

## The Great Big Eurovision Time To Talk Sweepstake

We all know that music can really help our mental health.

For a bit of fun, and the potential to share the joy of this years [Eurovision](#), I'm holding a Great Big Eurovision Sweepstake for Time To Talk Mental Health UK.

Each entry will cost just £2, and you can enter as many times as you wish.

Half the total donations will be donated to [TimeToTalkUK.org.uk](https://www.timetotalkuk.org.uk) to aid their work in supporting thousands of adults throughout the UK who are struggling with their mental health or with mental illness.

The rest of the donation pot will be given back in terms of prizes.

As the pot grows, more prizes will be shared.



### How it will work:

1. You decide how many entries you want to make; the cost will be £2 per entry.
2. **Email me your details** ([graham@timetotalkuk.org.uk](mailto:graham@timetotalkuk.org.uk)) – include your name, how many entries you want to make, and how you will pay for them
3. Make the payment – either **PayPal** to [admin@timetotalkuk.org.uk](mailto:admin@timetotalkuk.org.uk) [*please select friends/family so the charity is not charged a fee*] or **via direct bank transfer** (I can supply account details on request)
4. When I receive your email, I'll attempt to reply as soon as possible to confirm I've got it, and if you have paid, that you are in the sweepstake.
5. You will be allocated a group of 3 “**country tags**” for each entry you make
6. The website (<https://www.timetotalkuk.org.uk/the-great-big-eurovision-time-to-talk-sweepstake-2026/>) will be updated with the names of each donor and their list of countries/country tags (no emails will be shared)

### Country Allocation:

There are 35 countries entering the Eurovision.

Each entry will be given a group of THREE countries.

Initially, rather than given individual country names, you will be given a “**country tag**”. Each tag will be linked to a country at random, later in the process.

## Dates and Timescales

The Eurovision final will be held on 16 May 2026, with two semifinals on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Entries must be made and paid for before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of May the allocation of the 35 countries to the “country tags” will be made. This will be random and shared over a video call.

All entries will be shared on this website, together with the “prize table” which will grow as the number of donations increase.

## After the Eurovision final

Each entry will have a “score” that will be the total number of points that each of the three countries receive in the final. Any countries not reaching the final will receive ZERO (NULL) points.

The entries will be ranked, based on the score, with the top few positions receiving a prize. As more entries are made, the number of “prize positions” will grow.

For prize positions, if there is a tie then we will consider:

- Total number of points received in the semi-finals for all the countries in an entry
- If there is still a clash, then we will rate countries higher if they have lower [populations](#).

## Communication

Each entry will be emailed in. The email address used will be used for all communications to donators.

A list of individuals will be displayed on this web site, together with **country tags** or **specific countries** that are part of the entry. Individual names will be listed on the website (against each entry), but no email addresses will be shared.

If you do not wish for your name to be displayed, then please suggest a unique (none offensive) name when you enter,

A month after the final prizes have been shared all data will be deleted.

## Worked examples

consider two entries, which have been allocated country tags as shown

Paula – Entry that has been allocated Country Tags 7, 8 and 16

Steve – has an Entry allocated to Country Tags 7, 10 and 21

The above country tags are allocated to the following counties:

- Country Tag 7 = United Kingdom
- Country Tag 8 = Norway
- Country Tag 10= Ireland
- Country Tag 16 = Poland
- Country Tag 21 = Australia (is that really part of Europe?)

Using the [voting results from last year](#), we can see that the scores in the final were

- United Kingdom = 88 points
- Norway = 89 points
- Ireland = did not reach the final, after being 13<sup>th</sup> in Semifinal 2
- Poland 156 points
- Australia = did not reach the final, after being 11<sup>th</sup> in Semifinal 2
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So for these two individuals entries in the sweepstake, they will score

- Paula scores  $88 + 89 + 156 = 333$
- Steve scores  $22 + 0 + 0 = 88$

Well done Paula!

For details see [www.TimeToTalkUK.org.uk](http://www.TimeToTalkUK.org.uk) (and click the link to the Eurovision Sweepstake)

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