

PLAYERS TOUR SERIES INVITATION POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

This Players Tour Invitation Policy (the “Invitation Policy”) covers the invitation and eligibility criteria for the Magic Pro League’s (“MPL”) Players Tour Series tournaments and the qualifying tournaments that award invitations or byes to them as of the date of this update through 11:59 PM (Pacific) on December 31, 2020. The most recent version of this document can be found at <https://magic.gg/players-tour?section=policy#tabletop>.

Players Tour events include the following:

- Players Tour Finals
- Players Tour
- WPN Qualifiers
- Players Tour Qualifiers
- Magic Premier Series
- Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers
- Grand Prix
- Grand Prix Trials

This Invitation Policy is published in multiple languages. If a discrepancy exists between the English version and a non-English version of the Invitation Policy, the terms set forth in the English version shall govern.

Specific questions about this Invitation Policy may be emailed to esports@wizards.com with "Invitation Policy Inquiry" in the subject line.

The MPL reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, modify and change this document or the programs it supports at any time without notice, including, but not limited to, modifying all eligibility and invitation criteria.

1. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

Players that are currently suspended are not eligible to compete in any sanctioned tournaments and may not receive invitations or be awarded byes to tournaments.

Certain individuals may not be eligible to compete in certain sanctioned tournaments because of their employment status (e.g. the MPL, Wizards of the Coast LLC (“Wizards”), Hasbro, Inc., or other employees).

Tournaments are classified as open or invitation-only.

Any player may compete in an open tournament as long as they are not currently suspended and meets the general tournament eligibility requirements set out in the [Magic: The Gathering Tournament Rules](#) and any other restrictions or requirements as listed under the description for that open tournament.

Only eligible players who have received an invitation may compete in invitation-only tournaments.

2. INVITATION REGULATIONS

Invitations awarded by means described within this policy are officially awarded only upon The MPL's verification of tournament results and reports provided by tournament organizers to The MPL in the proper files and forms.

Invitations described in this policy may not be transferred or passed down from one player to another, except as explicitly described in this policy. Invitations must be used for the tournaments to which they apply and may not be deferred to future events. A player's ability to compete in any tournament is subject to the requirements stated in this policy, including without limitation, that each player meet the eligibility requirements for that tournament and have agreed to the terms when signing up for their Wizards account.

Except as specifically stated and described in this policy, invitations may not be renounced by players, and if a player cannot (or chooses not to) use an invitation, the invitation will not be assigned to another player.

If you receive an invitation, you acknowledge and grant The MPL and Wizards permission to publish your name in the appropriate Tournament Invitation List. Tournament invitation lists are published on the [Magic.gg website](https://www.magic.gg) in the appropriate tournament fact sheet.

Invitations, byes, and any other awards associated with those invitations or byes will not be awarded until complete event results are reported to, received, and reviewed by The MPL. If a tournament official incorrectly or improperly issues an invitation for any reason, The MPL reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to withhold all invitations, byes, and other awards associated with those invitations or byes for an event. Invitations, byes, and any other awards associated with those invitations or byes may be rescinded by The MPL upon investigation. Any such decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Certain invitation criteria in this document require a player to be a member of the Pro Tour Hall of Fame. Information about the Pro Tour Hall of Fame can be found at the [Magic Hall of Fame Information](#) page.

The MPL reserves the right to grant additional invitations or byes to players from time to time, at its sole discretion.

3. PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

All Monetary Prizes are subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

- All taxes are the responsibility of the individual receiving the Monetary Prize.
- Before being awarded any Monetary Prize, the potential recipient must, among other things, (i) agreed to the terms when signing up for their Wizards account, (ii) provide the appropriate IRS tax form, (iii) provide proof of identification, and (iv) provide any other documentation designated by The MPL.
- All monetary prizes at these events are issued in U.S. Dollars.
- A player eligible for a prize must claim their prize within one (1) year from the date of the event in which they won the prize, or the prize is forfeited.

