



## NAF Tournament Data Review of 2024

This report looks at the data held in the NAF database of tournament games, so will not reflect league games or non-NAF tournament games.

### Number of Games

2024 passed the number of games in 2023, even with the 10,000 games over 3 days in Alicante, as 2300 coaches attended the 5th NAF World Cup. The largest Blood Bowl gathering of the year was in Athens for the Eurobowl and Europen, and there were almost 8000 unique NAF players over the year, 1000 more than in 2023.

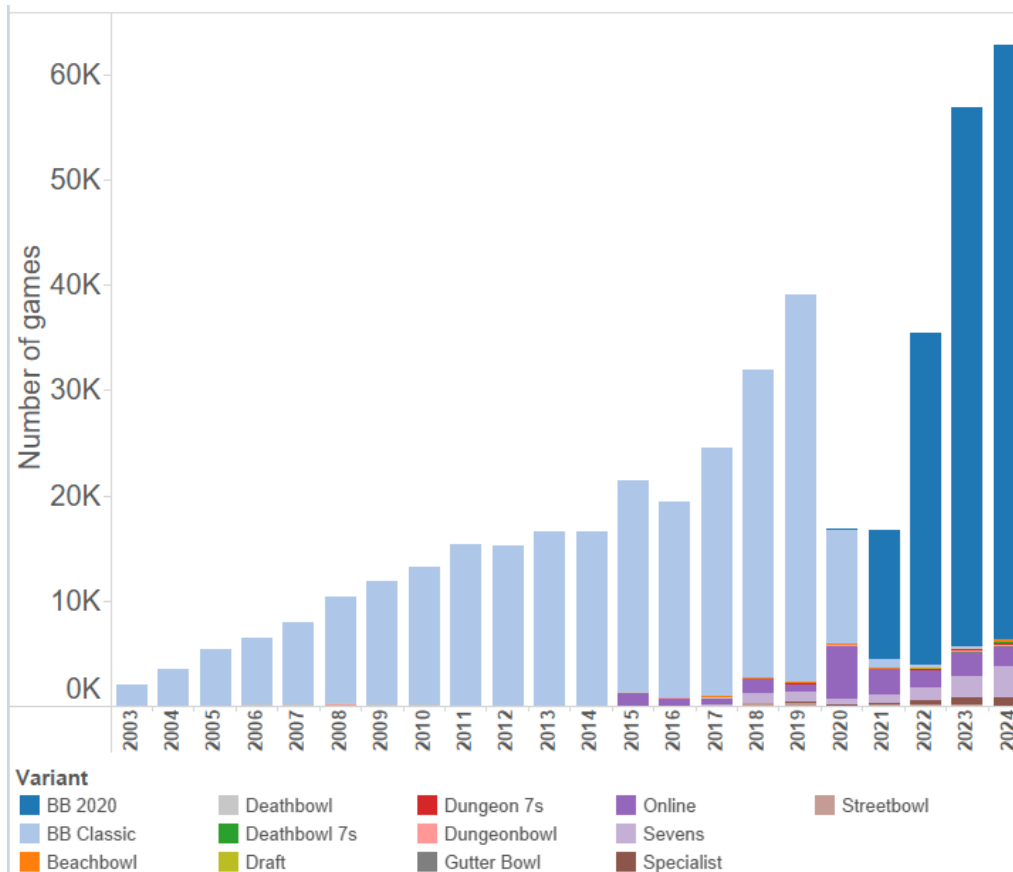


Figure 1 - Number of Games from all variants

### Large Tournaments

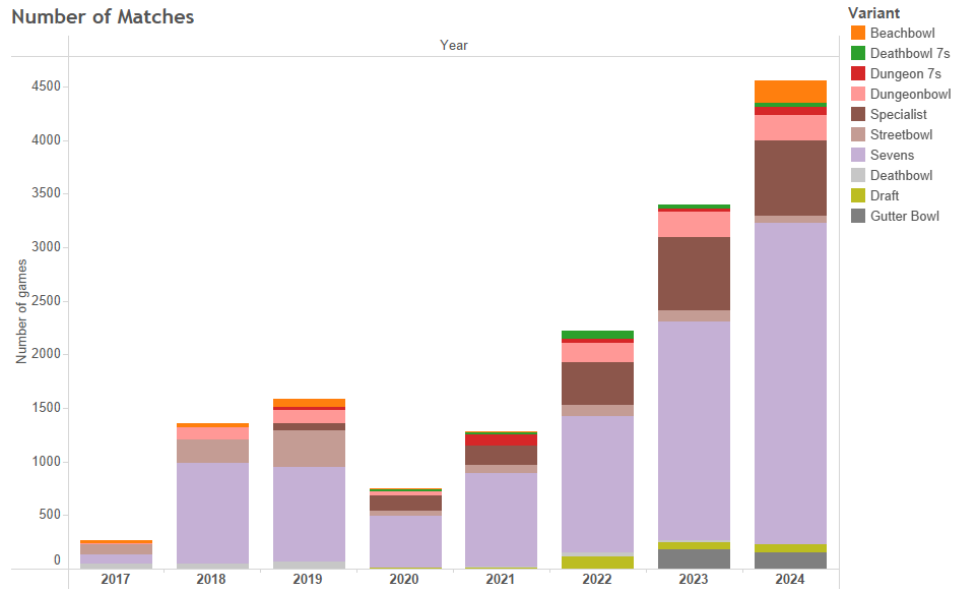
There were 24 tournaments around the world with 100 or more participants, including the Majors in the UK, America, Sweden, Wales, Spain and France and huge team tournaments such as Bilbali, UKTC, Tilea and the Amorical Cup. Some of these large tournaments have reached their 20th occurrence, showing the maturity of the global tournament scene, but they are also joined by newcomers such as the Kent Team Championship.

