# Document B

# *Team England Selection Process*

*Applies from 1st May 2020*

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# *1. Eurobowl Selection*

## *1.1 Guided and Wildcard Choices*

The English Eurobowl Captain (whether playing or non-playing) is the sole selector of the eight members of the team. All selection choices are subjective, however some choices are guided by an English Global Ranking (EGR) system published by the committee; the EGRs are explained in part 1.2.

Selection choices are either **Guided** choices or **Wildcard** choices:

- For a playing captain five choices are Guided and two are Wildcard
- For a non-playing captain five choices are Guided and three are Wildcard

**Guided** choices – must be selected from the top ten available players in the EGR list. Within that list the captain may choose as they wish. Those who did not put themselves forward for the team are considered unavailable; they are not included when deriving the top 10 players.

**Wildcard** choices – are unrestricted choices based completely on the captain's subjective judgment.

When picking the team it is the captain's job to allocate race choices for the eight team members. The captain should consult with team members prior to race allocation and may wish to discuss this with prospective players before team selection.

The captain is also asked to explain their choices to the community and be prepared to offer feedback to players who put themselves forward for selection but were not successful.

## *1.2 English Global Rankings (EGRs)*

The rankings use the **Glicko** system and are derived from regular non-variant tabletop results only. Glicko rankings go up when you win, down when you lose and somewhere in between when you draw. The extent of change depends on your ranking and the ranking of your opponent. Glicko rankings factor in decay, such that scores will go down if you don't play for a long period. Changes also don't differ based on tournament size or tournament status; every match is of equal weight. Further detail on the Glicko system can be found here: https://www.thenaf.net/rankings/glicko-overview/

In a different way to the NAF Glicko rankings which are scored for each of the 26 races separately, the EGRs provide a score for all races together i.e. every NAF game played regardless of what race used. We therefore refer to them as **global** rankings.

The only exception to the above is that all matches which involve halfling, goblin or ogre teams are excluded from the calculation. We feel that coaches sometimes opt to play Stunty teams more for fun than competitively. We don't want to discourage people from doing this so have not included these matches.

A **peak score** over the 12-month selection period will be used to rank English coaches. Peak scoring means that the highest score achieved during the selection period will be used, rather than the final score.

Any coach whose nation is listed as "England" in the NAF database will be included in the EGRs. Only players who have made themselves available for selection will be included in the final list presented to the captain for selection.

The team will be announced in the first week of May prior to Eurobowl; the selection period is May 1st to April 30th in the 12 months immediately before (as detailed in Document A).

## *1.3 Rationale*

We feel the benefit of introducing guidance for the captain with reference to a system of rankings is threefold:

1) to allow English coaches wishing to play Eurobowl a visible measure of their progress relative to others

2) to increase the transparency of the process for the wider community

3) to assist captains in identifying coaches who have performed well

It's very important to stress that these rankings are not a definitive ordered list of the best coaches in England. Statistics can of course deceive, and the retention of a large amount of subjective judgement is extremely important. The captain will no doubt factor a range of considerations into their selection decision alongside the EGR guidance, such as skill with particular races and team balance.

Despite the caveats above, we feel Glicko with a global race setting is the most representative ranking system available. It would be very difficult to "protect" a ranking, as can be done with the NAF Elo scores by achieving a high score then not playing for long periods. Global Glicko is very hard to score well in unless you are playing regularly and doing well consistently. The peak score over 12-months is used, rather than a score on a particular date so that players aren't playing towards an artificial deadline; there is no incentive to stop playing once you have achieved a high score at any particular time.

It should also be underlined that achieving a high ranking does not guarantee being picked. We are hopeful that English players wishing to play Eurobowl don't feel compelled to take the most powerful teams to every tournament. We expect captains to be well be aware of strong performances with lower tiers and may well value this higher than a high EGR score achieved using the most powerful races.

### *1.4 Maintaining and Displaying the EGRs*

The committee expects to be able to gain access to the NAF database in order to update the English Global Rankings.

The committee will oversee the process of maintaining and displaying the EGRs. Running peak scores will be made available on-line periodically. A final list will be presented at the end of April.

