



The Future of Coaching

Over the past few months there have been a number of meetings between the Representatives of the BDA Board [comprising directors of the National Governing Bodies of Bowls (NGBs) -Bowls England, English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd and English Short Mat Bowls Association] and the English Bowls Coaching Scheme (EBCS) to discuss the future of coaching.

As a result of these meetings a restructured way of working has been proposed and letters will be going out to coaches and county coaches.

The proposal is that **EBCS** will move under the umbrella **of the Bowls Development Alliance** to facilitate the creation of a restructured, respected coaching body to respond to the needs of the sport in the twenty first century. The proposal also requires that the EBCS will cease to exist as a separate body from 1 October 2011.

This will mean a number of actions in a short space of time with the county members of the EBCS ascertaining the views of the licensed coaches in their county. A Special General Meeting of the EBCS is being convened on Saturday 27 August at 10.30am at Leamington Spa, Victoria Park at which voting will take place by all constitutionally authorised voting representatives on a proposal to dissolve the EBCS. .

All members of the EBCS are welcome to attend the Special General Meeting, but are reminded that voting will be cast in line with the EBCS Constitution with consideration of postal indicative votes for those counties not able to send delegates.