

Changes to WPGC rules for 2020

The World Pilot Gig Championships is growing year on year. This is good for the sport but is beginning to create a problem of where to situate gigs and trailers over the weekend. In recent years, up to 35 have been situated on Porthmellon beach but this is not possible in times of high seasonal tides.

Therefore, it is with regret that the WPGC Committee has decided to limit the number of gigs for 2020 to 120 plus the Isles of Scilly gigs. This target, and the following rules, may change depending on circumstances.

The following selection criteria will be used based on the 2019 results.

1. Each invitation entitles the club to bring one gig for entry in any (or all) race(s). The invitation is to the club - not to a named gig. The exception to this is that all the Isles of Scilly (IoS) gigs will be invited.
2. For any club to be eligible for an invitation to the WPGC, the club must be in existence for at least 12 months up until the 1st April of that year. *For example, for an invitation to be issued to compete in May 2020, the club will have had to be formed by 1st April 2019. This does not apply to clubs competing in 2019.*
3. All CPGA-affiliated clubs will automatically get one invitation.
4. The current Private clubs, Penryn and Porthgain, will get one invitation each. New Private clubs will get an invitation at the discretion of the Committee.
5. International clubs not affiliated to the CPGA will get one invitation.
6. Each of the first 12 gigs finishing in the Final of the Ladies Open on Sunday will secure an additional invitation to that crew's registered club.
7. Each of the first 12 gigs finishing in the Final of the Mens Open on Sunday that has not triggered an additional invitation to the same club in the Ladies Open will now secure an additional invitation to that crew's registered club. *For example ... Black Rock finishes in the top 12 Ladies and secures an invitation to that crew's club. Black Rock also finishes in the top 12 Mens but does not secure another invitation if rowed by a crew from the same club. If Black Rock is rowed by a crew from a different club and finishes in the top 12 Mens, this will secure an additional invitation to that crew's club. If Energy does finish in the top 12 mens, this secures an additional invitation for the club if rowed by a crew from the same club which rowed Black Rock in the Ladies.*
8. Each of the first three gig's crews which finish in the top three of the Vets and SuperVets (Ladies and Mens) which do not trigger an invitation through the Open races will secure an additional invitation to that crew's registered club.
9. There will be a wild card system which the WPGC Committee will operate at its discretion to allow extra gigs to be included to increase the numbers if required. The wild card invitations will be derived from Groups B and C in the finals. These will be issued to clubs who have not already qualified for an additional invitation based on the top 12 Mens and top 12 Ladies.
10. Special invitations will be issued to existing participating non-CPGA affiliated charities. The WPGC Committee will endeavour to accommodate other charities who wish to participate.
11. All requests to attend the WPGC will be considered by the Committee.
12. In any event, the maximum number of invitations per non-IoS club is three.

The full WPGC 2020 timetable is as follows:

Friday

1100	VET'S COX'S MEETING
1300	St Agnes Ladies' Vets
1330	St Agnes Ladies' S/Vets
1445	St Agnes Men's Vets
1515	St Agnes Men's S/Vets
1700	Nut Rock Ladies' Vets
1730	Nut Rock Ladies' S/Vets
1900	Nut Rock Men's Vets
1930	Nut Rock Men's S/Vets

Saturday

0900	Nut Rock Ladies' Vets Final
0910	Nut Rock Ladies' S/Vets Final
1000	Nut Rock Men's Vets Final
1010	Nut Rock Men's S/Vets
1040	OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP COX'S MEETING
1230	St Agnes Ladies' Round 1
1400	St Agnes Men's Round 1
1515	Nut Rock Ladies' Round 2
1700	Nut Rock Men's Round 2

Sunday

1000	Nut Rock Ladies' Round 3
1145	Nut Rock Men's Round 3
1330	Nut Rock Ladies' Final
1530	Nut Rock Men's Final
1700	PRESENTATION

Example of the selection process

The following example is for illustrative purposes only and shows the additional invitations (denoted by 'Y') issued to the named club based upon the 2018 placings of the registered named gig. A further placing of the same club and gig will not gain an additional invitation (denoted by 'N').

This is in addition to the 80 CPGA invitations, the 2 private invitations and the 8 international invitations.

