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1 Introduction

This document provides a framework for registering players online for entry into competition at all levels in the UK.

- Squads are groups of players registered on the BOA website from which a coach may select a team of up to 12 players for entry into a competition or match.
- Individual players may be registered to squads at local, national, inter-regional, home international and international level at the same time.

1.1 Objectives

- To facilitate the online entry and registration of teams in competitions, thereby reducing administration costs and entry fees.
- To stimulate competition at all levels.
- To increase opportunities for players to take part in competitive games.



2 Tiers

2.1 Local

To compete in a local league, squads must be registered by a coach within the local region. It is anticipated that most local squads will be affiliated to a club within the region.

Teams selected from local squads will only play other teams from within the same local league. These matches will be recorded within the local league tables but not within the National Ladder.

2.2 National

Teams competing in the national league will play against teams from across Great Britain in national competitions, such as the Nautilus Competitions, National Quarter/Semi/Finals Competitions, Divisional Championships and BOA National Ladder matches.

2.3 Inter-regional

Players may only compete for the regional team in the area that their national league club lies within, i.e. a player registered to West Wickham may only compete for London at regional level.

There will only be one team per region allowed to compete in each category.

1) South West	4) Anglia	7) Scotland
2) South East	5) Midlands	8) Wales
3) London	6) North	

Table 1 - This table is an example and regions may change or be added to allow fair competition

2.4 Home International

Teams selected by a country's appointed coach can play against teams in the same category from the other home countries (England, Scotland & Wales). There will only be one team per country allowed to compete in each category

Eligibility to play for a country is based on one of the following:

- Full time residency in the relevant country for 3 or more years
- Being of the relevant country by birth
- One or both parents of the relevant country by birth

2.5 International

Team Coaches and Managers, selected at the National Squads Meeting, are authorised to form teams to represent Great Britain in international competition.

Eligibility to play for Great Britain is based on any of:

- Having been born in United Kingdom
- Holding British citizenship
- Full time residency in Great Britain for 5 or more years
- And / or attaining eligibility within the World Governing Body criteria



	Tiers				
	Local	National	Inter-regional	Home International	International
Categories		Under 11's	Under 11's	Under 11's	
		Under 13's	Under 13's	Under 13's	
		Under 16's	Under 16's	Under 16's	
	Under 19's	Under 19's	Under 19's	Under 19's Ladies	Under 19's Ladies
				Open Under 19's	Open Under 19's
	Ladies	Ladies	Ladies	Ladies	Ladies Elite
	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open Elite
	Open Masters	Open Masters	Open Masters	Open Masters	Open Masters
		Ladies Masters	Ladies Masters	Ladies Masters	

Table 2 – shows the matrix of Categories and Tiers

3 Categories

Categories allow players of differing ages, sex and abilities to compete with other teams of similar strength. This will allow more members to participate in competitions, which in turn will boost confidence and ability at all levels.

3.1 Under 13's

Members less than 13 years of age subject to 3.4 below.

3.2 Under 16's

Members less than 16 years of age subject to 3.4 below.

3.3 Under 19's

Members less than 19 years of age subject to 3.4 below.

3.4 Age limit

3.4.1 In all categories up to and including U16, players must meet the age limit criteria at the beginning of the academic year in which the event is held. For the purposes of BOA competitions, the academic year begins on 1st September.

3.4.2 All U19 players must conform to World Governing Body rules

3.5 Ladies

3.5.1 Female members

3.5.2 Boys in the U13 category as defined above may also play in this category.

NB Subject to a maximum of 2 boys per team.



3.6 Open

Any members of either sex.

3.7 Masters

Male members more than 34 years of age or female members of more than 31 years of age.

4 Rules

4.1 Only BOA members may register to a squad.

4.2 Any member must be ordinarily resident in the UK or have resided in the UK for a minimum of 30 days prior to participation in a BOA competition.

4.3 The squad's coach and manager must be BOA members.

4.4 A squad must be registered on the BOA website [www.gbuwh.co.uk] to enable teams to be selected and entered into BOA competitions.

4.5 Only the assigned club coach can register a squad.

4.6 The coach is responsible for all aspects of squad management including registering the squad online, ensuring all player's BOA membership is up to date, entering teams for competitions and ensuring all BOA rules and codes of conduct are followed.

4.7 The coach may appoint a manager to assist with the administration of the squad.

4.8 The coach may register any number of players to their squad.

4.9 The coach may select any number of teams of up to 12 players per team.

4.10 An individual player may register with multiple squads providing each squad is in a different category or different tier, i.e. a player may register to one Under 19's squad and one Open squad within each tier.

4.11 Players may move between teams selected from the same squad in any one category but may only play in one team in each category at any tournament or competition

4.12 The One Year Rule: - A player may transfer to another squad within the same category at any time but cannot return to the previous squad until 1 year from registration has elapsed.



5 Web Pages

- 5.1 Squad Display/Registration will link in from Competitions->Squad Registration.
- 5.2 The Squad Display section on this page can be viewed by members and by non-members.
- 5.3 Squad display may be filtered by tier and category.
- 5.4 Any filter selected can be saved as a favourite and will be automatically selected when the member re-enters the page. The member will be able to go back and select another combination of Tier and category from this page.
- 5.5 It will be possible to print out any combination of squads in a category or tier.
- 5.6 The following fields will be displayed: - Tier, Category, Region, Squad Name, Member's Name and Club.
- 5.7 The registration section will only be displayed if the member has logged in as squad coach
- 5.8 From the registration page, the Tier level and Team category can be selected.
- 5.9 The follows information will be saved: - Tier, Category, Region, Team Name, Club registering the team, Squad Coach, Manager, Captain, Member's Name and Club, Date of Squad Registered and Date of Player Registration.
- 5.10 A member can be added to the squad by entering their membership number.
- 5.11 A member can be deleted or deselected from a squad. The squad from which the member has been deselected will be saved and will be maintained to enforce the 1 Year Rule.
- 5.12 If a registration rule is broken an error message will be displayed detailing the reason for the error and any action needed to resolve the error.

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