

# **THE WHITE ROSE SHORT MAT SUMMER LEAGUE**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1 TITLE AND OBJECTIVE**

The League shall be known as THE WHITE ROSE SHORT MAT SUMMER LEAGUE and its objectives are: -

- A To provide a league competition that is acceptable to all member clubs
- B To encourage the game of Short Mat bowls during the summer months
- C To promote competition in a friendly and co-operative atmosphere
- D To provide opportunities for club members to make progress in the sport

### **2 MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY**

Application for Membership of the League, which must be received in writing before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which participation is requested, will be open to all clubs in North Yorkshire if: -

- A There is a vacancy
- B Their location is acceptable to the other clubs
- B Their facilities meet with the approval of the League Organisers
- C They are affiliated to the North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Decisions regarding membership of the League will be made by the Organising Committee and conveyed in writing to the club making the application.

If there are more than five participating clubs the possibility of forming a further division in the League would be considered

Players in all clubs must be registered with the NYSMBA.

They will only be selected for representative matches or allowed to take part in League special events if they actively support the playing of Short Mat Bowls in summer by being members of and playing regularly at their nominated club

Any NYSMBA member may become an associate member of a participating club and only play for that club in the summer season

### **3 REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

- A Upon acceptance as a member of the League clubs will pay a one off registration fee
  - B On payment of that fee to the League Treasurer they will also submit the names of the club representatives (normally a maximum two) on the League Organising Committee
  - C Each Club will pay an Annual Subscription to the League
- These fees will be determined at the AGM and will be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year

### **4 ADMINISTRATION**

## **10 QUORUMS**

To be valid Committee Meetings must have at least 75% of the eligible representatives present.

Proposals will be passed by a simple majority of those present

## **11 APPEALS**

Any disputes between member clubs should be resolved at club level in accordance with current practise

If this proves impossible, the League Secretary will call a Special Meeting to resolve the matter

In the event of this not being possible the matter will be referred to the NYSMBA whose decision will be regarded as final

## **12 DISSOLUTION**

Should the League be dissolved, all League funds will be divided equally amongst the clubs in the League at the time

All cups and trophies will be returned to Secretary for storage pending a future revival of the League

Dated 20 August 2006

The running of the League will be managed by the Organising Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer elected from the club representatives

Elections to be held annually at the AGM

Each club will have one vote at meetings with the Chairman having a casting vote

## **5 SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

The Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at League meetings and at the AGM and carry out other secretarial duties as the post requires

The Treasurer will have charge of all cash, receipts and all payments to and on behalf of the League and prepare and present a Statement of Account at each AGM

## **6 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Changes to the Constitution can only be made at the AGM or at a special meeting convened for the purpose. All clubs can submit change proposals but these must be given at least twenty-one days before that meeting so that all clubs are in receipt of the proposal not less than fourteen-days before the meeting

## **7 LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

These will follow the well-established Triples format currently played in North Yorkshire.

Other competitions organised by League member clubs will follow rules laid down by that Club

## **8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held each year before the last day of August and will be held at a location decided by the Organising Committee

The Meeting will: -

- Be open to all Club Members who comply with the conditions in Section 2
- Agree the contents of the previous AGM
- Receive a report from the Secretary
- Receive a financial statement from the Treasurer
- Elect the officers to serve for the following 12 months
- Debate any relevant business raised by a representative of a member club that assists in the running and promotion of the League

## **9 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

These will be held at intervals to be determined at the AGM, although meetings can be arranged by the Secretary if pressing business needs to be debated

Attendance at Committee meetings will be restricted to the Officers and Club Representatives