Some sample data is provided in Appendix 3.3.

## *2. EurOpen Selection*

In the June before the Eurobowl Event the committee will invite teams of three to put themselves forward as candidates for the official English EurOpen Team. All players in candidate teams must be English NAF members, in the same way as for the English Eurobowl Team.

If more than one team comes forward there will be a community vote. All votes would follow the voting principles in proposed Document A (point 8 – Team England Voting). One representative of the team will be invited to provide a statement which will be part of their bid.

The winning team will be declared the official English EurOpen Team.

## *3. Appendix*

### *3.1 Summary of Proposed Changes*

## *SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES*

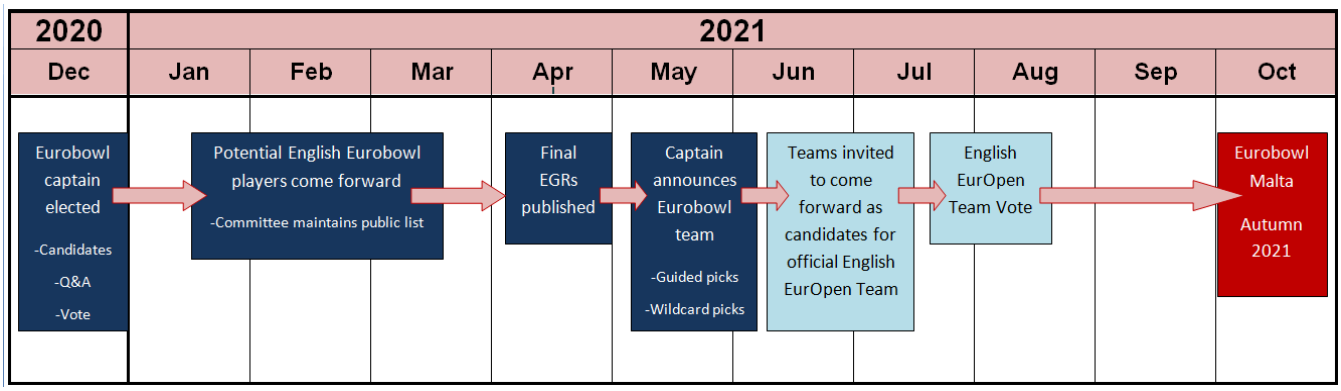
## *Eurobowl*

- An English Global Ranking (EGR) system is used to rank coaches
- Any coach with a nation "England" in the NAF database is included
- The Global ranking groups all matches with all races together, rather than race-by-race
- Stunty games are not included
- A highest score (Peak Score) over the 12-month qualifying period is used
- The captain must pick five coaches from the top ten available coaches in the rankings (Guided choices)
- The rest of the captain's choices are completely free (Wildcard choices)
- The qualifying period is from the beginning of May to the end of April
- The captain makes final choices and announces the team in early May
- The committee will publish EGR rankings for guided selection throughout the year, finalised at the end of April

## *EurOpen*

- English teams are invited to come forward in June
- If there is more than one team there will be a community vote to determine the official English EurOpen team

## *3.2 Illustration of Eurobowl and EurOpen Selection Process*



## *3.3 EGR Example Data*

The below data are global Glicko rankings for English coaches at the **end of April 2019**. Stunty matches are excluded. Only the top 40 coaches are displayed in this example.

Please note – these are in fact not peak scores over a year-long period, as will be used to guide the captain. The mechanism to derive peak scores has not yet been finalised but would be in place in time for implementation of the system.

