



Team and Squad Registration

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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 with the BOA from which team representative may select one or more teams of up to 12 players for entry into a competition or match.
- Individual players may be registered to squads at local, national, 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 team representative 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 Preliminaries/Qualifiers/Finals Competitions, Ladies Nationals Divisional Championships and BOA National Ladder matches.

2.3 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 (East England)	8) North West
2) South East	5) West Midlands	9) North East
3) London	6) East Midlands	10) Scotland
	7) Yorkshire & The Humber	11) Wales

2.4 Home International Tournaments

Teams selected by a country's appointed coach can play against teams in the same category from the other home countries of the United Kingdom eg England, Scotland, Wales and Republic of Ireland. 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 12 months in the previous 18 months (prior to the competition)
- Nationality by birth
- One or both parents born in the country

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 the country for 12 months in the previous 18 months (prior to the competition)
- And / or attaining eligibility within the World Governing Body criteria



	Tiers				
	Local	National	Regional	Home International	International
Categories	Under12	Under 12	Under 12		
	Under14	Under 14	Under 14		
	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16		
	Open	Open	Open	Men	Men
		Ladies	Ladies	Ladies	Ladies
		Under 19	Under 19	Under 19	Under 19
		Under 23	Under 23	Under 23	Under 23
		Masters	Masters	Masters	Masters
		Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite

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.

Nb: Players may play in a higher age group with permission from their parents or guardians, and the Competitions Manager.

3.1 Under 12

Members of secondary school year 7, and below.

3.2 Under 14

Members of secondary school years 8 and 9.

3.3 Under 16

Members of secondary school years 10 and 11.

3.4 Under 19

Members less than 19 years of age subject to 3.6 below.

3.5 Members less than 23 years of age subject to 3.6 below

3.6 Age limit

3.6.1 For the purposes of BOA competitions, the academic year begins on 1st September.

3.6.2 All U19 or U23 players must conform to World Governing Body rules.

3.7 Ladies

Female members



3.8 Open

Male or Female members of any age

3.9 Masters

Male members who are 35 years of age or more and Female members who are 32 years of age or more.

4 Rules and Registration

Note: These rules refer to BOA members.

On joining the BOA 14 days must be allowed for administration to activate a membership.

Therefore under 4.2 below - the latest a person who does not hold a UK passport may apply for BOA membership is 44 days before the BOA competition they wish to compete in.

- 4.1** Any BOA member with a British passport or permanent residency is eligible to play in UK BOA competitions.
- 4.2** Any BOA member who does not hold a UK passport must have resided in the UK or Republic of Ireland for a minimum of 30 days immediately prior to participation in a BOA competition.
Eg: If the competition started on 31st May then they must have been an active BOA member residing in the UK or Republic of Ireland from 1st May or longer.
- 4.3** Any BOA member who does not hold a UK passport who has resided in the UK or Republic of Ireland continuously for at least 3 months after 1st September of any year will be eligible to enter all BOA competitions up to 31st August of the following year even if they were out of the UK or Republic of Ireland immediately prior to a competition. This will be reset on 1st September each year.
- 4.4** National Preliminaries, Qualifiers and Finals are considered part of the same competition. If a player is eligible for the first tournament of any competition then they are considered eligible for the subsequent tournaments in that competition should the team qualify.
- 4.5** Squad representatives will register their squad with the BOA on or before 1st January of each year.
A squad is any number of BOA members who may or may not be picked for a team.
- 4.6** A player may only register with one squad in any category.
- 4.7** The squad representative must be a BOA member.
- 4.8** The squad representative 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.



- 4.9** The Squad representative may select any number of teams of up to 12 players per team from their registered squad.
- 4.10** Players may only play in one team in each category at any tournament or competition.
- 4.11** Between the National preliminaries and qualifiers, and the qualifiers and the National Finals, a maximum of 2 players may move between teams within a squad.
- 4.12** If only one team from a squad qualifies for the National Finals any members of the squad may be selected for that team.
- 4.13** If a player has played for a squad in the National Preliminaries or Qualifiers they may not play for another squad in the National Finals.
- 4.14** If a player is registered to a squad but wishes to play for a different squad's team at Nautilus they may apply to the Competitions Manager for permission without having to comply with 4.15 below.
- 4.15** 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 the following corresponding annual competition.
- 4.16** 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.
- 4.17** Nautilus Only: One player not conforming to rule 4.1 or 4.2 will be allowed to join a team in the Nautilus tournament providing they have been a member of the BOA for a minimum of 30 days prior to the tournament. (Subject to the note at the start of this section).
- 4.18** Nautilus Only: A player who is currently attending University may play for their club team as well as their University team at the same tournament if the teams are in separate divisions.

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