



The Council of West of England Brass Band Associations

NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS OF GREAT BRITAIN
WEST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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SATURDAY 11th and SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2017
RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, TORQUAY

SATURDAY 11th MARCH

Venue	Section	Entries	Adjudicators	Draw	Commence
The Arena	FOURTH	21	Gary Davies Sam Hairsine	09:15	10:30
The Forum	SECOND	17	Paul Norley Stephen Roberts	08:45	10:00
The Forum	FIRST	11	Les Neish Paul Norley	13:00	15:15 (not before)

SUNDAY 12th MARCH

The Forum	THIRD	18	Sam Hairsine Les Neish	08:15	09:30
The Forum	CHAMPIONSHIP	14	Paul Norley Stephen Roberts	13:00	14:30 (not before)

List attached of all Bands entered.

DRAW DELEGATE / RECEIPT OF ADJUDICATOR'S REMARKS

All Bands are required to appoint a representative to attend the draw on their behalf. Only one representative will be allowed to attend the Draw and he/she must have the authority to speak on behalf of your Band.

At the draw, a Delegate Card will be issued to your band representative and must be retained as authority to collect the Adjudicator's written remarks, which will only be issued to the bearer of the Card. Please note that the actual ballot for order of play will be carried out in the presence of the delegates by the Council Chairman, Championship Secretary/Controller and Section Controller.

ALL SECTION DRAWS will take place in the **Arena Balcony Bar**, accessed by the stairs from the main Foyer (signed) and from which **the Adjudicator's remarks** will be available (on production of the above card) **15 minutes** after the stage announcement of the respective Section results.

RESULTS

At the conclusion of each Section, the Adjudicators will be escorted to a designated "quiet zone" to enable them to complete their deliberations. On completion, the sealed results will be handed

to the Championship Secretary/Controller who, together with the Section Controller, will also retire to the “quiet zone” to check and compile the results. Bands are requested to be patient whilst the results are compiled and checked for accuracy prior to the results being announced. Adjudicators will award band places only, no points will be entered on the adjudicator’s remarks sheet or be announced (National Rule 13c refers).

At each section draw, the delegates in attendance will be offered the opportunity to appoint one representative from the group to join the Championship Secretary/Controller and Section Controller in the “quiet zone” to observe the compilation of results for that section. Once the compilation of results has been completed, any such representative will be escorted to the Contest Control room where he/she will remain whilst the results are announced.

REGISTRATION

All bands are reminded that Registration Cards issued by Brass Band Players Ltd will be the only cards accepted by Registration at the West of England Regional Championships on 11th and 12th March 2017. This concurs with the condition of entry which all bands have signed and is in accordance with The National Rules. Bands not in possession of BBP Ltd Registration Cards will be deemed to have withdrawn and in consequence will not be included in the Draw for order of play, not be permitted to play and will be graded as an absent band in accordance with Grading Rule (l).

Bands have until the 3rd March 2017 for registration of new players. The last date for transfer of players is Friday 10th February 2017 – that is 28 days before the Friday before the contest.

Please note the effective date for a transfer can be anything up to the 10th March, but a new registration effective date must be 3rd March.

For queries regarding the completion of registration procedures contact Tim Jones at BBP Ltd on 02920 700943 or registrar.bbp@btinternet.com.

BBP Ltd Registration Cards will be presented at the registration point on the day of the Contest and be verified against a computer print-out dated Friday 3rd March 2017 as prepared by the BBP Ltd Registry and held by the contest management. It is the responsibility of band management to ensure all Registration Cards are complete in every detail, including franking for the current year, up to date signature of the player and a valid effective date - also that the aforementioned Registry print-out is correct. The number of players permitted to play is 25 brass instrumentalists plus percussionists as required by the band (National Rule 8 refers).

Any queries concerning Registration should be referred to the West of England Registrar, Fran Calver tel no: 01208 851235, mobile no: 07774 890453 or via email: calver407@btinternet.com .

RULES of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, effective 1st January 2016, will be complied with in full. The National Rules may be downloaded from the National Brass Band Championships website via the following link www.nationalbrassbandchampionships.com

BAND ASSEMBLY

Saturday - situated in the Grace Murrell Suite and Burdett Room (signed from car park as Torbay Rooms).

Sunday - situated in The Arena (direct access from the car park). For security reasons, no access from the main Foyer to the Arena, or vice versa, will be permitted.

Bands will be permitted to warm up on the Saturday and Sunday in the assembly area, but **with practice mutes only**. Bands may still be requested by WEBBA stewards not to play if the noise limit is not adhered to.

Essential information for bands competing on the Saturday - following your respective section draw, **only six (6) bands at a time (in order of draw) will be admitted to the band assembly areas** - your co-operation with the door stewards will be appreciated.

USE OF LIFT

If any player requires use of the lift to get from the band assembly area up to the Arena/ Forum, it is essential that this is highlighted to the Officials at the respective Section Draw. Arrangements can then be made for an official to be made available to assist at an agreed time.

PERCUSSION

Council is again hiring quality Percussion equipment from Ev-Entz, who will be in attendance throughout the two days.

Please make your percussion team aware of the enclosed full list of the provided percussion. A copy will also be placed on our WEBBA website.