| English Global Rankings – end April 2019 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rank | NAF number and name | Race | Nation | Rating | phi | mu |
| 1 | **5290 Pipey** | global | England | **1625.58** | 60.39 | 1806.76 |
| 2 | **11777 Purplegoo** | global | England | **1605.32** | 51.03 | 1758.42 |
| 3 | **149 Podfrey** | global | England | **1580.02** | 60.55 | 1761.67 |
| 4 | **70 Geggster** | global | England | **1564.26** | 54.03 | 1726.35 |
| 5 | **3312 Joemanji** | global | England | **1554.82** | 52.46 | 1712.2 |
| 6 | **10691 kfoged** | global | England | **1545.54** | 55.65 | 1712.48 |
| 7 | **10434 Don_Vito** | global | England | **1535.29** | 60.06 | 1715.48 |
| 8 | **12403 Jimjimany** | global | England | **1518.08** | 71.79 | 1733.46 |
| 9 | **13409 mubo** | global | England | **1513.07** | 68.27 | 1717.88 |
| 10 | **20617 YogiBedlamBear** | global | England | **1508.44** | 46.99 | 1649.42 |
| 11 | **5131 Besters** | global | England | **1489.3** | 50.31 | 1640.24 |
| 12 | **2870 Lycos** | global | England | **1477.32** | 43.58 | 1608.06 |
| 13 | **8690 Ambush3** | global | England | **1477.32** | 88.09 | 1741.59 |
| 14 | **8901 wilzif** | global | England | **1461.46** | 72.28 | 1678.3 |
| 15 | **7741 Stu2** | global | England | **1457.12** | 88.22 | 1721.77 |
| 16 | **7553 stick_with_poo_on_the_end** | global | England | **1456.86** | 59.84 | 1636.38 |
| 17 | **12545 Winkle_Picka** | global | England | **1456.6** | 74.83 | 1681.08 |
| 18 | **7769 Petew** | global | England | **1449.78** | 72.08 | 1666.01 |
| 19 | **21829 Endzone** | global | England | **1448.39** | 135.61 | 1855.23 |
| 20 | **20556 Wulfyn** | global | England | **1433.29** | 63.06 | 1622.48 |
| 21 | **24927 gritter** | global | England | **1432.19** | 96.23 | 1720.87 |
| 22 | **5893 GORGOROTH** | global | England | **1426.71** | 60.54 | 1608.34 |
| 23 | **7078 Ratman** | global | England | **1424.53** | 59.11 | 1601.85 |
| 24 | **9370 Ceetee** | global | England | **1423.04** | 67.23 | 1624.73 |
| 25 | **24645 PurpleChest** | global | England | **1419.54** | 86.78 | 1679.87 |
| 26 | **9897 NippyLongskar** | global | England | **1418.96** | 58.18 | 1593.49 |
| 27 | **16845 speedingbullet** | global | England | **1416.77** | 65.49 | 1613.23 |
| 28 | **7873 Maverick** | global | England | **1411.19** | 52.25 | 1567.95 |
| 29 | **20977 drdeath** | global | England | **1390.38** | 75.7 | 1617.49 |
| 30 | **10572 Barney_the_Lurker** | global | England | **1387.83** | 52.41 | 1545.07 |
| 31 | **16176 Nazgob** | global | England | **1384.51** | 65.88 | 1582.14 |
| 32 | **16417 ploppy_mcploppy** | global | England | **1381.53** | 78.31 | 1616.47 |
| 33 | **21949 ringbeard** | global | England | **1378.01** | 58.19 | 1552.57 |
| 34 | **16184 wotfudboy** | global | England | **1372.81** | 62.28 | 1559.66 |
| 35 | **4768 Indibro** | global | England | **1370.3** | 79.46 | 1608.69 |
| 36 | **14738 Bobafettsmum** | global | England | **1369.2** | 82.03 | 1615.29 |
| 37 | **23554 alsarion** | global | England | **1368.74** | 92.03 | 1644.85 |
| 38 | **20553 JBone** | global | England | **1367.64** | 53 | 1526.63 |
| 39 | **20768 spleggy** | global | England | **1355.76** | 53.77 | 1517.08 |
| 40 | **23406 Goldengate** | global | England | **1354.82** | 89.85 | 1624.36 |

Similar top-40 global Glicko English rankings at the **end of April 2018** are found below. As above, these are not peak scores.

