

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.

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1. The competition will be held annually and will be open to male bowlers of any age.
2. After the closing date of the competition, each Area Secretary will propose two greens for the qualifying rounds (3).
3. The Tournament Committee will make the draw and allocate the players to one of the greens in their area (4). Once the allocation has been made, the Area Secretaries will notify the Secretaries of all the players' clubs. The Tournament Officer will forward the allocation list to the Website Manager for posting on the WCGBA website. This will be completed 7 days after the closing date.
4. The qualifying round will be played on the **third Saturday in May**. All games will be 21-up.
5. The number of qualifiers on finals day will be 32. The number of qualifiers from each area will be proportional to the number of entries from each area. This will be determined by the Tournament Committee and published on the Website.
6. There must be an area representative at each of the qualifying greens who will be the Official-in-Charge for that event. On completion of the qualifying rounds, each Official-in-Charge will notify the Tournament Officer of each qualifier's name and club.
7. The venue for finals day will be selected by the President of the WCGBA (3).
8. The draw for the finals day will be made at an EGB meeting by the WCGBA President and published on the WCGBA website, at least 7 days before the final.
9. Programmes showing the draw, will be produced for the event.
10. All entry fees will be paid out in Prizemoney which will be published on the WCGBA website after the closing date.
11. Prizemoney will be distributed on completion of each round for the 1st and 2nd rounds only. Prizemoney for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be distributed after completion of the competition.
12. The winner will be presented with the Gwyn Morris Senior Cup (donated by Messrs. Ind Coope) and will be the Welsh Senior Merit Champion.
13. The winner and runners up will represent Wales in the British Senior Individual Merit Championship in line with the qualifier numbers advised by the BCGBA for the qualifying year.