

## GENERAL RULES

### The General rules below apply to all WCGBA Competitions

1. Players entering Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association competitions **MUST** be bona-fide members of a Bowling Club affiliated to one of the four Areas within the WCGBA area **AND** have paid the necessary WCGBA Registration Fee for the current year **AND** be in possession of a valid British Crown Green Bowling Registration. Any player under suspension or ban issued by WCGBA will **NOT** be eligible to enter.
2. **ALL** entries are to be submitted by an authorised method together with the entrance fee, the amount of which will be determined by the WCGBA Tournament Committee and must be returned by the closing date as advertised.
3. All venues are decided or ratified by the Tournament Committee.
4. When the draw for a qualifying round or final is carried out by the Tournament Committee, this can be at a face-to-face or virtual Tournament Committee meeting and can be carried out manually or electronically (random selection software).
5. Prizemoney for all competitions will be determined by the WCGBA Tournament Committee.
6. **ALL** players must adhere to the strict dress code as stipulated by the British Crown Green Bowling Association. Any player failing to conform to this standard will score **NIL** and the opponent will receive the maximum score.
7. Competitors will not be allowed to practice greens once they are selected other than in League or Cup matches previously arranged. In the event of a player doing so, they will be disqualified. This also applies to qualifiers selected to appear on any finals day. A playing member of the venue club is barred from competing in the qualifying rounds or on finals day on any green of which that player is a club member. It is the players' responsibility to ensure that he notifies the Tournament Officer prior to the competition if this is the case. Any player not being in attendance at the time previously notified will be scratched.
8. It shall be noted that under no circumstances will a player, already beaten in a competition, be allowed to qualify for a finals day as a "best loser". In such an event, that player will be disqualified from taking part on finals day and the Area Secretary concerned will be requested to explain their reasons for doing so to the Chief Executive Officer of the WCGBA.
9. The number of jacks in play at any one time will, under normal circumstances, be **FOUR**. The Official-in-Charge on the day will have the discretionary power to increase or decrease the number, depending on the circumstances, such as shortage of time due to inclement weather.
10. The WCGBA Tournament Committee reserves the right to select the number of qualifiers for the BCGBA in accordance with the allocated number of qualifiers selected by the BCGBA.

11. Any referees and measurers officiating will be appointed by the WCGBA Referees' Society.
12. Players may be subject to random testing for drugs, subject to the relevant regulations.
13. Any dispute not provided for in the rules will be resolved by the Official-in-Charge on the day, whose decision will be final.

**The reference numbers in the brackets below refer to the general rules.**

### **THE WELSH 18-25 INDIVIDUAL MERIT**

1. The competition will be held annually and will be open to male and female bowlers who have reached the age of 18 years but not reached the age of 25 years before January 1st in the year that the competition is played.
2. ALL games will be 21-up.
3. The venue for finals day will be selected by the Tournament Committee.
4. The draw for the final will be made on the day by the players.
5. The winner will represent Wales in the BCGBA 18-25 Open Championship.
6. The runner(s) up may also qualify in line with the qualifier numbers advised by the BCGBA for the qualifying year.