



About the International Template

The International Template is an appendix of the EBPF Constitution and as such is written in conjunction with the Rules, Procedures and Guidelines provided within the constitution. It is a working document but can only be changed through a process where the International Committee submit proposed changes that are sanctioned by the Executive Committee or by majority vote at an AGM.

It also considers the Rules, Procedures and Guidelines of the European Blackball Association (EBA), Blackball International (BI) and World Pool Association (WPA).

International Committee (IC)

1. The EBPF International Committee (IC) has been formed to promote WPA Blackball rules at an international level.
2. The International Committee is a sub-committee of the EBPF and as such, the IC shall implement the rules and guidelines as set out by the EBPF and shall report to the EBPF Executive Committee (EC) via the International Co-ordinator (ICO).
3. The IC consists of the International Coordinator and International Managers (one per international category). Figure 1 shows the structure of the International Committee
4. IC members are elected for a three-year term of office by the EC.
 - a. Positions will be advertised by the National Secretary via county managers and the new website for two weeks. Applications should be sent to the National Secretary and international coordinator with their CV. All applications will be reviewed by the IC and sanctioned by the EC.
 - b. The 1st year of the term for all positions shall be probationary and extended to the full term following satisfactory performance of all duties and responsibilities.
 - c. Should any position be vacated for any reason during the normal 3-year term, the position will be advertised by the Secretary on EBPF website forum, on social media and via County Managers.
5. Although not exhaustive, the roles and responsibilities of the members of the IC are as follows:
 - a. International Coordinator
 - i. Executive Committee Member
 - ii. Chair International Committee meetings.
 - iii. Overall responsibility for running the EBPF International structure.
 - iv. Work with the Secretary to ensure accurate information is passed to the EBPF Membership in a timely manner.
 - v. Advisor of the International Template.
 - vi. Ensure that all international players stats are collated for reference at the end of the season
 - vii. Ensure International trials are conducted in a standard format and results are announced and available on the EBPF web site within 14 days of the trial.



viii. Highest level of appeal for any decision made within the International Committee.

b. International Managers

- i. International managers will be automatic squad members and can only play if team is short unless they have been retained through retention process.
- ii. Communication of all International events to players in a timely manner.
- iii. Appoint team captains following consultation with the relevant team.
- iv. Issue availability/selection letters provided by the ICO to all players including the deadline set by the ICO for replying or exclusions will apply.
- v. Provide final team selections (those attending) to the International Coordinator by the date set by the ICO prior to each event.
- vi. Complete and return players statistical documentation to the International Coordinator within 7 days of each event.
- vii. Ensure that teams are run in accordance with the rules and guidelines set by the EBPF.
- viii. Ensure captains act in a fair and unbiased manner with respect to their responsibilities and in their attitude and relationship with all players.
- ix. Organise, run and assist other managers in running of international trials.
- x. Due to confidentiality and child protection the Specials, U18's and U15's managers will be appointed following a successful DBS check.

6. Basic decisions, where applicable within the IC will be based on majority voting, any rule change must be approved by the executive committee (EC) and communicated before coming into effect.

7. International managers will be paid £200 for each international event they attend.

International Eligibility

8. To play for England players must have attended or played in 50% of county matches or played in 75% of the EBPF national tour or other sanctioned events by the EBPF. Player Eligibility can also be achieved at our international trials. National Singles winners. National Super 7s singles winner. National Tour grand final winners, all agreed by the International Coordinator and sanctioned by the executive committee.
9. Representation at county level must be no lower than the international section players are selected for.
10. Once qualified as an international player you can only play B or above in county, No C team player can be sent to the trials.
11. The International season runs from 1st Oct to 30th Sept each year.
12. Seniors and master's players must be of the required age for that category (as set by the EBA) at the next international event:
 - Senior - 40 years of age or over
 - Master - 50 years of age or over
 - Grand Masters 60 years of age or over
13. U23s can also play in men's B section if the tournament does not clash with fixtures, U18 and U15 players must be of the required age for that category as set by the EBA.



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Proof of age identification in the above categories must be provided to the relevant international manager. Copies are to be provided to the International Coordinator.

14. A current International is deemed to be any player that has retained their place from the season's figures, has qualified or retained their place via trials or added as a wildcard.
15. Where a player's international category doesn't exist in the County the player can play in another category where attendance in this category will apply
16. International players may resign their international place by submitting their resignation in writing to their International Manager. Players that have resigned will cease to be an international effective immediately from receipt of their written resignation
17. In the event of a team manager wishing to nominate a wildcard, that manager must present a CV to the International Coordinator and gain agreement prior to the player being asked to attend an event, which must be sanctioned by the EC.

