

ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



ESMBA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND

As part of getting back to short mat bowls in the new “normal” world the ESMBA Management Committee recognises that Players, Clubs, Leagues and County Associations could well face extra expense in meeting the conditions laid down by Government Covid policy.

The ESMBA Management Committee has agreed to setup a fund that will contribute to the extra expense that could be incurred in playing short mat bowls in the Covid world. The aim of the fund is to sustain and grow the number of registered players.

It is planned to release funding in phases based on the number of applications received. The fund will go live on 1st September 2020 and the first phase will close on 30th September 2020. Details of further phases will be released in due course.

Who We Will Fund

- a) Local clubs who have at least 6 ESMBA registered players (fits in with Insurance scheme taken from the last renewal date)
- b) Leagues who are registered/recognised by their ESMBA member County Association
- c) ESMBA member County Associations.

What We Will Fund

- a) Expenses essential to the maintain the operational viability of the organisation in playing short mat bowls such as the hire cost of extra sessions to enable all members to participate, hygiene essentials, and bowls lifters
- b) Activities to kickstart short mat bowls in your local area for example advertising costs and if practical open sessions
- c) A contribution to your local club, league or County Association membership fee. To be eligible you must be able to demonstrate that your ESMBA registered player numbers are at least maintained at the 2019/20 level. This would be measured after the deadline for registrations i.e. end of November. This is likely to be in the second phase of funding based on the measurement point
- d) Other ideas and expenses that are as a result of the Covid pandemic e.g. completion of a risk assessment.

Application Process

The proposal will be in letter form and at the very least must include

- a) Objectives – what do you plan to achieve
- b) Purpose – How are you going to do it
- c) Amount requested – Contribution of up to 50% of the costs and not exceeding £500
- d) Must be signed off by the Organisation’s Chairman

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The proposal must be supported by

- a) Cashflow statement that demonstrates and extra increase in expense and show that expense exceeds income
- b) Latest Accounts – 2019/20
- c) Latest Bank statement current at the time of application

Not all applications will be successful, and the ESMBA Management Committee decision is final.

Enquiries and applications to be sent to Simon Willies (simon@esmba.co.uk, 27 Oxborough Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE33 9PS, 01366 328824). Please remember we are all volunteers therefore we may not be able to take your call or get back to you straight away.