

SHORT MAT RULES

- The Short Mat format is 3 Wood Pair
- The game is played over **18 ends or a maximum of 2 hours**
- Suitable **flat soled shoes** only should be used on the short mat carpet.
- **Spray Chalk** must not be used on the short mat, blackboard chalk is acceptable..
- It is of great importance that the rules on delivery of a wood should be adhered to. i.e., one foot should be over, or on the mat at delivery.
- No foot on delivery should either touch or step outside the lines that run either side of the mat.
- In Short Mat there is no visiting the head.
- A wood that strikes the centre bar (the Dang) or a wood that touches the sides is dead and must not be allowed to strike the head.
- If a wood passes the Dang but does not reach the white line, the wood is dead.
- A jack that is completely over the ditch line cannot be played and its position should be marked so that if its accidentally struck it can be placed back in its original position.
- A Jack that is struck by a delivery and strikes the back board shall be replaced as near as possible to where it struck the back board.
- A jack that is struck by a delivery and ends up in the end zone should be marked by **blackboard** chalk so that if it gets moved again by being struck it can be replaced to its original position (the jack once in the end zone cannot be touched again by a delivery).
- If the jack is cutting the ditch line and is struck by a wood and subsequently hits any side of the ditch end after being struck it will be considered a dead end and should be replayed.
- If the jack when struck hits the side markings of the end zone the end shall be replayed.
- A wood which is a toucher and any part of which cuts the line of the end zone remains in play and can be struck by another delivery.
- Where there is any discussion regarding matters in the game it should be the skips who should agree on resolutions.
- If a team defaults i.e. does not turn up for agreed fixture, they shall be deducted **ONE** point from their league total and the opposing team will receive **TWO** points towards their league total.
- All pre-Christmas games **must** be concluded by the **Saturday 21st December 24** and All New Year games **must** be concluded by the **Thursday 13th March 25**. Any outstanding games at the end of these periods will be treated as a void fixture and the team who could not fulfil the fixture shall be deducted **ONE** point from their league total and the opposing team will receive **TWO** points towards their league total.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:- Please, when submitting result slips make sure you write down the team numbers in the correct order and the individual handicaps, incorrect slips could result in the wrong result being recorded.**