

THE PARISH GAMES

Organised by Wychavon Parish Games Association – Competition and Community Coming Together

BELL BOATING

SPONSORED BY MALCOLM LIMRICK

Venue – St Georges Field, Pershore.

Date - 19th July 2025 Registration – 9.30am Prompt Start – 9.45am

Rule 1.

1.1 All competitors **MUST RESIDE** in the Wychavon Parish / Ward that they are representing. Where a person resides between more than one Wychavon Parish / Ward then, they can only represent the Parish or Ward in which they predominantly reside. Being on the electoral Roll does not in itself constitute residency.

1.2 Competitors who are studying full time at university or college will be eligible to compete for the Parish / Ward where they normally reside, until they have completed their course.

1.3 Where an ineligible competitor has been found to have breached this rule, then the Parish / Ward will forfeit all points gained in that event.

Rule 2.

2.1 The team details must be recorded on the **SHEETS PROVIDED** prior to the event, this is for Insurance and Health & Safety reasons.

2.2 The team sheet must provide the following details for each team member - name, address with post code and it must be **SIGNED** by each team member.

2.3 For competitors under the age of 18 the team sheet **MUST BE SIGNED** by their Parent or Guardian.

2.4 By signing the team sheet, the team member confirms that he/she is medically able to take part and is doing so at his/her own risk.

Rule 3.

3.1 Where a Parish or Ward has entered an event but then needs to withdraw, they will need to give the **WPGA SECRETARY** a minimum of 48 hours' notice of their non-participation, to avoid delays on the day.

3.2 Any team that fails to take part and has not given the **WPGA Secretary** 48 hours' notice, then the Parish / Ward will be deducted 2 points from their total points score.

Rule 4.

4.1 Any queries prior to the event should be made to the **WPGA SECRETARY** before 9pm.

4.2 Following the event, any dispute or protest must be made within 24 hours of the event to the **WPGA SECRETARY**. In the first instance this can be done verbally, but only by the Team Captain, so that the facts can be established.

4.3 If the matter is not resolved, then any further protest should be put in writing to the WPGA SECRETARY by the PARISH ORGANISER, within 7 days of the event taking place.

Rule 5.

5.1 Abuse of any of the people identified in the WPGA Abuse Policy will not be tolerated by the Committee. Where there is evidence of any abuse, the person concerned will not be allowed to continue representing that Parish in that event or any other event.

5.2 Team Captains must make all team members aware of the contents of this policy which will be included in the pack sent out to them with the rules.

Rule 6.

6.1 If a team withdraws from an event but then subsequently finds that they are then able to take part, they can request the reinstatement of their entry.

6.2 Any decision on these requests will be at the discretion of the Committee.

Rule 7.

7.1 A team consists of a maximum of 8 members with only 6 in the boat at any one time.

Rule 8.

8.1 Team members can be of any age. Please see the requirements in Rule 2.3 above.

Rule 9.

9.1 If “Small Parishes” (up to 500 residents) are unable to make up a full team, they can combine with another “Small Parish” to make up the numbers, with the points being shared in proportion to the number of people from each Parish.

Rule 10.

10.1 Teams can be mixed. Parishes can enter more than one team, but only the higher-placed team can gain points for their Parish.

10.2 The two teams cannot interchange crew members.

10.3 If a Parish wishes to enter more than one team, this must be included on the entry form.

Rule 11.

11.1 In the event that a disabled person is in a team, then the Event Organiser must be notified for Health & Safety reasons.

Rule 12.

12.1 Racing will be over an approximate distance of 200m, with preliminary rounds to seed the teams, then semi-finals and finals.

12.2 The format of the competition (number of rounds and finals) will be determined by the number of entries, but teams will be given as many races as possible.

Rule 13.

13.1 All equipment is provided at the regatta. In the event of a paddle breaking, a spare will be carried on each boat.

Admin Notes:

Parishes are welcome to have practice sessions. Contact Andy Train on atrain1@btinternet.com or 07722125350.

Please note that the event will run alongside a Community Regatta very much for all ages and abilities, so competitors are welcome to invite friends and family along and stay for the day if they wish.

Parking will be available on King George's Meadow as part of the Pershore River Festival. The Rotary Club will be marshalling the car park, and they are aware of the Bell Boating regatta. Competitors just need to let the marshals know that they are taking part, and they will not be charged for parking.

Event Organiser - Andy Train on atrain1@btinternet.com or 07722125350.

WPGA Secretary – Sue Collins susan.collins483@btinternet.com – 01905 841269 or 07947147030 (Before 9pm).

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