



ENGLAND

**Pairs Trial for 2024 European
Open National Teams
Championship**

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Definitions

1.1 The Conditions of Contest for the trial for the 2024 European National Teams Championship England open team comprise the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest. This document should be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Contest.

1.2 Where the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest are in conflict, the Specific Conditions of Contest will take precedence.

2. Scope of the Trial

2.1 The trial for the 2024 European National Teams Championship consists of one stage, played as far as possible under international championship conditions, to select two pairs to represent England in the Open category of the European National Teams Championship, to be held in Herning, Denmark, in June 2024.

2.2 This trial is for the Open team at the 2024 European National Teams Championship, not for any event for which England may qualify at that Championship

2.3 The winning pair in the trial will earn selection to the England Open team for the championship. David Gold and Andrew Robson have been selected for the team in advance of the trial. The third pair on the team will be determined by the Selection Committee taking into account the views of the trial winners and the pre-selected pair.

3. Entry fee

3.1 The entry fee for the trial is £150 per player.

4. Eligibility

4.1 All players must meet the eligibility conditions laid down in Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

4.2 Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford at gordon@ebu.co.uk

4.3 If a player loses either their good standing or their eligibility during the course of the season, then that player will be disqualified from further participation in the trial and from ultimate selection to represent England.

5. Registered players and substitutes

5.1 Sections 6 and 7 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this event in their entirety.

6. Timetable and format

6.1 The trial will be held from Friday 12th January – Monday 15th January 2024.

6.2 The venue for the trial will be:

The Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 21 Dalling Road, London W6 0JD.

6.3 The trial will consist of 240 boards played in 15 sets of 16 boards. The schedule of play is:

Date	Match	Start	Finish
12 Jan	1	10:45	13:00
	2	13:15	15:30
	3	16:00	18:15
	4	18:30	20:45
13 Jan	5	10:45	13:00
	6	13:15	15:30
	7	16:00	18:15
	8	18:30	20:45
14 Jan	9	10:45	13:00
	10	13:15	15:30
	11	16:00	18:15
	12	18:30	20:45
15 Jan	13	10:45	13:00
	14	13:15	15:30
	15	16:00	18:15

6.4 The Director of the trial may bring forward starting times of sessions with the agreement of the players, or may delay starting times of sessions for appropriate reasons (for example, if a ruling is required before a session starts).

6.5 The movement has been determined in advance and is perfectly balanced with regard to competition between pairs.

6.6 Scoring will be by cross-IMPs divided by the number of comparisons. All results will be displayed correct to 2 decimal places.

7. Systems and partnership understandings

7.1 Systems and conventions which are authorised at 'EBU Level 5' are permitted throughout, whether or not categorised by the WBF as 'Brown Sticker' or 'HUM'. Other Brown Sticker methods and HUM systems are not permitted.

7.2 WBF System cards must be used by all participants and submitted in advance to Louise Crisp (louise@ebu.co.uk) by Thursday 4th January 2024.

8. Late arrival, withdrawal or slow play

8.1 Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply in their entirety to this trial.