

## EuroChamps 2027

### Event Stakeholder Board – Player Representative

<b>Role:</b>	EuroHockey Championships 2027 (EHC27) Player Representative
<b>Location:</b>	Meetings will usually take place at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, LVHTC or Harlequins or virtually.
<b>Salary:</b>	Voluntary position - Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses payable in line with the England Hockey expenses policy.
<b>Contract:</b>	August 2026 to August 2027.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	4-6 meetings per year. Additional time may be required on occasions and in the build-up to EHC27.

#### Background

England Hockey’s mission is to “share the love of hockey and work together to make hockey more visible, relevant and accessible to all”. The current focus for the organisation is delivery of its 5 objectives within the 2023-2028 strategic plan which can be found [here](#).

England has been awarded the hosting rights for the prestigious EuroHockey Championships 2027, This major European event, sanctioned by EuroHockey, will see the finest hockey talent from Europe compete in an unforgettable tournament in Summer 2027.

#### EuroHockey Championships 2027

It will be the first time since 2015 that the EuroHockey Championships will return to English soil. The EuroHockey Championships 2027 will bring thousands of international visitors to England and offer a significant boost to the sport at all levels, from grassroots to elite performance.

Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, located in the iconic Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, whose purpose-built facilities are designed to meet the highest international standards, will host the group games, quarter finals and side events for the 2027 event.

The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will see the return of Big Stadium Hockey, a pioneering concept transforming sporting stadiums into world-class hockey venues. This innovative approach offers the unique opportunity to bring hockey to larger audiences, with up to 15,000 fans planned for each of the semi-finals and final.

#### Nature and Scope:

The Event Stakeholder Board (ESB) is an advisory group set up to plan, organise, commercialise and successfully stage EHC27. This group is charged with ensuring that the strategic objectives for the event are achieved and governance obligations are met.

Meeting at approximately bimonthly intervals, with additional email communication as required, the group will consider operational delivery plans, social impact / legacy, commercial & marketing opportunities, budget management and international relations.

The event is funded by UK Sport and underwritten by England Hockey.



Responsibilities of the ESB include, but are not limited to:

- Setting and delivering against the strategic objectives for the event.
- Ensuring conditions of funding agreements are met.
- Ensuring the event operates within the agreed budget, together with consideration and approval of any changes to the event budget.
- Providing assurance and risk management on the delivery plans for the event.

### HOW YOU WILL CONTRIBUTE:

The Player Representative will:

- Provide an athlete perspective on event planning and delivery.
- Support strategic direction and event legacy objectives.
- Advise on athlete experience and international best practice.
- Act as an ambassador and spokesperson for the event and wider sport.
- Support stakeholder, partner, and player engagement.
- Contribute to board discussions, governance, and decision-making.
- Promote athlete welfare, inclusion, and sporting integrity.

### WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

We are a values-based organisation with a strong ethos to work with integrity and nurture an environment of inclusion. We are looking for enthusiastic, inspirational, and highly skilled individuals who demonstrate through their behaviour the values of England Hockey:

- Collaborate inclusively
- Care for people and places
- Play with spirit, win with grace
- Resilient in everything we do

### Experience, Skills and Abilities

- Former hockey international athlete with elite competition experience.
- Recent experience of the international game.
- Understanding of major event environments and athlete needs.
- Strong network within the sport.
- Experience in ambassadorial, advisory, or leadership roles desirable.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strategic thinking and sound judgement.
- Credibility and influence within the sport.
- Collaborative approach and ability to provide constructive challenge.
- Passion for sport, events, and athlete development.

<b>To Apply:</b>	Please submit your expression of interest by email to: Michele Townsend, Head of People: <a href="mailto:careers@englandhockey.co.uk">careers@englandhockey.co.uk</a> clearly identifying how your skills and experience are relevant to the requirements outlined in the job description.  England Hockey is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and building a diverse community and we particularly welcome expressions of interest from people with ethnically diverse backgrounds or with a disability or long-term health condition as these groups are currently underrepresented at England Hockey.  <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EDIMon">We would be pleased if you could also complete the Equality Monitoring Form – please use the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EDIMon</a>
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b>Interview Date:</b>	TBC