Tournament	Country	Size
Europen Greece 2024	Greece	429
VII Bilbali Teams Cup, Memorial Aitor	Spain	392
UK Team Challenge IX	UK	306
NAF Championship 2024	UK	279
REVA15	Spain	258
Eurobowl Greece 2024	Greece	224
Tilean Team Cup 2024	Italy	222
Amorical Cup 2024	Canada	202
Chaos Cup 2024	USA	195
The Big V 2024	Australia	159
VIII Mezquita Bowl	Spain	152
German Team Bowl 2024	Germany	136
Thrudball 2024	UK	131
Swedish National Championship (Team tourna..	Sweden	126
DragonBowl XVII	France	121
Kent Team Championship 2024	UK	121
Waterbowl 2024	UK	118
Welsh National Championship 2024	UK	114
Warsaw Winter Cup 2024: Sanki bez trzymanki	Poland	107
Davotational 3	UK	104
The XIX. Dungeonbowl 2024	Germany	104
VI JABALI BOWL	Spain	101
Arènes du Graouilly XI (National France)	France	100
StrangleBowl 5 - Miami Vice Grip	UK	100

### Variants

The most popular variant of tabletop BB continues to be 7s, but people hit the beach in decent numbers for the first time. Specialist variant games stayed around the same, and Gutterbowl and Streetbowl continued to be niche pursuits.

