

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre CAMRA

Pub of the Season Selection – Branch Rules

Introduction

The following rules describe how the Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre branch of CAMRA selects its Pub of the Season award winners. A Pub of the Season award is not necessarily given to the best pub of that Season, but to a pub that is thought worth of an award but is less likely to win a Pub of the Year award. It may be given purely for its beer, or because it has done something noteworthy, however beer should always be of a constant enough quality to gain an award.

We aim to select our winners in a fair and consistent manner. These rules will be subject to review by the Branch as appropriate.

Aim

To select each quarter, in the view of as many branch members as possible, the pub that is most deserving of our Pub of the Season award.

Summary Procedure

- 1 At branch meetings in November (Winter), March (Spring), May (Summer) and September (Autumn), the chair shall ask the branch for suggestions for the relevant Pub of the Season award.
- 2 Any member is able to nominate a pub. Reasons for nomination shall be given.
- 3 That pub should, in the view of the meeting, be fit for the award. The award does not need to be given on beer quality alone, but pubs should serve constantly acceptable beer.
- 4 The committee will be able to over-rule the branch if they feel that the pub is not fit for the award.
- 5 An on-line poll of members shall be conducted, this should last for no less than one month. Members will also be able to submit their entry to branch committee members at events during that period.
- 6 The pub with the highest number of valid votes will be selected as Pub of the Season.

To ensure as far as possible that our approach is both fair and consistent, the following rules will be applied (it is understood that the word pub refers to pubs and clubs unless specified) :-

Rules

- 1 NBSS data should be used to ensure that all pubs are fit for the award.
- 2 Owners, licensees, pub staff and those closely involved in the management or ownership of pubs must not vote for the pub they are involved with. If they do, their vote will be disqualified. The branch will be informed of the reason for all disqualified votes.
- 3 The branch should select a shortlist of no less than three pubs and no more than five pubs.
- 4 When selecting pubs to put on the shortlist for voting, the branch should consider pubs using the following criteria:
 - I. Current Pub of the Year winner and runners-up are not able to enter.
 - II. A pub should have been open for at least six months.
 - III. A pub must have received enough NBSS scores that the committee is content that the beer sold is to a high enough standard.



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- 5 A winning pub will not be eligible for resubmission for a period of 2 years.
- 6 A losing pub shall not be eligible for the next seasons award.
- 7 Voting will primarily be online via the branch website, members should have to verify they are valid members by logging on to vote.
- 8 Voting should also be available at any branch meeting, presentation, social event and beer festival via voting slips. These must include a valid membership number.
- 9 All votes should be verified to ensure that the vote is from a valid branch member using CAMRA's membership database.
- 10 In the event of a tie, the branch Chair will have the casting vote which could be used to select either the winner of the contest or to announce joint winners.