All inquiries about all Monetary Prizes should be directed to esports@wizards.com.

The MPL reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify all prize or award structures, and to substitute any prize or award for another prize or award in its sole discretion.

4. PLANESWALKER POINTS-BASED BYES

Grand Prix offer byes based on Planeswalker Points. For complete details regarding Planeswalker Points, the Planeswalker Points categories, and to find out which events give points in which categories, please read the information section of the [Planeswalker Points](#) website.

The Seasons (defined below) set forth in this Invitation Policy will be updated periodically in this document.

YEARLY AWARD POINTS

Yearly Award Points are used to award byes to Grand Prix.

Each Yearly Award Points Season is comprised of all competitive (non-casual) events during that season's date range listed in the table below.

During each Yearly Award Season, players that have accumulated the required number of Yearly Award Points will receive a one-round or two-round bye for each Grand Prix that is held during the remainder of that season and for the designated Yearly Award Season immediately thereafter (see table below).

Yearly Award Season	Date Range	Awards Byes to GPs held in Seasons
2019 Season	May 28, 2019 through May 26, 2019	2019 Yearly Season 2020 Yearly Season
2020 Season	May 27, 2019 through May 24, 2020	2020 Yearly Season

5. PLAYER POINTS

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6. APPEALS

If a player believes that an error in his or her event history has caused an invitation or bye to be wrongly withheld, they may file a formal appeal with The MPL pursuant to the following process:

i. PLANESWALKER POINTS-BASED APPEALS

Appeals for byes based on specific Planeswalker Points-based invitation criteria must be submitted and received by The MPL no later than **four (4) weeks** prior to the start date of the tournament in question.

Complete information regarding Planeswalker Points-based appeals can be found in the [Magic Event Appeal Policy](#).

Planeswalker Points-based appeals may only be submitted through the [Planeswalker Points Event Appeals Form](#). You must be logged into your Planeswalker Points account to access the Event Appeals Form.

ii. TOURNAMENT FINISH-BASED APPEALS

Appeals for invitations based on a player's finish in a qualifying event must be submitted and received by The MPL no later than **four (4) weeks** prior to the start date of the tournament in question.

Tournament finish-based appeals should be sent to esports@wizards.com.

7. PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

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8. PLAYERS TOUR SERIES

The Players Tour Series consists of two (2) types of events: Players Tour and Players Tour Finals. Players Tours Series are preceded by a designated qualifying round which takes place over approximately four (4) months.

A Players Tour consists of three (3) individual events:

- Players Tour Americas
- Players Tour Europe
- Players Tour Asia Pacific

Players that are qualified for a Players Tour are only permitted to play in one (1) Players Tour during that Series.

A Players Tour Final is a singular, culminating event for a Players Tour Series.

For the year 2020, the following chart provides the cadence for the three (3) Players Tour Series:

Players Tour Series	Qualifier Round	Players Tour	Players Tour Finals
Series 1	October 5, 2019 to December 22, 2019	Europe: January 31-February 2, 2020 (Phoenix, USA) Asia Pacific: February 1-2, 2020 (Nagoya, Japan) Americas: February 7-9, 2020 (Phoenix, USA):	April 24-26, 2020 Houston, USA
Series 2	January 4, 2020 to March 29, 2020	Europe: May 1-3, 2020 (Copenhagen, Denmark) Americas: May 8-10, 2020 (Charlotte, USA) Asia Pacific: May 9-10, 2020 (Kitakyushu, Japan)	July 10-12, 2020 Minneapolis, USA
Series 3	March 30, 2020 to July 26, 2020	Americas: October 9-11, 2020 (Washington DC, USA) Europe: October 16-18, 2020 (Barcelona, Spain) Asia Pacific: October 17-18, 2020 (Sydney, Australia)	2021 date and location TBD

The following sections describe the complete details of each Players Tour Series:

- Players Tour Final Section 10
- Players Tour Section 11
- Qualifiers Sections 12-18

9. PLAYERS TOUR FINALS

Players Tour Finals events are invitation-only tournaments.

