

WEST DORSET CAMRA GBG SELECTION PROCESS

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document describes West Dorset CAMRA's GBG Selection Process.
- 1.2. West Dorset CAMRA is currently given an allocation of thirty pubs to go in to the GBG (plus three reserves).
- 1.3. With support from the elected committee, the process is managed by the GBG Coordinator: an impartial, non-committee post elected at the branch's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 1.4. The first selection meeting for the next GBG takes place as part of the December branch meeting.
- 1.5. The second selection meeting for the next GBG takes place as part of the January branch meeting.

2. GBG Selection Principles

- 2.1. Paragraph 5.29 of CAMRA's Internal Policy Document 2019-2020 states "Branches shall ensure that, when considering their entries for the Good Beer Guide, only those pubs and clubs consistently serving real ale of good quality and meeting CAMRA criteria are included. Branches should use all beer scores submitted via the National Beer Scoring Scheme to assist in achieving this". See <https://camra.org.uk/beer/learn-more/national-beer-scoring-system/> for more information.
- 2.2. Paragraph 5.30 also states "The selection criteria for entry in the Good Beer Guide should be clearly stated in the Good Beer Guide. The main criterion shall be that the pub or club serves real ale of good quality at all times".
- 2.3. In the West Dorset area, the selection is governed by a set of principles, these are:
 - Beer quality is the over-riding consideration.
 - Consistency over the whole year must be taken into account.
 - A good geographical spread is desirable in a national guide.
- 2.4. Beer scores will be considered from 1 January of the year prior to release of the next GBG (the "qualifying period").

3. Pub Eligibility

- 3.1. For the purposes of maintaining a good geographical spread, the West Dorset area is sub-divided into the following eleven towns/regions, based on postcode. Pubs in urban areas must have a minimum of 10 days visited by 10 different reviewers; pubs in rural areas must have a minimum of 6 days visited by 6 different reviewers.

| Town/Region | Minimum Days Visited | Minimum Different Reviewers |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| DT1 | 10 | 10 |
| DT2 (East) | 6 | 6 |
| DT2 (West) | 6 | 6 |
| DT3 | 6 | 6 |
| DT4 | 10 | 10 |
| DT5 | 10 | 10 |
| DT6 (Bridport) | 10 | 10 |
| DT6 (Rural) | 6 | 6 |
| DT7 | 6 | 6 |
| DT8 | 6 | 6 |
| DT9 | 6 | 6 |

- 3.2. Eligibility of a pub following a change of manager/licensee will be considered on a case by case basis. There is no CAMRA policy on this.
- 3.3. If a manager/licensee is a CAMRA member, their scores for their own pub will not be considered; if the manager/licensee holds a joint CAMRA membership, neither person's beer scores for their own pub will be considered.

4. Voter Eligibility

- 4.1. Only paid-up members of CAMRA may vote, in person, at the Second GBG Selection Meeting.
- 4.2. In order for members to vote on pubs for the GBG 2021, they will have had to submit one beer score for a pub in West Dorset in the qualifying period. An increased threshold will be agreed for the GBG 2022 and published in advance.

5. First GBG Selection Meeting

- 5.1. Prior to the first GBG Selection Meeting, the GBG Coordinator will produce a list of eligible pubs excluding pubs that (a) have been visited on less than the minimum days, (b) have less than the minimum reviewers, (c) have an average beer score of less than 3.0, or (d) are closed. The list will be further reduced by excluding pubs with average beer scores below 3.1, 3.2 etc until there is a shortlist of approximately fifty pubs.
- 5.2. The list will be reviewed at the first GBG Selection Meeting, subject to the inclusion/exception of any pubs agreed by attendees at the meeting (e.g. those pubs requiring further visits before the second Selection Meeting),

6. Second GBG Selection Meeting

- 6.1. Prior to the second GBG Selection Meeting, the GBG Coordinator will produce a revised list of eligible pubs taking into account beer scores that have been submitted since the first GBG Selection Meeting.
- 6.2. The list will be ordered by region then by beer score and will include the Standard Deviation (a measure of how spread out the beer scores are) and the number of scores less than or equal to 2.0. This is to help encourage voters to take beer scores and beer consistency into consideration.
- 6.3. The highest scoring eligible pub from each of the eleven towns/regions will be automatically included in the GBG, in addition to the Town/Rural Pubs of the Year and Club of the Year. These pubs will not be considered further in the subsequent voting.
- 6.4. Each attendee may speak about the beer quality at pubs they have visited (or know about) in the qualifying period for each town/region before that particular vote.
- 6.5. For each town/region, a voter's first choice will get 10 points, second choice will get 9 points etc.
- 6.6. For each town/region, the beer scores themselves will get a vote equivalent to three attendees, i.e. the pub with the highest average score will get 30 points, the pub with the next highest average score will get 27 points etc.
- 6.7. After adding all the voters' points, the GBG selection for each town/region will be made, by agreeing the quantity of pubs in each town/region based on the votes.
- 6.8. One additional vote will be conducted for the remaining pubs in order to (a) complete the GBG allocation and/or (b) determine the reserves, in order of votes received. As per the voting in each postcode area, the beer scores themselves will get a vote equivalent to three attendees, i.e. the pub with the highest average score will get 30 points etc.
- 6.9. Comparisons between votes received by pubs in different postcode areas won't be allowed. There are different numbers of pubs in each postcode area, and therefore different cumulative votes.