

PLEASE ACTION YOUR BANDS ENTRY ASAP - NOTE CLOSING DATE



## SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

76th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, TORQUAY  
SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### SCHEDULE

1. **ENTRY** to Championships is **OPEN** to member and non-member bands with 2024 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	Own Choice
Youth Section	Own Choice
Training Band Section	Own Choice of <b>any</b> music (not exceeding 10 minutes in total)

3. **ADJUDICATORS:** To be confirmed.

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 2023 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 £25 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 will be presented at the registration point on the day of the Contest to be verified against the Registry print-out prepared by the Registries. **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/Ungraded/Training Band Registration:** Bands will be required to submit to SWBBA a list of players and dates of birth (exception Ungraded who must certify the players are bona fide members of the band) by no later than 23rd October 2024.

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. 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 senior instrumentalists playing ideally 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. 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 schedule 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 £225.

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

The Entry Fee includes 30 Band Player 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.**

**15. Bands Entering the Championships** must complete the Official Entry Form and return it online (fully completed) sending the appropriate Entry Fee(s) either by bank transfer or by cheque to the Contest Secretary (address below) **no later than Friday 29th June 2024**. Please contact the secretary if there are difficulties filling out the form online.

Payment by bank transfer is encouraged to SWBBA, Sort code 20 04 59, Account no 63683710. Please state band name in reference.

A detailed schedule containing timings and additional information for secretaries will follow by early October.

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