



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 9th and SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2024
THE RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE & UPTON VALE BAPTIST CHURCH,
TORQUAY

SATURDAY 9th MARCH

Section	Entries	Adjudicators	Draw	Commence
FOUR	12	Alan Duguid Stephanie Binns	08:00	09:00
TWO	15	Lt Col David Barringer Steve Pritchard-Jones	08:30	10:00
ONE	18	Christopher Binns Dr Stephen Cobb	11:00	Not before 13:00

SUNDAY 10th MARCH

THREE	18	Christopher Binns Stephanie Binns	08:00	09:00
CHAMPIONSHIP	12	Lt Col David Barringer Dr Stephen Cobb	12:00	Not before 15:00

ADMISSION

Band persons wrist bands will be available for collection from the ticket desk in the main entrance foyer and must be worn and clearly visible to gain access to the band assembly areas and admission to the auditorium. Please collect and distribute to **ALL** performers and MD **before** requiring access to the band assembly areas.

The door stewards have specific instructions - **no wrist band, no admission. These concessionary wrist bands are not transferable.**

General Admission

All general admission tickets can be purchased at the door on the day – no advance ticket sales. Payment by card accepted.

- Day Ticket £12.00 (Senior Citizens & Children 8 to 15 years - £10.00)
- 2 Day Ticket £18.00 (Senior Citizens & Children 8 to 15 years - £15.00)

All tickets purchased on the Saturday will be valid for entrance at both the Riviera Centre and Upton Vale Baptist Church.

DRAW

ALL SECTION DRAWS will take place in the **Arena Balcony Bar**, accessed by the stairs from the main RIC Foyer.

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
- be responsible for stage/percussion plans
- convey any assistance needs of players (e.g. use of lift)
- collect a draw delegate card

BAND ASSEMBLY

Band Assembly will be situated in the Grace Murrell Suite (signed from car park as Torbay Rooms) and entrance is for performers/chaperones only.

Following your respective section draw, only five (5) 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.

Performers, including your Musical Director, not wearing their concessionary wrist band WILL NOT be allowed entry to the assembly areas unless they are an authorised chaperone and advance notice has been provided.

******* PLEASE NOTE - THERE ARE NO CHANGING FACILITIES AVAILABLE *******

All band players and musical directors must arrive at the Band Assembly Area wearing base uniform of shirt/blouse, trousers/skirt and tights/socks to which a uniform jacket, waistcoat, tie and/or dress shoes can be added.

******* NO CHANGING WILL BE PERMITTED *******

There are no mother and baby, crèche or childcare facilities within the band assembly areas.

Bands are requested to ensure that all band and personal equipment and property is removed from the band assembly area immediately after playing thereby creating room for bands playing later in the day. **NO group photographs to be taken inside the building as per RIC regulations, and it is essential the assembly area is vacated without delay.** The WEBBA and Riviera Centre stewards will not be responsible for any instruments or equipment left unattended.

REGISTRATION

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

You will be directed to the registration point where all your band's performers will have their BBP Ltd registration cards checked and verified against a computer print-out as prepared by the BBP Ltd Registry and held by the contest management.

It is the responsibility of your 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 7 refers).

Any queries concerning Registration should be referred to the West of England Registrar, Lesley Knapton, mobile no: 07760 360105 or via email at: agt52mek1972@virginmedia.com

WARM UP ROOM

After registration you will move to the Burdett Room where you will be able to warm up.

Please note, this is not a rehearsal room, there will be no stands or percussion provided – it is purely a space to enable the band to warm through their instruments before going on stage.

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.**

Bands will NOT be permitted to send on stage any “working party” to set-up seating, etc. – stage management will set-up the stage according to the plans submitted.

As per National Rule 17, if any band is not ready to perform within FOUR (4) minutes of the time stated in the contest schedule, or of the preceding band vacating the stage, the band may be the subject of disciplinary action, including disqualification.

PERCUSSION

Quality percussion equipment is being hired 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 which must be used, **no substitutions will be permitted.** A copy of the list will also be placed on our WEBBA website.

No beaters / sticks or mallets will be supplied, please bring your own.

If required, before the start of each section there will be a short timeframe for your percussion team to go on stage to view and/or try out the percussion provided. The Ev-entz team will be on hand to help with any queries. Please ask our door stewards to direct you to a member of our stage crew.

RESULTS

Adjudicators will award band places only; no points will be entered on the adjudicator’s remarks sheet or be announced (National Rule 12c refers).

At the end of the Section Two contest at Upton Vale Baptist Church the WEBBA stewards, adjudicators, bands, and supporters will return to the Riviera Centre where their results ceremony will take place in the Arena. An announcement will be made on the day as to the timing of this. All other section results will be announced from the RIC stage at the end of each section.

The Adjudicator's remarks will be available in the Arena Balcony Bar on production of the draw delegate card **10 minutes** after the stage announcement of the respective Section results.

RULES of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, effective 1st January 2023, 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

DISCIPLINE

All Bands must adhere to the WEBBA Code of Conduct as previously shared with all contest secretaries.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

RECORDING OF PERFORMANCES

World of Brass are delighted to be recording this year's West of England Regional Championships for inclusion on their streaming platform wobplay.

All performances taking place at the Riviera International Centre, Torquay on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March will be added to wobplay as soon as the results of each section are announced. Simply visit and subscribe at www.wobplay.com to enjoy this and so much more.

COACHES AND PARKING

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.

The pay and display car park is no longer managed by the Riviera Centre and has number plate recognition cameras in place. Cash, card or via RingGo app payment methods are accepted. The Riviera Centre staff are not able to provide change for parking or assist with any other issues regarding payment for parking.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile telephones must be fully switched off whilst in the auditorium. It is also a violation of the Riviera Centre's license to record or film performances and take photographs. **Contest Secretaries are asked to make all band members and supporters aware of these restrictions.**

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. As stated in our WEBBA Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, each and every band must be aware of and accept full responsibility for all players under the age of 18 years and any vulnerable adults in membership of the band.

To provide assurance that all of their players under the age of 16 will be appropriately chaperoned whilst in the Band Assembly and Performance Area, further details of the specific

requirements to be completed by each participating band in advance of the contest will be forwarded to all contest secretaries as soon as possible.

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.

TRADE STANDS

Please do visit and support the band traders who will be located in the Arena for the duration of the weekend.

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 Riviera Centre staff must be complied with.

CONTACT ON CONTEST DAY

If any emergency arises en route to the Championships causing an unexpected delay, etc., please endeavour to contact SUE OLDFIELD direct on her mobile 07768 973095.

QUERIES

If you have any query or require further information, please contact me via email at webbasecretary@gmail.com. You are also welcome to contact any of your local association representatives for assistance with general queries.

For any urgent matters please call my mobile number 07768 973095 before 9.30pm. I am unable to take phone calls during working hours so please leave a message and I will respond as soon as I am able.

I look forward to seeing you at Torquay in March.

Sue Oldfield
Championship Secretary/Controller
West of England Regional Championships
March 2024