



A Guide to Entries in the Good Beer Guide

Important Points

1. HQ fixes the number of Entries per Branch, ours is 26 (every other year 25).
2. The number of pubs & clubs selling real ale in the branch area is 251 (as of 12/10/16) – to have an entry in the Good Beer Guide is to be amongst the best
3. **All Branch Members have a direct input**, as the selection of Entries depends upon analysis of Survey Reports, and then on Votes.



Nomination

There are three ways a Pub is nominated

1. All Pubs that are in the current GBG are automatically nominated
2. Between February and November, any Member can nominate a Pub provided they submit a current Beer Quality Report. Nominations are made at branch meetings or can be made by sending a message to the Pub Survey Officer. (see Web Site for details)
3. Any Pub that has not been nominated but has had at least 5 visits up to November and has an average Beer Quality Score of 2.5 is then added to the nominations.

Nominations CLOSE at the end of November.

Beer Quality Surveys

These are compiled by the Pub Surveys Officer from:

1. beer quality surveys added to WhatPub website <https://whatpub.com/> by all CAMRA members regardless of branch
2. surveys compiled during group pub surveys by members
3. individual beer quality surveys submitted in writing by members

Selection

At the end of November the Short List is drawn up by eliminating GBG nominations that do not meet the selection requirements of: -

1. No change in Ownership or licensee
2. Still serving real ale; and
3. Not breaking any national policy items.

Pubs where there has been a change of licensee are considered for inclusion on the Short List by deleting the Beer Quality Scores for previous licensees.

Any pub with a change of licensee after 1st August is not included.



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Short List

During December the Short List is distributed to all members with extra Beer Quality Survey Forms and everybody is encouraged to survey as many Pubs as they can before the end of January. Preferably survey results are submitted using WhatPub. The Short List is used for 'Postal Votes'. Votes can also be submitted by e-mail to the Pubs Survey Officer.

Votes

At the end of January the Short List is reviewed with the additional Survey results, and a Final Voting List is drawn up.

The Pubs that qualify must have:

1. Had at least 5 Survey visits in the year on different days with a minimum of 3 visits between August and January,
2. an annual average Beer Quality score of 3.00 or more, and
3. had Beer Quality reports submitted by a minimum of 5 different CAMA members (regardless of branch)

Members present at the 'Selection Night' Meeting then vote for the top 30 Pubs they have visited, and any Postal Votes for Pubs on the final Voting List are added in. The total number of votes for each Pub is then used to rank them with average beer quality being the next ranking factor.

The top 25 or 26 become the proposed main entries for the GBG, with 4 or 5 reserves.

GBG Entries

Once selected a 'description' for each Pub is prepared, and submitted for editing. The Branch then rechecks the 'proof' entries and the location map before going to print.

Data Protection

All Pub Survey Reports submitted by members are the property of that member submitting those reports. They will not be disclosed to a third party.

Average beer scores for pubs or clubs are discussed at branch meeting. They can only be disclosed to CAMRA members upon written request to the Pub Surveys Officer.

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