

PLEASE ACTION YOUR BANDS ENTRY ASAP - NOTE CLOSING DATE



SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

77th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, TORQUAY, TQ2 5LZ
SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2025

SCHEDULE

1. ENTRY to Championships is **OPEN** to SWBBA member and non-member bands with 2025 National Grading being recognised.

2. Test-Pieces will be as follows:

Open Section (Championship & Section One)	Own Choice
Section Two	Own Choice
Section Three	Own Choice
Section Four incorporating Ungraded/Youth	Own Choice
Youth Section	Own Choice
Training Band Section	Own Choice of any music (not exceeding 10 minutes in total)

3. ADJUDICATOR: Christopher Binns

CONTEST CONTROLLER: Sue Oldfield

4. i) The Contest will be administrated under the guidance of the **Rules of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain** (by kind permission of Kapitol Promotions - Nationals 2025 Rule Book).

ii) With reference to bands being allowed to additionally complete in the section above their national grading, this will depend on the number of entries and be subject to an additional £50 administration fee. Withdrawal from the band's recognised section will automatically disqualify the band from playing in the higher section.

5. All competing players (except Youth/Ungraded/Training) must be registered with the Brass Band Players Registry (kind permission of Kapitol Promotions).

6. Registration: Registration Cards are to be presented at the registration point on the day of the Contest to be verified against the Registry print-out prepared by the Registry. **Only players named on the print-out will be permitted to play** (exception para 11).

It will be the responsibility of Band Secretaries to ensure that 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 latest Registry print-out supplied to individual competing bands is correct.

Youth/Training Band Registration: Bands are required to submit to SWBBA a list of players and dates of birth by no later than 18th October 2025. **Ungraded** bands are to submit to SWBBA a list of players, certifying that all players are bone fide members of the band by no later than 18th October 2025.

7. The number of registered players permitted to play is 25 brass instrumentalists plus percussion as required by the band. (Youth/Training bands refer to paras 9 & 10)

8. Ungraded Bands: This Section has been incorporated into the Fourth Section (with a trophy for the highest placed). Bands **must not** be graded under the grading rules of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain and is intended to encourage such Bands to seek an introduction to, and experience contesting at a local level. If a bona fide member of the Band is registered with another band, he/she will be permitted to play with that band, in addition to the Ungraded section at the contest. The total number of players is as per paragraph 7.

9. Youth Bands: The age limit for Youth players is 19 years and under on the date of the contest; the total number of players allowed is **35** inclusive of percussionists; Youth players **may not** compete with a Training Band; and may include up to four senior instrumentalists playing any instrument however not in a “solo” position. Youth Bands may enter the 4th section **in addition** to the Youth section. This Section will have Open Adjudication.

10. Training Bands: As the title implies, this Section is for band with players **not** competing and/or holding a registration card with any other band in any Section; there is no upper age limit; the total number of players allowed to play is **35** inclusive of percussionists, and may include up to four experienced instrumentalists playing any instrument however not in a “solo” position. This Section will have Open Adjudication. **Please note that, in order to be more inclusive, in addition to the traditional brass band instruments, players of French Horns and Trumpets will be allowed to perform in this section. Hopefully, this will encourage more bands to take part.**

11. “One Day Transfers” will be permitted to a maximum of **four** players on prior application, by email, to the Contest Secretary by 18th October 2025. The “transferred” player(s) must be from the same graded section or below of the competing band; **the player(s) must not be competing with any other Band playing in these Championships** (exception para 8 above); must be in a possession of a valid current registration card and produce a letter of authority from the player’s parent band. Fourth Section bands may borrow players from the Third Section only. First Section bands may borrow from the Championship Section as this is a combined Open Section.

12. Draw for Order of Play for all Sections will take place on the Contest Day. All bands must be represented at the appropriate Draw. Further details to be provided in the Final Instructions supplied to all entered bands circa 4-6 weeks prior to the contest.

13. Rehearsal facilities are the sole responsibility of bands, please **do not** contact the Contest Secretary.

14. Entry Fee:

Open, Second, Third & Fourth/Ungraded for member bands is £200 and for non-member bands £250.

Youth & Training for member bands is £75 and non-member bands £100.

If two sections entered, add £50 admin fee.

The Entry Fee includes 29 Band players plus one conductor concessionary wristbands that gain access to the Band Assembly Area and the Forum. For Youth and Training Bands the number of wristbands supplied will align with number of players + conductor.

Entry Fees are not refundable unless the event is cancelled by the organisers.

15. Bands Entering the Championships must complete and submit the Official Entry Form, sending the appropriate Entry Fee(s) either by bank transfer or by cheque to the SWBBA Treasurer (address below) **by Saturday 5th July 2025**. Please contact the secretary if there are difficulties filling out the form online.

Payment by bank transfer is preferred to: SWBBA, Sort code 20 04 59, Account no 63683710. Please state band name as the reference. Entry fee by cheque to: SWBBA Treasurer, 16 Greenfields Avenue, Banwell, Weston super Mare, BS29 6AU

Final Instructions containing timings and additional information for secretaries will follow by early October. **For all enquiries please email: secretary@swbba.com**, phone 07498 254402.