

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre CAMRA

Pub and Club of the Year Selection – Branch Rules

Introduction

The following rules describe how the Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre branch of CAMRA selects its Pub and Club of the Year award winners.

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 year, in the view of as many branch members as possible, the pub and club that is most deserving of our Pub and Club of the Year award.

Summary Procedure

- 1 The annual NBSS data for all pubs and clubs is considered. This part of the system is identical in every way to the already approved GBG selection process and the relevant rules in that document apply.
- 2 At the start of January, the branch committee will meet to select the most deserving pubs and clubs to go onto a shortlist. This should be primarily based on NBSS data.
- 3 The committee selected shortlists are presented to the branch to vote on each category with a deadline of the end approximately the end of February.
- 4 At the end of the voting period, votes are checked to ensure that only valid votes are included.
- 5 The pub and club with the highest number of valid votes are selected as Pub and Club of the Year.

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 Scores must be made in accordance with CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) throughout the year. All rules applying to GBG selection voting also apply here.
- 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 vote.
- 3 The committee should select a shortlist of no less than three pubs and no more than six pubs. The committee should endeavour to provide a reasonable selection of clubs.
- 4 When selecting pubs to put on the shortlist for voting, the committee should consider pubs with the highest average scores must be selected unless:
 - I. A pub should be scored for a minimum of ten months in the year, except in exceptional circumstances where this figure can be shortened for all pubs.
 - II. A pub must have been scored in every quarter of the year.
 - III. A pub should not be included if more than 75% of its vote is from one member.
 - IV. A pub should not be included if its average score is less than the "Good" score in NBSS.



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- 5 A club that does not allow CAMRA members access is not eligible for entry into the competition.
- 6 Voting will primarily be online via the branch website, members should have to verify they are valid members by logging on to vote.
- 7 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.
- 8 All votes should be verified to ensure that the vote is from a valid branch member using CAMRA's membership database.
- 9 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 and to decide which pub goes forward to the next phase.

The committee may recommend that pubs or clubs, for whatever reason, should, or should not, be included on the shortlist if good reason is given and the Committee and Branch, at formal meetings, agree. This however should be only used in extreme cases.