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Rules and Regulations

#### What is the British Isles Tournament?

The British Isles Tournament is open to all players from or residing in the British Isles and aims to find the best player from the British Isles in a tournament format.

This year, the competition's qualifying and final will be held online.

The British Isles Tournament is not an official competition of GeoGuessr AB, the company that publishes the online game.

#### **Basic Rules**

- Any cheating, or use of unauthorized third-party software to facilitate the game, is strictly prohibited and will result in permanent exclusion from the competition. Obtaining any help outside of the geoguessr application is considered cheating (using any other website, using scripts in the browser, consulting with other people, looking at maps or information outside of the GeoGuessr application, digital or paper).
- 2. Racism, sexism, homophobia or any other manifestation of hatred towards anyone is strictly prohibited and will result in permanent exclusion from the competition.
- 3. Harassment, or any other form of toxicity, is strictly prohibited.
- 4. Players must, at all times, show respect towards other participants and the organising team.
- 5. In the event of a dispute between competitors, we ask that you contact the tournament administrators if no amicable solution is found.
- 6. The organising team has the final say on any decision.

# <u>Registration</u>

### Who Can Register?

Anyone that is from, or resides, in the British Isles is welcome to register. If you have a GeoGuessr account and have not been banned by GeoGuessr or another GeoGuessr competition on any account in the last 24 months, you are welcome to register. If you have been banned for cheating or behavioral issues by GeoGuessr or another GeoGuessr competition, you may be refused entry to the British Isles Tournament.

A decision on all entrants admitted to the qualifying stage of the will be at full discretion of the organising team.

### **Price of Entry**

This is an online competition, there is no charge for entering the competition.

## **Player Representation**

Within the registration form you will be asked to indicate counties of the British Isles that you would like to represent, ranking them from 1-3. It is not necessary to have a real connection with the counties you wish to represent. This could be where you were born, the county where you once went on holiday as a child, the county in which the city where you studied lies or simply one that you like without having been there. The goal is to have an overall deeper connection to players from the viewers who might see their favoured region represented on the big stage.

#### How to Register?

To register, simply fill out the form here.

# **Qualification**

#### General

The qualifying rounds will take place from 16th June to 10th August 2025, inclusive. During these few months, all registered players will compete until we have a final 16 to take part in the online finals. The qualifying rounds will be divided into two stages: a challenge stage and a Swiss round.

All registrants are required to provide a VOD (video recording) of their games. Any player who does not provide all the VODs will not be selected for the final stages. The VODs will be shared by the players with the organising team via the means of their choice (such as an online video platform). The VODs must show the candidate's entire game screen,

including browser tab bars and operating system task bars, as well as the audio recording of the game and, if possible, of the candidate. The cursor must be visible.

Round 1: Challenges

16th June 2025 - 22nd June 2025

- British Isles 3' MovingWorld 3' Moving
- World
  Landscapes
  Landscapes
  Landscapes
  NM
  non-5kable
  non-5kable

Round 2: Swiss Stage 30th June 2025 - 10th August 2025

### Challenges

Players will have 5 challenges to complete. Maps must be completed before 23:59 on the 22nd June, at which time the scores will be recorded on the GeoGuessr app by the organising team. In the event of a delay, a score of zero will be awarded to the player on the map(s) not completed before the set deadline. No extensions will be permitted.

The scoring system will be a 6-round RBR system. For each of the 5 rounds of the challenge, as well as the total score of the challenge (6 rounds in total), players will obtain a score of 26 points minus the number of players strictly above their raw score.

### **Swiss Stage**

Players will have to play up to 5 Swiss rounds in BO3 duels (Move - NM - NMPZ) however all 3 modes should be played.

Matchups are randomly drawn and players will have one week to organise between themselves and play their game. The result of the duel is to be published in a dedicated channel on the discord by 23:59 on the Sunday of that week. At the start of the new week, all the players are assigned new duels with the players going 1-0 facing each other and the players sitting at 0-1 playing each other. This system runs for 5 weeks. Once players reach 3 wins, they are through to the finals. Once a player reaches 3 losses, they are eliminated from the competition.

Tiebreakers are in order as follows: H2H, Round Differential, Challenges Total Score.

# **Finals**

The finals will take place online over the 4th and 5th October 2025. The finals will be cast on Twitch.

Provisional schedule for the final rounds. This schedule is subject to change:

Quarter Finals - BO5 - Saturday 4th October 2025 - 4 games streamed

- British Isles | NoMove | 2:00
- 5 Countries | Move | 3:00
- World | Move | 3:00
- Duel | NoMove
- Duel | NMPZ

Semi Finals - BO5 - Sunday 5th October 2025 - 2 games streamed

- 5 Country Pick/Ban | TBD | TBD
- 5 Country Pick/Ban | TBD | TBD
- World | Move | 3:00
- Duel Pick/Ban | TBD
- Duel Pick/Ban | TBD

3rd place game - BO5 - Sunday 5th October 2025 - 1 game streamed

- British Isles | NoMove | 2:00
- 5 Countries | Move | 3:00
- World | Move | 3:00
- Duel | NoMove
- Duel | NMPZ

Final - BO7 - Sunday 5th October 2025 - 1 game streamed

- 5 Country Pick/Ban | TBD | TBD
- 5 Country Pick/Ban | TBD | TBD
- World | Move | 3:00
- Chosen Mode/Duel Pick/Ban | TBD
- Chosen Mode/Duel Pick/Ban | TBD
- Duel | NoMove
- Duel I NMPZ

# **Other**

#### **Prize Pool**

A prize pool has not yet been defined. The winner will receive direct qualification into the GeoGuessr European Community Championship finals to be held on the 12th and 13th of December 2025. The second and third place finishers will qualify for a last chance qualifier to make it to the GeoGuessr European Community Championship finals.

### **Image Rights**

By registering, all participants grant their image rights to the British Isles Tournament Organisation. Cameras are required but exceptions may be made depending on circumstances. Players will appear in videos broadcast to the public on a Twitch channel and as such, decent attire, attitude, and language in accordance with Twitch's broadcasting rules are required at all times. Other social media platforms may be used to share images of the competition too.