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1. Introduction

This policy sets-out the process by which players who would like the opportunity to represent Wales in World Championships (WC), European Championships (EC) and other representative competitions will be assessed on their playing ability.

The process covers the following competitions, depending on the international playing calendar, which will vary year-on-year:

- World Championships for Women
- World Championships for Men
- European Championships for Women
- European Championships for Men
- European Single, Double, Mixed Double Championships for Women/Men
- European Championships Veterans for Women/Men (Veterans Team that comes out of this process will need to finish in the top 2 positions of the WPA National Veterans in order to qualify for the Nations Veterans Cup.).

The assessment process will be run simultaneously for both men and women..

The implementation of this Policy within the WPA, is the responsibility of the Director of Development.

2. Entry

All players wishing to represent Wales at the WC or EC will be required to submit their intention to enter the qualifying process using the normal competition entry channels via the WPA website on-line competition entry form, which can be found [here](#). The player must specify which international event they wish to qualify for, and their preferred position in the team if successful.

The assessment dates for Assessment Rounds 1 to 3 and the venues have been published on the 2022 WPA Playing Calendar. A date for Triples assessment (Round 3, assessment in games) has been provisionally posted on the 2022 WPA Playing Calendar and will be agreed with the qualifying players comprising the 2022 Welsh Squad (2022WS). Venues will be chosen when participating numbers have been finalised.



3. Assessment Process

The assessment process comprises 3 rounds, 2 technical and 1 assessment during play, with an additional round 3 for the triples assessment. The results of the early expression of interest for the National Representation Assessment showed that the Preliminary Round was not necessary for 2022.

Assessment Rounds

Rounds 1, 2 and 3 will determine those players representing Wales in the international competitions defined above.

The 2022 Welsh Squad will comprise a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 12 players based on their final ranking. Because of the mixed nature of the World and European events, a mixed squad will be formed in 2022. It is anticipated that the top 4 or 6 men and women players will be called to create the 2022 Welsh Squad.

4. Assessment Content

4.1 Assessment Rounds – Rounds 1 & 2

Rounds 1 and 2 will be comprised of 6 exercises:

Round 1

1. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
2. Pointing (with obstacles)
3. Pointing (with obstacles)

Round 2

4. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
5. Shooting (with obstacles or precision)
6. Pointing (with obstacles)

The format of each exercise will not be published until the day of the assessment. This will also apply to the scoring, which will be explained to all players before starting.

The above exercises have been derived from game situations.

For discipline 1: Shooting, players will be expected to shoot over obstacle boule at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m.

Each player will throw a total of 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boule. Points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

For discipline 2: Pointing, players will be expected to point missing obstacle boule at distances of 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m and demonstrate good boule control.

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Each player will point 8 boules from 7m, 8m, 9m and 10m at the target boule. Points will be awarded for the level of success. There will be 3 cycles; a total of 24 boules will be thrown.

4.1.1 Scoring System

The exercises defined above will affect how points are awarded.

- For exercises 1, 4 and 5 there will be one scoring area, points available 3 or 5 depending on the layout (see Appendix 1).
- For exercises 2, 3 and 6 there will be up to two scoring area, points available 3 or 5, depending on the layout (see Appendix 2).

The landing point of each boule will also be recorded with a score of 1, 3 or 5 points depending on the exercise. The landing score will be part of the assessment score and may also be used to separate players with the same score.

If Precision Shooting is used then the exercise will be carried out as specified for the CEP EC Rules ([here](#)).

The scorer will immediately mark the score of each boule played on the official score sheet.

At the end of the session the player will be ask to confirm the scores record by the scorer. The sheet will be signed by the player and counter-signed by the scorer on behalf of the WPA.

The scores recorded from each distance will be totalled, providing an overall score for that exercise; this will then be expressed as a percentage. The 6 percentages will be added together and the average score calculated; this average will form a ranking position. The same formula will be applied to scores obtained from the landing point of the boule. The landing score will be used as a secondary score to separate players having the same overall score.

4.2 Assessment Rounds – Round 3

Round 3 will evaluate players during competitive situations. It is anticipated that a minimum of 9 games will be used to assess the players in the 2022WS. This will be confirmed during Round 2 and will depend on the registration deadline for each international event.

Each player will be assessed on the number of effective boules played during a game and recorded by the coach responsible for the team, using the pro-forma sheet used during the 2021 World Championships.

The scores from each boule will be totalled giving an overall score for that game; these will be expressed as a percentage of boule thrown.

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Round 3 will be completed by 10th April for the WC and EC Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles, and by 30th April for the European Triples Women.

Each player will receive a copy of their detailed results (paper or electronic format) and personal feedback can be provided upon request by the National Coach or the Coach responsible. The results of the Assessment (anonymised) could be supplied to Club Coaches..

5. National Representation Teams

Upon completion, the score from each round will be added together to give a final ranking position. The National Coach and the team coach will invite the 2 Men and 2 Women players to form the teams for the EC and WC Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles and 2 reserve players (1 man, 1 woman). 4 women players and 2 reserve players will also be invited to form the European Triples team.

