

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 WCGBA CENTENARY OPEN SINGLES.

1. The competition is being held in 2026 to celebrate the WCGBA Centenary year.
2. The venue will be Llay Institute, Wrexham. The date will be 31 May 2026.
3. The competition is open to all players registered with a WCGBA club, male, female, veterans and juniors. The max number of entries will be 64.
4. The entry fee will be £20.
5. Players will be able to express their interest in participating by completing a form on the WCGBA website, or asking their club or area secretary to do so on their behalf.
6. Following the closing date of 23 April, 64 players will be selected to play. (Not the order of play)
7. Bowlers who express an interest in entering (complete the form) and fall into either of the following categories will gain automatic entry to the competition (subject to payment of entry fee):
 - Current or former WCGBA Champion of Champions winner, or BCGBA CoC winner.
 - Current or former WCGBA Merit Champion (Gwyn Morris, Ladies, Junior, Veterans, 18-25), or BCGBA Individual Merit Winner
8. The remaining places, up to 64, will be awarded by means of a draw carried out by the WCGBA President and Tournament Officer.
9. The list of players will be published on the WCGBA website
10. There will also be an ordered reserve list of all other players who expressed an interest.
11. The 64 entered players will have until midnight on Saturday 16 May to make payment of the £20 entry fee by cheque or bank transfer. Failure to pay by that date will result in them being contacted by the Tournament Officer and informed that they are no longer in the competition. Players from the reserve list will then be offered a place.
12. Players will be drawn in to scratch time groups and these groups will be published on the WCGBA website by Sunday 24 May, or once all entry monies have been received.
13. The draw for each group will be done by the players on the day.
14. All entry fees will be paid out in Prizemoney, which will be published on the WCGBA website after the closing date.
15. In addition to prizemoney payed down to at least the losing quarter finalists, there will also be prizemoney for the highest placed Junior. Should more than one junior reach the

same stage of the competition, this will be determined by the player with the highest score in their losing game.

16. Prizemoney for the semi-finals and final will be distributed after completion of the competition.