

Bristol & District Branch Pub Of The Year (POTY) Selection Process for 2023

1. Nominations

At a date after the annual launch of the Good Beer Guide, branch members are invited by an email link to nominate up to 5 pubs from the branch entries in the current edition of the Good Beer Guide. They also have the option of including one pub that is not in the Good Beer Guide in their 5 nominations. The current branch Pub Of The Year is excluded from the competition for the following year.

2. The list of finalists

The results of the nomination stage are collated and 6 finalists selected for judging which are deemed to be:

1. The pub with highest number of votes in the City of Bristol area
2. The pub with the highest number of votes in the Weston-Super-Mare area
3. The pub with the highest number of votes in the parts of Somerset, North Somerset (excluding Weston-Super-Mare) and Bath & North-East Somerset within the branch area
4. The pub with the highest number of votes in the parts of South Gloucestershire within the branch area.
5. The next two pubs with the highest number of votes irrespective of which area they are in.

3 Judging the finalists

Any branch member attending a branch meeting can request the list of finalists and act as a judge and complete the online judging form. Details of branch meetings can be found at:

www.camrabristol.org.uk/diary.html

Members unable to make one of these meetings can request a link to the judging form by emailing camra@camrabristol.org.uk and supplying their full name, address and CAMRA membership number.

The absolute rule is that any participating judge **must** visit all of the finalist pubs over the judging period to fairly compare them against each other and complete the judging form with reference to the CAMRA judging guidelines.

Judging forms must be completed by the following February branch meeting/meet and greet gathering to comply with the national CAMRA timescale, so that our branch winner can be included in the regional phase of the competition. The results of the judging are collated and the winner and runner-up are announced.

4. Regional and National Stages

The branch winner is then put forward to the Regional phases of the CAMRA POTY competition and the winner of this goes through to the National competition. It is important to note that for a pub to be awarded branch POTY we need to have every confidence that the licensee is intending to stay for the foreseeable future. This is both because it is not appropriate for us to put a pub forward to these next stages as our branch winner if we know the licensee is likely to have left and also because the branch winner will of course be known as our POTY for the whole year.