The triple team will be comprised of four players, a specialist pointer, a specialist shooter and two middle players, one with a pointing ability and the second with a shooting ability. The double or mixed doubles teams will be formed of 2 specialist shooters or a specialist pointer and specialist shooter.

In the interest of forming a balanced team, the final ranking may not be followed. The names of the players invited will be submitted to the WPA Executive Committee or another *ad hoc* committee for final squad validation.

The final results and international teams will be published on the WPA website.

The qualification for the Veterans team will vary slightly as there is no Precision Shooting event at the European Championships.

In the event one of the invited players being unable to attend the competition, one of the reserve players will take that players place.

By accepting the invitation to represent Wales, you will be expected to attend any practice and training sessions stipulated by the Executive Committee and or Coach / Team Managers. This includes all formal practice sessions at the competition venue.

In addition, you are also expected to practice at every opportunity, so that you are able to deliver the skills which you have demonstrated through the assessment process.

Failure to attend the event in question without good cause and to the satisfaction of the WPA Executive will result in that player not being able to enter any competitions requiring Welsh representation outside of the UK and Ireland for a period of 2 years..

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6. Review

The WPA Executive Committee will review the process at the end of each season and may amend any or all of the stages used if it feels the process can be evolved and improved.

WPA Executive Committee

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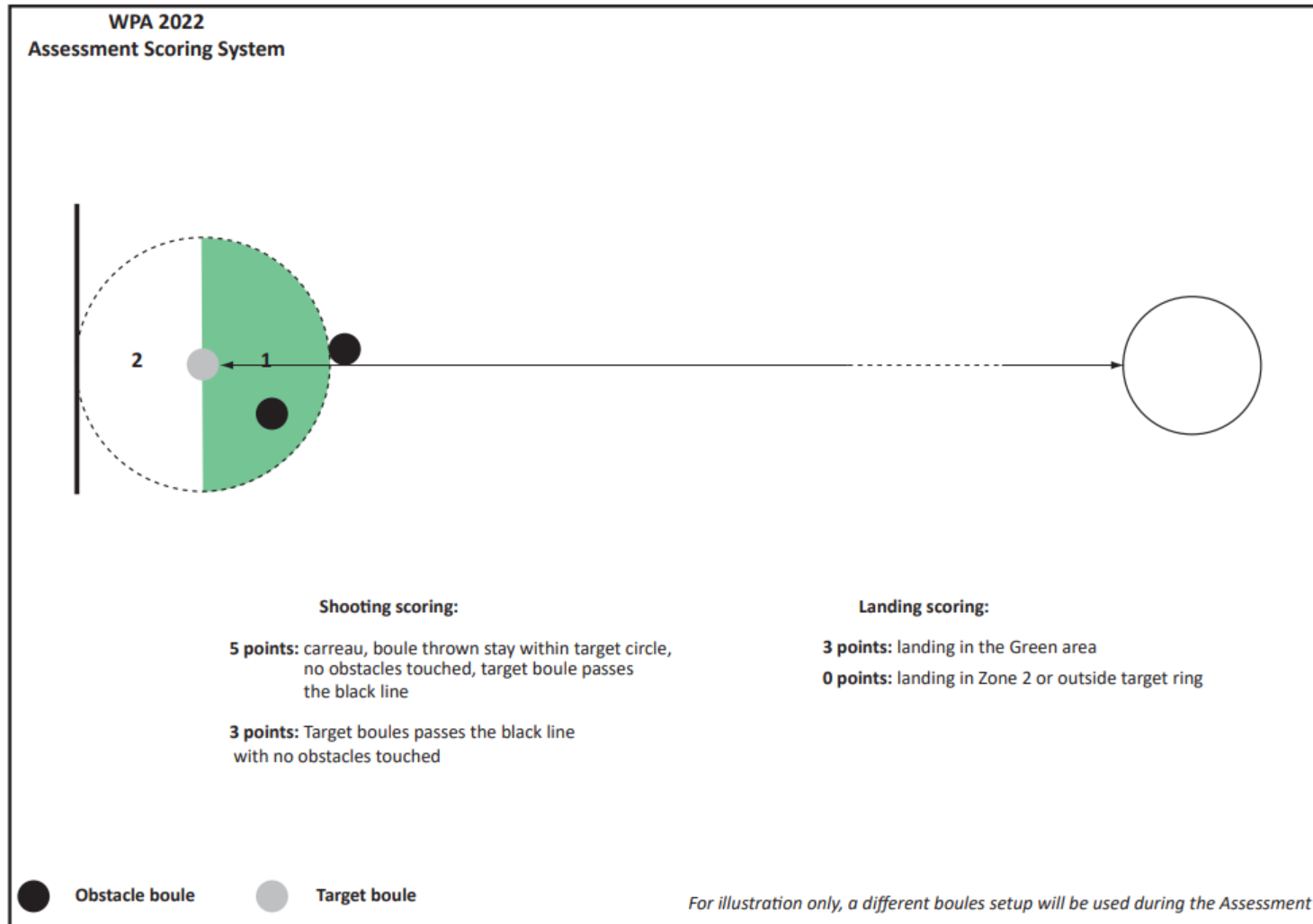
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7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Examples of the one scoring layout.



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Appendix 2 - Examples of the two scoring layout.