Figure 2 – Number of Variant Matches



### Racial Breakdown

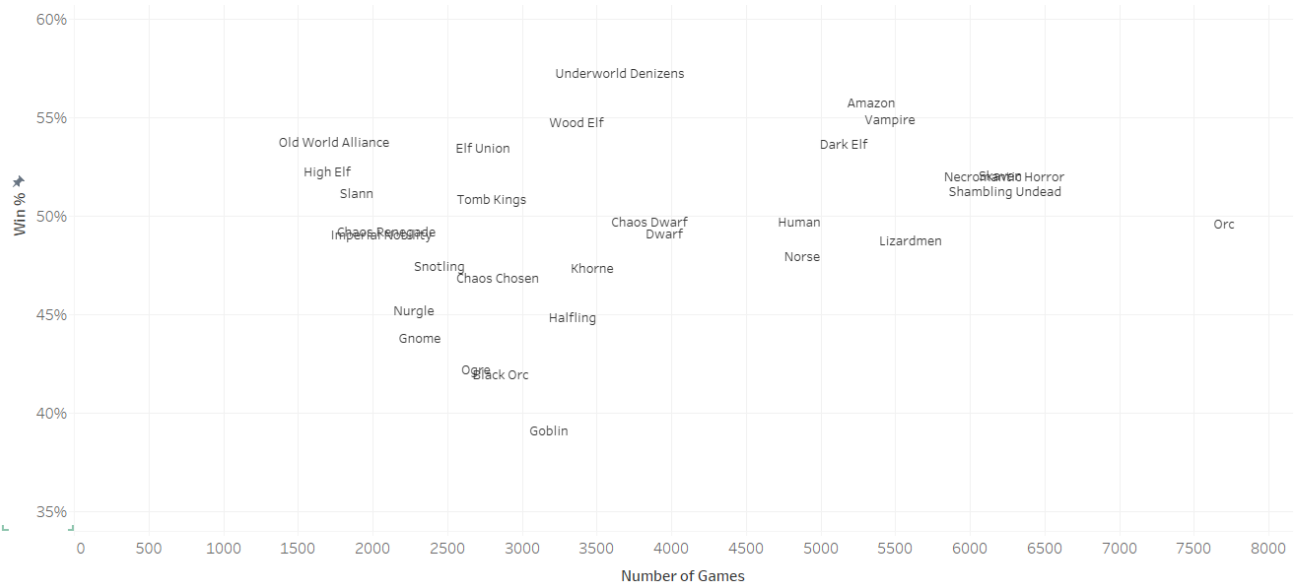


Figure 3 - Success and Popularity

The graph above shows the win percentage and the number of games played for each race, showing the continuing popularity of Orcs and the success of Underworld, carrying on from 2023. Amazons and Wood Elves. The Greek Eurobowl ruleset was used quite extensively throughout the year, and the tiered cash meant that necro, vamps and wood elves got a bit of a boost in the ruleset and thus the win rates. Will be interesting to see the Hungary effect in 2025, particularly on some of the teams that are designed to have to make harder choices, such as Dark Elves.



The full year is only half the story, though, as it was a year of two halves for Underworld following their nerf at the end of the May, as swarming became less effective. The chart on the right show January to May, then June to December is below. You can see from this that pre-nerf Underworld were nudging 60% and in the top 10 most popular teams, then post-nerf this dropped to 53% and were in the bottom 5 in terms of popularity.

The second half of the year saw Wood Elves and Vampires join Amazons at the top of the tree, and it will be interesting to see if a Vampire nerf is forthcoming in the next Designers Commentary, if such things still exist (or is there a new edition coming... ?)

