

The Home Nations; Road to Eurobowl - Tournament Summary

Overview

Leaning on the history and sporting rivalry of the rugby Home Nations (founded in 1883) there is an opportunity to gather the Bloodbowl nations of Scotland, England, Wales, Northern. Ireland, Ireland and an invited 'Barbarians' team in an two-day event in a Eurobowl year that offers:

- A fun event built upon the ancient rivalry of the Home Nations to gather some of the best coaches in Britain and Ireland to compete for honours before setting off for the Eurobowl later in the year.
- An opportunity for a live competitive 'practice' prior to Eurobowl / Open

Format

The format will comprise of the following:

1. Two separate competitions for the Home Nations Bowl (invitational, 8-coach teams) and Home Nations Open (4-coach teams)
2. Two-day, five-round tournament, where the Bowl will be an all-play-all with the six teams and the Open a Swiss-format
3. Round One boards are drawn randomly, following rounds will see individual matches within the team tie drawn by strength of schedule as typical to team-tournaments.
4. The ruleset will follow the finalised [Eurobowl/Open ruleset](#) as set by the Greek hosts, approved by NAF.

Dates and Timetable

The Home Nations tournament will take place on Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th June 2024 inclusive at Loughborough Students' Union, Ashby Road, Loughborough, LE11 3TT.

The timetable for the tournament:

Day 1 (Sat 29 Jun)	Action
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Welcome and Registration
10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Round One
12:45 pm - 13:45 pm	Lunch - buffet included
13:45 pm - 16:00 pm	Round Two
16:00 pm - 16:15 pm	Comfort break
16:15 pm - 18:30 pm	Round Three
18:30 pm	Evening Revelry

Day 1 (Sun 30 Jun)	Action
09:30 am - 09:45 am	Registration
09:45 am - 12:00 pm	Round Four
12:00 pm - 13:00 pm	Lunch - buffet included
13:00 pm - 15:15 pm	Round Five
15:30 pm - 16:00 pm	Awards Ceremony and Closing of The Home Nations 2024
16:00 pm	Disperse

Entry Fee and Inclusions:

Entry to The Home Nations Bowl / Open will cost £60 per coach. The ticket will include:

- Entry as part of a team into either The Home Nations Bowl, by invitation only, or The Home Nations Open, no entry restrictions.
- Five-rounds of Bloodbowl matches based on the ruleset and format outlined above
- Tournament Gift
- A Buffet Lunch on both days

Logistics

Getting to and from Loughborough:

- Served well by the M1 (Junction 23), Rail Network with Campus Bus from the station and East Midlands Airport (7 miles from the venue)
- On-campus parking for the Saturday and Sunday are readily available
- Accommodation options; hotels on and just off-campus (see separate accommodation sheet for more details)

Conclusion

We hope The Home Nations provides an opportunity to bring some of the best coaches from the four corners together and celebrate our Bloodbowl community with the added bonus of bragging rights up for grabs!

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