

# Oxfordshire County Short Mat Bowling Association

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## Code of Conduct

Amended at 2023 AGM



### 1. Description

This is a Code of Conduct for - All Affiliated Clubs, Association Members, Officers, Committee Members & Spectators. This supplements and enhances the Laws of the ESMBA and the OCSMBA Constitution and League Rules. (Note – All Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators)

### 2. Objectives

The Code of Conduct sets out to protect everyone in the sport and to ensure that everyone can enjoy the sport of bowls in a safe and inclusive environment following the acronym of RESPECT as follows

**R** : Respect all participants and decisions

**E** : Encourage everyone

**S** : Sportsmanship

**P** : Play for enjoyment

**E** : Educate and be knowledgeable

**C** : Conduct yourself courteously

**T** : Treat everyone fairly

### 3. Objectives

All Affiliated Clubs, Association Members, Officers & Committee Members must:

- 1) Follow all guidelines laid down by the ESMBA and the OCSMBA.
- 2) At all times act in the best interests of the County and do not undertake any action that is likely to bring the Association into disrepute.
- 3) All members must bowl within the rules and respect decisions made by officials.
- 4) All members must respect the rights {not to be: harassed, discriminated, bullied}, dignity and worth of all Association members regardless of age, gender, ability, physical or mental ability, cultural background, marital status, sexual preferences or religious beliefs.
- 5) Ensure obscene or abusive language is not used at any time.
- 6) Consider the wellbeing and safety of other Association members and members of the public before, during and after activities within the Association.

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- 7) Develop an appropriate working relationship with other members of the Association based on mutual trust and respect.
- 8) Promote the positive aspects of bowling (e.g. fair play).
- 9) Encourage and guide Members to accept responsibility for their performances and behaviour not just results. All players, opponents, spectators and umpires are to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.
- 10) Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 11) Never condone rule violations, dangerous bowling or the use of prohibited substances.