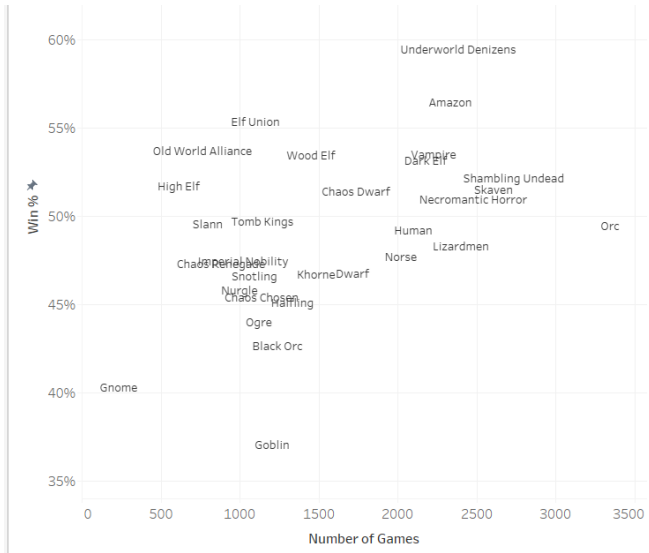


Figure 4 – Success and Popularity Jan – May 2024

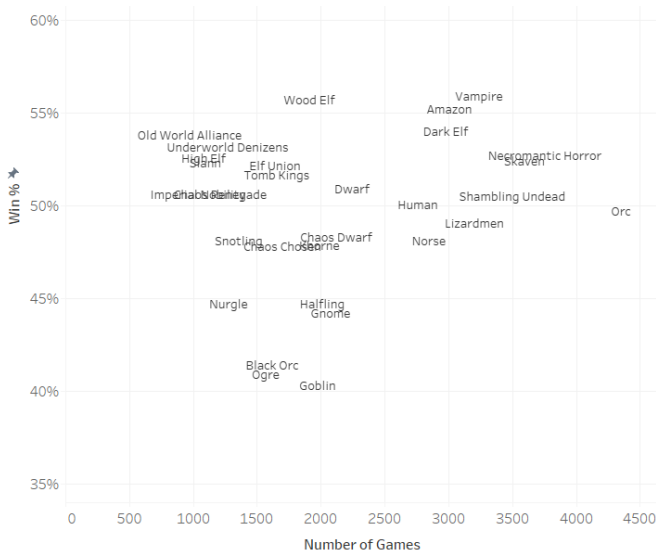


Figure 5 – Success and Popularity June – Dec 2024

Gnomes joined the fun properly in the second half of the year, and there is some debate as to whether they should be seen as a stunty team, though their win rate certainly suggests they are a challenge to play. Goblins had a triumph of sorts by nudging their win rate over 40% in the second half of the year – take the wins where you can get them!

Chaos Dwarves are perceived to have been nerfed late in 2024, though probably too late to account for their win rate dropping from 52% to 48%. Will they be able to breathe fire into their 2024 rating, or is that too bullish an outlook?



### Prolific Coaches

Volkajo’s 176 games in 2023 looked unassailable, but that was ill-judged as Torquemada made a strong start to the year then set his eyes on the prize, finishing on a huge 183 games from 41 tournaments, also smashing the record for the most tournaments in a year. He also played 21 different races in this year, so is not just a Vampire specialist!

#### Most Tournaments Played

Index	Coach	
1	torquemada	41
2	greenskinphil	35
3	Josepe	30
4	Emi_-13-_	28
5	Jazmin	27
6	Ivan_Landwehr	26
7	abaddon	26
8	Volkajo	25
9	grave	25
10	jleav	25
11	mefspores	25
12	Nabolo	24
13	Scouseboy	23
14	AndyDavo	22
15	Atrellu	22
16	Hachablanca	22
17	major	22
18	peterd	22

#### Top Games Played

Index	Coach	# Games
1	torquemada	183
2	greenskinphil	149
3	Josepe	136
4	Volkajo	124
5	Emi_-13-_	122
6	Jazmin	120
7	abaddon	119
8	peterd	119
9	Ivan_Landwehr	117
10	grave	113
11	mefspores	113
12	Nabolo	109
13	Stimme	109
14	AndyDavo	105
15	BB_Jock	105
16	Scouseboy	103
17	Gr4n0t4	102
18	Janninu	99

Figure 6 - Prolific Coaches

### Tournament Winners

Nabolo and Jleav were top of the tournament wins table this year, in a year that saw digital badges for NAF shields being added to the online records, as well as TO, traveller and racial badges. Thanks to those behind these initiatives, and congrats to all winners!

