

THE WORLD CUP OF 1985 - Guidelines

The March/April 2023 Peoples Pop Poll is a poll of the year 1985.

I'm planning for the actual matches to be run on peoples-pop.com with the Twitter account pointing to them. The nominations will be on Twitter as usual (see below).

Nominations day is **Saturday 18th February** starting at 4PM UK time and continuing until I have enough main nominations. Nominations via DM are open now if you won't be around for this. Bear in mind that these noms won't be "unsealed" until we're past the initial rush.

I'm always delighted to get picks from first time nominators!

NOMINATIONS PROCESS!

The noms process is the usual one.

1. You pick **four tracks from 1985**, by different artists.
2. You nominate those tracks, **in order of preference**.
3. All the tracks should be on either Spotify, YouTube or Bandcamp (you don't have to include links unless it's Bandcamp only)
4. If you want a specific mix or edit, please specify it!

HOW DO YOU NOMINATE?

If you are on Twitter, nominate by:

- replying to the Nominations Thread on Twitter (@peoples_pop)
- DMing the @peoples_pop account with your picks

If you are NOT on Twitter, nominate by:

- Replying to the Nominations Post on freakytrigger.co.uk

DM and posted nominations will be unsealed after the initial rush of Twitter noms.

WHAT HAPPENS TO NOMINATIONS?

Everyone's top eligible pick goes on the public spreadsheet as their MAIN. Their other eligible nominations will go into the BONUS pool, which I will select tracks from to fill out the poll.

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?

If it came out for the first time in 1985 it's eligible. If it came out for the first time earlier than that it isn't even if it was a hit in 1985. "Came out" in most cases means "released commercially", i.e. not on a promo.

For example, Tears For Fears' Songs From The Big Chair is a 1985 album. Everything on it is eligible EXCEPT "Shout" which was a 1984 single.

Exceptions!

- Tracks released in the final couple of weeks of 1984 are OK.
- Tracks first released in the artist's home country in 1985 but earlier elsewhere are OK
- I'll be more lenient on tracks from places or within genres where documentation on Wikipedia and Discogs is spotty.
- Remixes and single edits of tracks from pre-1985 are OK if they're substantially different.

WHAT'S NOT ELIGIBLE?

- As usual there's a **BANLIST** of stuff which has already performed very well overall or quite well in a recent poll. See below.
- Nothing from the Soundtracks poll is eligible, no matter how well it did. (eg no "Don't You (Forget About Me)")

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY NOMINATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?

My usual arbiter is Discogs, though Discogs has an annoying tendency to list promo release dates not commercial ones. If there's ambiguity I check Wikipedia.

CAPPING

We are back to a **2 tracks per artist** cap. I'll update the nominations thread and public spreadsheet regularly with who's reached the cap. Solo artists/side projects and bands count separately. Pseudonyms don't.

BANLIST

Tracks on the banlist are excluded based on prior performance - other tracks by these artists entirely acceptable!

A-Ha - Take On Me

Barrington Levy - Here I Come

Falco - Rock Me Amadeus

Pet Shop Boys - West End Girls

Psychic TV - Godstar

Siouxsie And The Banshees - Cities In Dust

The Commodores - Nightshift