Team Structure and Guidance

18. All international squads will be run to a two-tier system (A & B)
Players will be selected into the A, B or B1 teams depending on ability and may be promoted/demoted during the international year.
19. Each England category will consist of the minimum number of players for each team
 - 5-person teams = 6 players
 - 7-person teams = 9 players
20. Managers may select additional reserves when required, selected in order, as per the trial's statistics held by the International Coordinator.
21. Players will be required to make themselves available for a minimum of two tournaments per year and will receive an invitation to attend each tournament approx. 3 months prior to the commencement of each tournament.
 - World Championships / Nations Cup (Sept - Nov)
 - European Championships (Mar - May)
22. Any International player and/or Manager who fails to attend an event without a valid reason will not automatically be selected for the next event. For the purposes of guidance, the following circumstances would constitute a valid reason (this list is non-exhaustive): - even with a valid reason for non-attendance does not mean automatic return to the squad.
 - Serious illness/bereavement of close family member
 - Personal Medical Condition
 - Childbirth involving immediate family member
 - Educational Exams

Not being able to afford to attend or not being able to get time off work will not be automatically accepted as a valid reason. Players must contact their manager as soon as a possible problem arises and maintain dialogue with their manager should their circumstances change. Each case will be reviewed on its merits by the International Committee

23. All International players must inform their Team Manager of any changes to their contact details immediately something changes.
24. All England International players must wear England dress at competitions:
 - England Collared Polo Shirts
 - Black trousers or Skirt (Ladies)



- Black leather dress shoes

Note: International teams must wear the same colour polo shirts at matches

25. Players are allowed to wear personal sponsorship logos on shirts, provided that:

- Sponsors logos, websites, and wording etc are allowed if pre-approved by ICO. The EBPF will assist and support players with sponsorship wherever possible.
- Logos are worn on shirt sleeves or chest only.
- Logos do not represent illegal activities of any kind

Team Selection

26. Managers will send a Tournament notification/confirmation of availability letter to all eligible players prior to each tournament. This will contain a date by which a reply must be received. Any player who fails to reply by that date will be considered as unavailable.

International Qualification and Trials

27. International trials for each category will be held (if required) following the completion of the County season at a venue decided by the IC. The venue will be determined by a bidding system which is to be completed before the start of the following County season.

28. Dates of the trials will be organised as follows

I. Men's, Ladies, Seniors, master's and U23 trials will all be held on separate days or on the same day at a separate venue.

II. U15 and U18 will be held on the same date at the same venue.

29. Players may trial for multiple sections but if they have qualified in a section, and qualify in another section, they would automatically rescind any previous position.

30. The trial system to be used will be released at least 14 days prior to trials.

31. The Top 12 ranked players within each county region (excluding current Internationals) will be eligible to trial providing they achieve a win rate of 55% or more. This excludes the following sections which are open trials.

- U15
- U18
- U23

Additional players may be invited at the Managers discretion.

32. All U15, U18 and U23 players who become overage will automatically be entitled to trial for the next category up.

33. Current International players may trial in another category but if they qualify in that other category, they immediately rescind their previous place

34. International Managers will send written confirmation to every player that have successfully qualified for international duty within the England squad. This also includes the reserve list communication 1 week after the trials. The International coordinator must be copied in, the successful players from trials and existing squads will play Internationals available over the following year.

35. Any new player to the U15, U18, U23, Seniors and master's squads will be required to provide a copy of age identification



36. All records of trials must be maintained by the International Coordinator, including but not limited to draws, results and play
37. All players must reach 60% for yearly tournaments to be considered for the following year.
38. Any B or B1 player to hit above 75% at the end of the season gets the opportunity to play off for the A team with any player below 60%
39. Captains will get 2.5% per tournament allowance towards their stats.

Grievance Procedure

40. In the event of a grievance, the person involved must contact the EBPF representatives in the following order:
 - Team Captain
 - Team Manager
 - International Committee via the International Coordinator
 - Executive Committee

Code of Conduct

41. Any persons representing England are expected to behave in a manner that is not detrimental to the reputation of the EBPF as they are officially representing the organisation. This should include, although not an exhaustive list:
 - Unsportsmanlike behaviour
 - Behaving outside the spirit of the Game
 - Behaving in an inappropriate manner whilst in Uniform or whilst at an EBPF, BI, EBA organised / affiliated event
 - Behaving in a way detrimental to the Game / Organisation
 - Behaving in a way likely to bring the Game / Organisation into disrepute

This is a set protocol and has been taken from the EBPF constitution and as such applies to all aspects of the EBPF.

Penalties for breaches of the code of conduct will be determined by the Team Manager in the first instance, allowing for appeals in following order, International Committee and Executive Committee. Any appeals must be received in writing within 7 days of any ruling. However, if the offence is deemed of such severity in nature, it may be passed directly to the Executive Committee to make the ruling.

The Code of Conduct is effective for the duration of any international tournament and applies to all International Players both on and off the table and outside the playing arena

42. All international players must accept the WADA regulations and should expect to be randomly tested at any competition.

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