Champions			
Index	NAF Name	Nation	Winner
1	Nabolo	France	7
2	jleav	United States of America	7
3	Drakenspear	Canada	6
4	Helborg	France	6
5	Janninu	Malta	6
6	Clement0	France	5
7	Grither	United States of America	5

**Coach Nation**  
(All) ▾

**Year**  
2024 2024  
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**Variant**  
(Multiple values) ▾

Stunty Cup		
Index	NAF Name	Stunty Cup
1	eboncrow	5
2	pedda	5
3	Captain_Prosecco	4
4	Misifu	4
5	Phuqster	4

Best Painted		
Index	NAF Name	Best Painted
1	Jarvi	6
2	scheming_goblin	5
3	AMSFELD	4
4	Caracolito	3
5	Grasshopper	3

Most Touchdowns		
Index	NAF Name	Most Touchdowns
1	torquemada	9
2	Nabolo	6
3	jleav	5
4	Jogrenaut	4
5	LordBertoCaos	4

Most Casualties		
Index	NAF Name	Most Casualties
1	MaD	6
2	ArmorArmadillo	5
3	Argon77	4
4	Non-NAF	4
5	Vidal	4

Figure 7 – Winners in BB2020 in 2024

### Growth Across the World

To look at growth internationally I've looked at the number of unique players in each year, which is the number of coaches from a nation that player in a tournament in a particular year, and it was impressive that Spain grew from 2023 after hosting the World Cup – great to see that it seems the game has had a big boost following that hugely successful event! Cyprus snuck in with 11 registered players after appearing in the Eurobowl for the first time – hopefully they will make it to Hungary as well!

There was big growth in unique players in almost all the big countries, with only Denmark among the top 20 not growing their player base. Ukraine now has a huge 19 NAF coaches after putting on a tournament in Kiev under challenging circumstances – much respect!

You can also see below the number of tournaments that took place in each country – the first ones in China, Cyprus, Ukraine and Luxembourg!

Location	2022	2023	2024
Andorra		2	1
Australia	22	32	40
Austria	5	7	8
BB online		1	5
Belgium	10	13	15
Bulgaria	2	2	3
Canada	31	58	75
Chile	9	5	7
China			1
Colombia	1	2	2
Cyprus			1
Czech Republic	3	9	11
Denmark	9	14	16
Finland	7	12	18
France	47	55	68
FUMBBL	13	10	10
Germany	53	67	59
Greece	4	5	8
Hungary	1	2	1
Ireland	1	4	4
Italy	32	31	44
Lithuania	1	2	2
Luxembourg			1
Malta	10	10	15
Mexico	4	2	1
Netherlands	5	9	13
New Zealand	5	10	17
Norway	5	6	8
Poland	14	19	22
Portugal	6	9	5
Slovenia	1	2	3
South Africa	1	1	4
Spain	84	104	113
Sweden	13	21	23
Switzerland	5	3	5
Ukraine			2
United Kingdom	126	166	210
United States	158	183	233
Uruguay	2	2	2

Figure 8 – Unique Coaches per Country

Nation	≡	2022	2023	2024
United States Of Ameri..		860	1,147	1,255
England		944	1,069	1,291
Spain		880	1,049	1,207
France		549	680	735
Germany		303	378	415
Italy		255	307	399
Australia		215	332	382
Canada		184	289	360
Poland		134	131	201
Scotland		110	146	176
Sweden		109	160	168
Wales		86	93	118
Denmark		82	103	100
New Zealand		49	68	107
Finland		47	77	105
Belgium		54	70	87
Ireland		26	58	69
Netherlands		44	65	65
Portugal		42	65	54
Norway		41	43	49
Mexico		38	30	18
Hungary		24	50	30
Switzerland		33	45	40
Austria		27	35	49
North Ireland		18	39	44
Chile		33	24	25
Greece		31	34	46
Malta		37	36	41
Czech Republic		13	33	41
Colombia		7	14	19
Ukraine		3	2	19
Uruguay		13	13	14
Bulgaria		13	10	12
South Africa		6	9	11
Lithuania		8	11	14
Cyprus				11

Figure 9 – Tournaments per Country



## Rankings at Year End

A few changes in the NAF rankings this year, though OlivierDulac is still #1 with his Skaven. Verrinho's Lizards dropped a few places, leaving Clement0 in 3rd place, after not being in the top 20 this year. Could we have a new world #1 in 2025?