| English Global Rankings – end April 2018 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rank** | **NAF number and name** | **Race** | **Nation** | **Rating** | **phi** | **mu** |
| 1 | **10691 kfoged** | global | England | **1601.44** | 49.13 | 1748.83 |
| 2 | **5290 Pipey** | global | England | **1593.42** | 59.38 | 1771.57 |
| 3 | **149 Podfrey** | global | England | **1581.56** | 64.72 | 1775.71 |
| 4 | **11777 Purplegoo** | global | England | **1561.54** | 53.65 | 1722.5 |
| 5 | **12403 Jimjimany** | global | England | **1558.17** | 69.05 | 1765.34 |
| 6 | **70 Geggster** | global | England | **1553.8** | 54.92 | 1718.55 |
| 7 | **3312 Joemanji** | global | England | **1550.46** | 58.72 | 1726.63 |
| 8 | **2870 Lycos** | global | England | **1534.92** | 47.42 | 1677.17 |
| 9 | **10434 Don_Vito** | global | England | **1507.72** | 61.8 | 1693.13 |
| 10 | **7553 stick_with_poo_on_the_end** | global | England | **1497.69** | 65.22 | 1693.35 |
| 11 | **21829 Endzone** | global | England | **1480.94** | 124.77 | 1855.23 |
| 12 | **5131 Besters** | global | England | **1469.13** | 52.88 | 1627.76 |
| 13 | **7769 Petew** | global | England | **1463.7** | 79.29 | 1701.59 |
| 14 | **12545 Winkle_Picka** | global | England | **1456** | 72.78 | 1674.34 |
| 15 | **13409 mubo** | global | England | **1447.43** | 70.56 | 1659.12 |
| 16 | **5893 GORGOROTH** | global | England | **1446.36** | 53.96 | 1608.26 |
| 17 | **20556 Wulfyn** | global | England | **1440.78** | 58.66 | 1616.77 |
| 18 | **8690 Ambush3** | global | England | **1420.9** | 92.36 | 1697.98 |
| 19 | **9897 NippyLongskar** | global | England | **1419.85** | 63.76 | 1611.12 |
| 20 | **8901 wilzif** | global | England | **1418.09** | 80.34 | 1659.13 |
| 21 | **9370 Ceetee** | global | England | **1409.73** | 65.49 | 1606.19 |
| 22 | **16845 speedingbullet** | global | England | **1405.62** | 74.17 | 1628.14 |
| 23 | **7873 Maverick** | global | England | **1397.85** | 68.27 | 1602.65 |
| 24 | **11832 SillySod** | global | England | **1397.56** | 88.39 | 1662.73 |
| 25 | **16176 Nazgob** | global | England | **1390.7** | 61.75 | 1575.94 |
| 26 | **10658 Sizzler** | global | England | **1385.54** | 60.45 | 1566.9 |
| 27 | **14078 dontcallmeflossy** | global | England | **1381.31** | 97.33 | 1673.29 |
| 28 | **20977 drdeath** | global | England | **1374.73** | 74.7 | 1598.83 |
| 29 | **20617 YogiBedlamBear** | global | England | **1374.5** | 60.46 | 1555.87 |
| 30 | **16184 wotfudboy** | global | England | **1373.49** | 76.86 | 1604.09 |
| 31 | **10572 Barney_the_Lurker** | global | England | **1372.21** | 59.37 | 1550.33 |
| 32 | **14738 Bobafettsmum** | global | England | **1359.06** | 76.64 | 1589 |
| 33 | **20553 JBone** | global | England | **1357.78** | 50.86 | 1510.37 |
| 34 | **16417 ploppy_mcploppy** | global | England | **1354.67** | 82.64 | 1602.59 |
| 35 | **10997 Mamapepe** | global | England | **1347.72** | 83.8 | 1599.13 |
| 36 | **21949 ringbeard** | global | England | **1345.69** | 60.92 | 1528.45 |
| 37 | **10594 Cracol** | global | England | **1345.37** | 103.97 | 1657.28 |
| 38 | **83 Firebreather** | global | England | **1342.92** | 67.44 | 1545.23 |
| 39 | **5227 landrover** | global | England | **1341.35** | 54.04 | 1503.48 |
| 40 | **10845 glowworm** | global | England | **1337.79** | 54.24 | 1500.5 |

For general information about Glicko rankings, including the interaction between *phi* and *mu* scores, see https://www.thenaf.net/rankings/glicko-overview/