STAGE PLANS

To assist with the efficient set-up of seating and positioning of percussion equipment between performances, **ALL bands must complete, clearly, the enclosed seating/music stands and percussion set-up plans and hand them in at your respective draw.** We are in the course of developing a seating and percussion stage plan with the facility to complete electronically prior to printing off. As soon as these are available they will be added to our website accordingly.

ON STAGE

As time is always at a premium at the Regional Contest, **bands will NOT be permitted to send on stage any “working party” to set-up seating, etc.** - this will be rigidly enforced by the appointed Stage Managers. Stage management will set-up the stage according to the plans submitted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please note - there are no mother and baby, crèche or childcare facilities within the band assembly areas. Players and band officials will be required to show their concessionary wrist bands (as purchased with contest entry) to gain admittance to the band assembly areas. **Persons not displaying a valid bandperson concessionary wrist band WILL NOT be allowed entry to the assembly areas including your Musical Director.**

Bands are requested to ensure that all band and personal equipment and property is removed from the band assembly areas immediately after playing thereby creating room for bands playing later in the day. This is most important on the Saturday and definitely **NO** group photographs to be taken anywhere in the building. Doors to the assembly area will be locked 10 minutes after the final performance each day.

COACHES AND PARKING

No provision has been made for Coach Parking, as it is felt adequate parking is available in the vicinity of the Riviera Centre. **Please note, and instruct your coach driver, that coaches will only be permitted to set-down and pick-up in the Riviera Centre car park - this will be rigidly enforced by ENVY Security (on behalf of Torbay Council), whose instructions and directions to drivers must be complied with.**

REHEARSAL FACILITIES

A reminder that arrangements for Rehearsal Facilities is the sole responsibility of individual bands – please do NOT contact the Regional Secretary on this subject.

PROHIBITED

Mobile telephones must be fully switched off whilst in The Forum and The Arena (Saturday). It is also a violation of the Riviera Centre's licence to record or film performances and take photographs. No drinks are permitted in the Forum or the Arena. **Secretaries are asked to make all band members and supporters aware of these restrictions.**

ADMISSION

Bandpersons: Thank you to bands for purchasing the special concessionary wrist bands. **Wrist bands MUST be worn and clearly visible to gain access to the band assembly areas and admission to the auditoriums for 30 players only.** The Riviera Centre door stewards have specific instructions - **no wrist band, no admission. These concessionary wrist bands are not transferable.**

Wrist bands are **not** being sent out by post, but will be available on the Saturday from the main Entrance Foyer and on Sunday from the stewards' desk at the entrance to the Band Assembly Area. The authorised person collecting the wrist bands will be required to sign a receipt. Please collect and distribute **before** requiring access to the band assembly areas.

General Admission

Day Ticket £10.00p (Senior Citizens & Children 8 to 15 years - £8.00p)

2-day Ticket £15.00p (" " " £12.00p).

Programme £3.00

SECTION CONTROLLERS

Championship	Trevor Bedding	First Section	Mike James
Second Section	Ray Kingdon	Third Section	Greg Cook
Fourth Section	Robin Teague		

PROFESSIONAL RECORDING

All performances will be recorded by Steve Swindon of Chorum Records.

CHILD PROTECTION

Being conscious of this most important and complicated legislation, Council wish it to be known it cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever in this matter and each and every band must accept full responsibility for all players under the age of 18 years and any vulnerable adults in membership of the band.

DISCIPLINE

The attention of all bands is drawn to The National Rule 22, and Council gives notice that any infringement whatsoever of this particular Rule will result, without hesitation, of imposition of penalties under Rule 23. Also, direct contact with Adjudicators prior to or after the contest by any member or musical director of a competing band could be actionable under Rules 22(c) and 23.

Please note that any offensive and provocative statements made online regarding contest management and officials will be considered by the contest management. If they prove to be grossly offensive, abusive or obscene, appropriate action will be taken. This action may include a ban on the individual making the remarks and or the band he or she represents.

INDEMNITY

Bands are advised that in the event of cancellation, suspension or curtailment, for whatever reason, of the Championships, The Council of West of England Brass Band Associations will not be responsible for any loss financially or otherwise by any band entered in these Championships.

FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

At all times the Riviera Centre's Fire, Health and Safety Regulations must be respected and, in the event of an emergency, instructions and directions of the Centre's staff must be complied with.

CONTACT ON CONTEST DAY

If any emergency arises en route to the Championships causing unexpected delay, etc., please endeavour to telephone the Riviera Centre on 01803 299992 with a message to be relayed to SUE OLDFIELD or direct on her mobile 07768 973095.

THANKS

Whilst we are now used to all Sections being held over the same weekend, nevertheless there will be EIGHTY ONE bands converging on Torquay over the two days, so a little tolerance and patience by all concerned will contribute to the event's success.

Thank you in advance for your assistance for acting on this information and please share it with those directly involved, especially your Musical Director and all players.

QUERIES

If you have any query or require further information please contact me via email at oldfieldi.s@blueyonder.co.uk. For any urgent matters please call my mobile number 07768973095 before 9.30pm.

I look forward to seeing you at Torquay in March.

Sue Oldfield
Championship Secretary/Controller
January 2017

**WELCOME TO THE RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE
GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETING BANDS
and
HAVE AN ENJOYABLE DAY/WEEKEND IN TORQUAY**