Coach	Nation	Race	Variant	Ranking
Olivierdulac	France	Skaven	BB 2020	288.5
KFoged	England	Dark Elf	BB 2020	278.1
Clement0	France	Amazon	BB 2020	276.8
Besters	England	Elf Union	BB 2020	271.6
Sol	USA	Skaven	BB 2020	271.2
Matte8	Italy	Dark Elf	BB 2020	267.8
PeteW	England	Dark Elf	BB 2020	264.8
javin23	Spain	Underworld Denizens	BB 2020	264.5
Verrinho	Italy	Lizardmen	BB 2020	263.6
Frikipe	Spain	Dwarf	BB 2020	260.3
bletos	Spain	Lizardmen	BB 2020	259.7
AndyDavo	Wales	Necromantic Horror	BB 2020	259.4
Helborg	France	Underworld Denizens	BB 2020	259.4
grosnain	France	Lizardmen	BB 2020	258.8
strider84	Switzerland	Wood Elf	BB 2020	258.4
Jeff	France	Shambling Undead	BB 2020	257.6
Junior84	Germany	Lizardmen	BB 2020	257.3
Straume	Norway	Wood Elf	BB 2020	256.9

Figure 10 – Year End NAF Rankings

The most important ranking is of course who is top Black Orc player, as these are clearly the hardest race to play! Pachó joins the fun as current world #1 with gnomes – how long will it be before there is a 200 ranked gnome player, and will it be him?

Race	Coach	Nation	Ranking
Amazon	Clement0	France	276.8
Black Orc	sann0638	Scotland	218.0
Chaos Chosen	Phoenix11	Italy	220.9
Chaos Dwarf	Purplegoo	England	252.5
Chaos Renegade	Malasnoticias	Spain	230.1
Dark Elf	KFoged	England	278.1
Dwarf	Frikipe	Spain	260.3
Elf Union	Besters	England	271.6
Gnome	Pachó	Spain	172.1
Goblin	Duke Luthor	Spain	218.9
Halfling	Storr	Germany	221.3
High Elf	GColeman76	Wales	229.3
Human	Purplegoo	England	241.7
Imperial Nobility	DoTheMario	Poland	226.8
Khorne	Shirokov	Spain	255.9
Lizardmen	Verrinho	Italy	263.6
Necromantic Horror	AndyDavo	Wales	259.4
Norse	Malasnoticias	Spain	249.4
Nurgle	Grither	USA	208.6
Ogre	Shirokov	Spain	206.8
Old World Alliance	mengu	Spain	203.0
Orc	Spartako	Italy	249.3
Shambling Undead	Jeff	France	257.6
Skaven	Olivierdulac	France	288.5
Slann	Stimme	Germany	229.4
Snotling	Volkajo	Ladonia	226.3
Tomb Kings	Volkajo	Ladonia	211.6
Underworld Denizens	javin23	Spain	264.5
Vampire	Spartako	Italy	237.2
Wood Elf	strider84	Switzerland	258.4

Figure 11 – Highest Ranked BB2020 for each race



## Looking Forward

The big event of 2025 is the Eurobowl and Europen in Hungary in October, with many tournaments throughout the year using what has been a hotly debated ruleset – you can find a full list on [Tableau](#), based on using #euro25 in the tournament description on the NAF site. We are also looking forward to the announcement of the location for the 2027 World Cup, with four locations bidding; USA, France, Malta and New Zealand. Rumours continue to swirl about a new box set, but the author knows as little as anyone reading this about that!

You can find a full list of upcoming tournaments with maps [here](#), and my [Tableau Public profile](#) contains interactive versions of all the analysis above.

Tourplay continues to grow and is probably now equal with Score as the default tournament software, though is obviously still internet reliant, so depends on the venue. BBTM was used at the Amorical Cup, and is mentioned as the software for use at some of the World Cup bids, along with the software from the last World Cup. Lots of options for TOs to use!

I'll finish with a big thank you to TD Stimme and the tournament staff for all their work approving tournaments and supporting Tournament Organisers, and of course all the TOs for organising the tournaments that we all love!

## Looking Back

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