
4. All teams will be considered for qualification in the NESMBA (Northern England) Finals although there will be no compulsion to take part. The rules governing the substitution of individual team members are documented in the NYSMBA "Substitution Policy".
5. The inclusion of any late entries will be at the sole discretion of the Competition Secretary.
6. Competitions will start with a round robin stage for which teams will be organised in groups within which each team will play all others in their group. Group sizes may vary to accommodate uneven entry numbers but all entries should have a minimum of 3 games.
7. The composition of each group will be determined at a draw open to public scrutiny. This draw will be entirely random with no account taken of teams clubs or whether they have entered in the National heats.
8. Depending on the size of the entry either 8 or 16 entrants will then progress to the first knockout round. This will normally involve group winners and runners up but to achieve the required numbers, players may be progressed based on "next best" positions.
9. The winner and runner up positions in each group and the order of all the remainder ("next best") across all groups will be determined as follows.
  - Points gained - 2 points for a win and 1 for a draw.
  - Shot difference (total shots scored minus total shots conceded)
  - The result of the match between the two who have tied (if applicable)
  - Total ends won in all games played.
10. Should any of the teams reaching the knockout stage be unavailable to continue playing for any reason whatsoever their place will NOT be substituted by an alternative team. The team against which they would have played will receive a BYE into the subsequent round.

### **LITTLE CUP**

Different criteria apply and these remain to be documented.