Director for English Powerlifting report for British Powerlifting AGM 2026

2026 for the EPA has probably been the most successful to date. Although the end of 2025 was somewhat disappointing with England as hosts not winning the Home Nations team title the competition set the standard for the English national events that followed.

A tall order to cater for the number of lifters wanting to lift in the national championships with now four separate competitions having to be organized. Nevertheless the newly appointed Head Coach (James Taylor) and Championship Secretary (Lottie Hall) deserve most of the credit and thanks for the tremendous hard work they have put into organising top quality events. I don't think that many competitors realise just how much time and effort is required to run quality championships today. Finding suitable venues, sponsors, and a reliable team of helpers is just part of the challenge.

In February England sent a successful team to compete in the Marion Hammang Memorial Cup championships in Luxembourg. The competition did not attract as many countries as anticipated but with the addition of a Luxembourg team was to some extent a re-run of the Home Nations. It is though a competition that I hope will run again as it offers home nation teams the opportunity to give up and coming lifters an international experience, especially when it is not a Commonwealth year.

With all of our national events over for this year apart from the Home Nations, invites are now being sent out for the Commonwealth championships which is being held in Winnipeg, Canada (September 17-27) and likely to be another large team hoping to strike gold.

The ever increasing number of lifters currently competing in English national competitions does as suggested place an enormous burden on

comp organisers and in my opinion will require future discussion re qualifying standards in order to limit the number of qualifiers and make competitions more manageable and spectator appealing.

After raising the matter of SBD funding that was originally agreed with British Powerlifting with the BP board, a meeting is to be convened as to how the remainder of this funding is to be distributed to the home nations. As not all of this years EPA events made significant profits the amount of support the EPA can give to international teams depends on the level of income received from such generous organisations.

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