

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 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. There will be 16 qualifying events which will be determined annually by the WCGBA Tournament Committee.
2. At least four of the places will be offered to the WCGBA Merit winners, namely: The Gwyn Morris Senior Individual Merit, The Ladies Individual Merit, The Don James Junior Merit and the Veterans' Merit.
3. When requesting their Open Competition Certificates, club can request that their competition be considered as a qualifying event. These will be advertised as potential qualifying events on the WCGBA website. Open competitions played too late in the season for enter to the CoC, will be considered for the following year's Champion of Champions.
4. From these competitions the WCGBA Tournament Committee will select 12 qualifying events. This will be done by 30 April.
5. All remaining competitions will form the reserve list and be allocated a ranking. This list will include any other singles competitions or merits organised by the WCGBA.
6. Within seven day of a competition being played, it is the responsibility of the organiser of each qualifying or reserve open competition to advise the Tournament Officer by email of the name, email address and phone number of the winner of their competition. Winners will be published on the WCGBA website.
7. Should any qualifier be unable to attend on the final day or if they should have qualified twice, then that place will be offered to a reserve event competitor, in strict order.
8. Should there be insufficient competitions to complete the 16 qualifiers, the WCGBA Tournament Committee reserve the right to select other suitable qualifying criteria (e.g. aggregate winner from the senior and ladies squads, league aggregate winners, etc)
9. The WCGBA Tournament Committee will make the draw at least 14 days prior to the event and publicise it on the WCGBA website.
10. The venue will be selected by the previous Past President (3).
11. ALL 16 qualifiers will receive prizemoney.
12. Prize-money will be distributed on completion of each round for the 1st and 2nd rounds only. Prize-money for the semi-finals and Final will be distributed after completion of the Competition.
13. The winner will be presented with the WCGBA Champion of Champions Cup (donated by Co-Operative FuneralCare) and will be the Welsh Champion of Champions.