

GOOD BEER GUIDE ENTRIES

The CAMRA **National Beer Scoring System** (NBSS) enables CAMRA members to submit information about the quality of real ale they drink. The system is based on a 'points out of 5' scoring system.

Our annual Good Beer Guide (GBG) selection process described here uses these scores to help identify the venues serving the best quality real ale for inclusion in the guide.

The selection process has two stages:

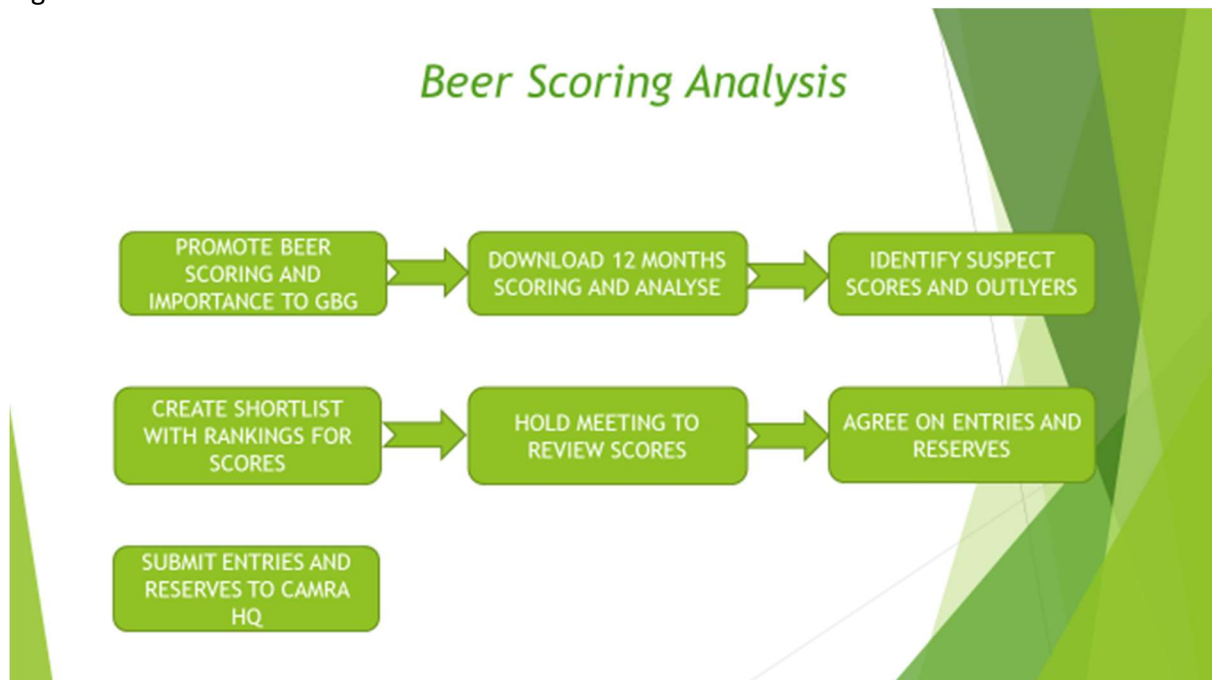
1. **Create a shortlist of Candidates**
2. **Select pubs to be included (and reserve(s)).**

Create short list – Using 12 months of scores a list of candidates will be drawn up using the latest version of the NBSS analysis spreadsheet prior to the selection meeting. All the pubs on the list will be rated by several categories including highest scores; number of scorers; average scores etc.

This analysis takes into account beer scores, not just average beer scores but number of beer scores, number of beer scorers/visits, number of external scorers, distribution of beer scorers (e.g. if a high percentage of scores are from a single scorer), number of low scores (e.g. 1.5 or below), suspicious scoring patterns and where appropriate Beer scoring comments.

Select pubs to be included and reserves – A branch meeting will be dedicated to GBG selection, with the date and venue included on Branch website and email to those members who have opted into Branch comms.

Figure 1: Process



Factors that could affect the quality of the range on offer and the overall standard of the pub, such as recent or planned change in ownership and/or management are also taken into account

during discussions. Other factors considered include history, architecture, food, family and disabled facilities, geographic spread, gardens, and special events (such as beer festivals). The list would then be reviewed to identify the weakest candidates who would be excluded. Disagreements on inclusion are resolved by a show of hands. We choose a list of, currently, 10 pubs to go into the guide plus 2 reserves who would be promoted into the guide if one of those on the list becomes ineligible (e.g. closes)

This list is then submitted to CAMRA HQ.