



Badger of the Year

Guidelines to the selection process and
appointment of a County Badger of the Year

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1 Introduction

1.1 These guidelines give information on the appointment of a County Badger of the year and outline the procedure to follow. Although the organisation partly works at a regional level, Badger of the Year still follows the old County set up. Counties list is available from NHQ if required.

1.2 Each year a Badger of the year should be appointed from Badgers within the eligible school years. This young person will act as an ambassador for St John Cymru Wales both at internal and external events.

1.3 County Badgers of the year should be appointed for a period of one year which would normally be the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December.

1.4 Each County Badger of the year, during their term of appointment, will be eligible to attend the National Badger of the year selection event. This is held over a weekend, usually at the end of the year. The appointed national Badger of the year and deputies will then serve until the following selection event.

2 Eligibility and selection process

2.1 To be eligible for appointment within a County a Badger must be in school years 3 to 5 and have reached their 8th Birthday by 31st August 2014. To attend the national selection event the Badger should not have reached their 11th Birthday by 31st December 2014. If the Badger reaches their 11th Birthday during their term of office they will not be able to transfer to cadets until their term is up.

2.2 Any Badger who attends a unit and within the school years is eligible to apply for the role of County Badger of the year.

2.3 Badgers should complete an application form appendix A and Pr from appendix B and this form should be sent to the County Youth Officer (or nominated designate). Additionally, they should also fill for any St John Cymru Wales health form and parental consent forms.

2.4 All Badgers who apply should go through a selection event. This may mean holding an elimination round before the primary selection event.

2.5 No Badger may be excluded from the process because of previous involvement in any other

competitions and they may enter at a County level more than once. They may only be entered for the national event once.

2.6 Badgers appointed to the role of County or national Badger of the year will be required to remain in Badger Uniform throughout their year of office irrespective of when they reach their 11th birthday. For all uniformed events appropriate to role a Badger uniform will be worn.

3 Delivery of the selection event

3.1 The format of the event has been changed slightly from previous years and has been developed so not only to assess the Badgers, but also to introduce them to situations they may find themselves in throughout the year. The Badger will be asked a series of questions related to their time within the organisation, the role of Badger of the year, future plans and generic questions reading their project e.g. Why did they choose to do the project on.....

3.2 Each Badger must submit a Scrapbook which will be scored using a points system. Their scrapbooks can be on one of the following

- A Badger subject of their choice
- A hobby of their choice (this has to be an activity done regularly in a Badgers leisure time)
- My Badger Sett

Whichever topic the Badger chooses, they **MUST** carry out the work on this topic themselves with very limited assistance from their Parent or Badger Leader. This includes the research element, layout and also compiling the project together, they must stick and glue themselves.

3.3 These topics must be handed to the County Youth Officer prior to the event taking and will be scored by a judging panel. The judging panel should keep score sheets and write any comments they feel necessary to help make a decision. If the Badger wins the County round the project will then be given to the Youth Department for the National Competition where process is repeated.

3.4 Formats for the event can be either an evening or day (which is focused on the selection event)

3.5 The end of the selection event should have a formal presentation to include parents and other volunteers within the County in recognising the hard work that the Badgers have put in during the event.

Counties will need a team of volunteers to help deliver the event; they should be either selected through an open application process or members of the County Youth Team.

3.6 Counties will need to appoint assessors; one of whom should be a young person (such as the previous Badger of the year or deputies).

4 Assessment at the event

4.1. The Badger will take part in ice breakers so that they can get to know one another.

4.2 The Badger will have an informal interview by a judging panel where they should be asked questions on their time in St John, the role of Badger of the year, Future plans and generic questions about their project.

4.3 A first aid assessment is used to make sure that the young person has a basic knowledge of first aid skills appropriate to a Badger first aider. The assessment may be an individual, pairs or team scenario.

4.4 A uniform assessment is used as part of the process to check on the standard of the candidates' uniform, as personal presentation is a large component of the role. Inclusion of this assessment in the overall marks is at the counties discretion (and is subject to uniform availability). To save time the uniform inspection can be undertaken whilst the interviews are being held

5 Scoring and decision making

5.1 A scoring system is used at the selection event to assist the assessors with their decision making and also when judging the projects prior to the event. The scoring system is purely for the use of the judges and adjudicator. No unauthorised persons will be able to view these documents due to data protection.

5.2 It is best practice to appoint an adjudicator to process the scoring. The score sheets should be collected throughout the event by the adjudicator.

5.3 At the end of the event the assessors should review the candidates, using the scores as a guide, to select the County Badger of the year.

6 Uniform

6.1 The uniform of a Badger attending the event should be as per the current dress regulations for ceremonial uniform (availability permitting)

7 Appendices

7.1 Please find overleaf the candidate application form for Badger of the Year. (Appendix A)

7.2 Please find overleaf the candidate consent forms for Badger of the Year. (Appendix B)

If you require any further information please contact the NHQ Youth Directorate at youth@stjohnwales.org.uk

**Appendix A - Candidate Application form
Badger of the year - nomination form**

The following Badger is a representative of:

Unit:

Surname:

First name:

Preferred name:

Gender: **Male / Female** (please circle one)

Address:

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Postcode:

Parents email:

Contact phone no:

Date of birth:

Age on date of event:

Unit Leader:

Signed:

Please return nomination and public relation form by _____ at the latest.

Entries will **only** be accepted if **all** forms are received.

Please return this form to: CYO

Appendix B - Candidate Public Relations form

The candidate must complete this form personally with the help of a leader or parent.

You are hoping to be appointed as Badger of the year for your outstanding achievements - by sharing your story you can help everyone find out about the amazing young people in St John Ambulance. With your permission, we can work with newspapers, magazines, TV and radio programmes to place stories and features which will remind people of just how important our work is. Please be assured that we won't give journalists your contact details without checking with you first.

County

Unit

Name

Address

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Postcode

Contact Number

Date of birth

Age at time of event

Do you agree to your photograph being used for publicity purposes, including use on the website? **Yes/No**

Are you happy to have details of your achievement passed to the media - say, in a press release? **Yes/No**

Are you happy to speak to the media? We would forewarn you if so. **Yes/No**



St John
Cymru - Wales

School name

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What does being county Badger of the year mean to you?

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What are you looking forward to at the event?

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Have you used your First Aid skills in real life? What happened?

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What's the best thing about being part of St John Cymru Wales Badgers?

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Why would you recommend it to others?

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Please ask your parent or guardian to fill in this section -

How do you feel about your child's position as county Badger of the year and their entry into the process?

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Declaration

I agree to St John Cymru Wales retaining and using this information for the purpose of promoting St John Cymru Wales and first aid through the media and other related occasions. I understand St John Ambulance will not disclose my personal information without my express consent on each occasion and will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please tick this box if you consent for your story to be used in St John Cymru Wales fundraising appeals. They will contact you about this if they want to use your story.

Name (please print)

Signature

Name of parent/guardian, if under 16 (please print)
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Signature of parent/guardian

Are you happy for us to contact you directly? Yes / No