NB. Each IoS gig qualifies for one invitation only. Therefore, the placings of St Marys "Tregarthens" does not qualify for any additional invitations.

<u>Ladies open</u>			<u>Mens open</u>		
1.	Caradon - Ann Glanville	Y	Looe - Currahs Pride		N
2.	Falmouth - Black Rock	Y	Caradon- Ann Glanville		N
3.	Mounts Bay- Kensa	Y	Falmouth - Black Rock		N
4.	Fowey- Q	Y	Roseland - Polvarth		Y
5.	Looe - Currahs Pride	Y	Coverack - Morah		N
6.	Charlestown - Grace	Y	Truro - Spurr		Y
7.	St. Marys - Tregarthens	N	Truro - Messack		Y*
8.	Coverack - Morah	Y	St Marys - Tregarthens		N
9.	Helford - Helford	Y	Mounts Bay- Kensa		N
10.	Teign - Templer	Y	Salcombe- Wolf		Y
11.	Tresco - Alfie Jenkins	N	Caradon - Amazon		N
12.	Caradon - Amazon	Y	Fowey - Q		N

*Messack was registered by Truro but rowed by Bristol. To qualify for an additional invitation in the following year, Messack would have to be registered to Bristol for this race.

Last minute loans of gigs (eg after online registration has closed) must be notified to the WPGC Committee to avoid invitations going to the wrong club.

<u>Ladies Supervets</u>			<u>Mens Supervets</u>		
1.	Mounts Bay - Kensa	N	Falmouth - Black Rock		N
2.	Rock - Swift	Y	Helford - Helford		N
3.	Salcombe - Cadmus	N	Appledore - Whitford		Y

<u>Ladies Vets</u>			<u>Mens Vets</u>		
1.	Charlestown - Grace	N	Caradon - Ann Glanville		N
2.	Cattewater - Catalina	Y	Cattewater - Catalina		N
3.	Caradon - Ann Glanville	N	Truro- Spurr		N

The results show 17 more invitations over and above the 90 invitations above. This allows for 13 wild card invitations to be made at the discretion of the WPGC committee.

The wild card invitations will be derived from Groups B and C in the finals. These will be issued to clubs who have not already qualified for an additional invitation based on the top 12 (as in the example above).

NB. No club will receive more than three invitations.

Based on the 2018 final, this gives the following results:

Ladies B

13.	Flushing & Mylor - Zawn	Y
14.	Fowey - Troy	N
15.	Truro - Spurr	N
16.	Salcombe - Wolf	N
17.	Cattewater - Catalina	N
18.	Cothele Quay - Teylu	Y
19.	Bristol - Isambard	Y
20.	Swanage - Winspit	Y
21.	Appledore - Whitford	N
22.	Rock - Swift	N
23.	Dartmouth - Volante	N
24.	Bridport - Brydian	Y

Mens B

Falmouth - Governor	N
Helford - Helford	N
Porthgain - Ralph Bird	Y
Cattewater - Catalina	N
Appledore - Whitford	N
Dartmouth - Volante	Y
Looe - Talisman	N
Torrige - Will to Win	Y
Dartford - Smudger	N
Teign - Templer	N
Lyme Regis - Tempest	Y
Boscastle - Torrent	Y

Ladies C

25.	Falmouth - Govenor	N
26.	Langstone Cts - Star of Northney	Y
27.	Mounts Bay - Cormoron	N
28.	Zennor - Pendower	Y
29.	Teign - Morgan	N
30.	Padstow - Brabyn	Y
31.	Mevagissey - Lannvorek	?
32.	Clevedon - Blackbird	?
33.	Newquay - Spy	?

Mens C

Bristol - Young Bristol	N
Caradon - Essa	N
Bridport - Brydian	N
St Marys - Emma Louise	N
Ilfracombe - Rapparee	Y
Lyme Regis - Rebel	N
Teign - Morgan	N
Cotehele Quay - Teylu	N
RAF (NRC)	?

The above example does not allow for invitations to existing (non-CPGA affiliated) charities - currently, Help For Heroes - which would (currently) reduce the number of wild cards by one. The final four question marks would qualify for an invitation if clubs/crews pull out or do not register.