INVITATION CRITERIA

The invitation list each Players Tour Finals event consists of the following players:

- The twenty-four (24) members of the Magic Pro League.
- Players that finish with 30 or more match points from the immediately preceding Players Tour Finals.
- The winner of each individual-format Grand Prix that awards invitations to the designated Players Tour Finals.
- The three (3) team members from the winning team from each team-format Grand Prix that awards invitations to the designated Players Tour Finals.
- Players that finish with 36 or more match points (or the top 20 finishing players, whichever is greater) from the immediately preceding Players Tour Americas event.
- Players that finish with 36 or more match points (or the top 16 finishing players, whichever is greater) from the immediately preceding Players Tour Europe event.
- Players that finish with 33 or more match points (or the top 12 finishing players, whichever is greater) from the immediately preceding Players Tour Asia Pacific event.

In addition, the following criteria apply to the first Players Tour Finals of 2020 only:

- The top 8 finishing players from 2019 Mythic Championship IV Barcelona.
- The top 8 finishing players from 2019 Mythic Championship VI Richmond.

(Note: The Players Tour Finals invitation criteria listed above do not generate a pass down of invitations from one player to another.)

10. PLAYERS TOUR

Each Players Tour Finals is preceded by tournaments known as Players Tours. Player Tour are invitation-only tournaments.

Qualified players may participate in only one (1) Players Tour per Players Tour Series. Players may play in any region's Players Tour regardless of where they reside.

INVITATION CRITERIA

The invitation list for each round of Players Tour events consists of the following players:

- The members of the 2020 Magic Pro League.
- The members of the 2020 Magic Pro League – Rivals
- All players that received invitations to the immediately preceding Players Tour Finals.
- All players that finish with 33 or more match points in the immediately preceding Players Tour Americas or Europe events.
- All players that finish with 30 or more match points in the immediately preceding Players Tour Asia Pacific event.
- The winner of each WPN Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The winner of each Players Tour Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The top finishing player(s) of each **Magic** Premier Series event that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour. The number of players qualified from each **Magic** Premier Series qualifier varies by event.
- The winner of each Magic Online Players Tour Qualifier Final that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The top eight (8) finishing players plus any other players that finish with 39 or more match points from each individual-format Grand Prix that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The three (3) team members from a top four (4) finishing team plus any team members from a team that finishes with 36 or more match points from each team-format Grand Prix that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The top two (2) finishers of each **Magic Online** Championship Series (MOCS) Playoff tournament that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- The winner of each **Magic Online** Championship Series (MOCS) Open tournament that awards invitations to the designated round of the Players Tour.
- Players that are invited to the **Magic Online** Championship via the **Magic Online** Championship Series (MOCS) Leaderboard (Note: Players meeting this criterion will be selected only for the first round of the Players Tour immediately following the awarding of their invitations to the **Magic Online** Championship).
- Players that are members of the Pro Tour Hall of Fame.
- The top finishing players in each Players Tour Last Chance Qualifier held at each Players Tour event. The number of invitations from Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers varies by event.
- Players that are otherwise invited to the designated Players Tour.

In addition, the following criteria apply to the first Players Tour of 2020 only:

- All players that finished with 33 or more match points in 2019 Mythic Championship IV in Barcelona.
- All players that finished with 33 or more match points in 2019 Mythic Championship VI in Richmond.
- Players that had a Platinum-, Gold-, or Silver-level in the Pro Tour Players Club during the *Core Set 2020* cycle or the *Throne of Eldraine Cycle*.

(Note: The Players Tour invitation criteria listed above do not generate a pass down of invitations from one player to another.)

11. WPN QUALIFIERS

Each Players Tour Series is preceded by tournaments known as WPN Qualifiers. Each WPN Qualifier awards an invitation to the winner to a designated Players Tour.

WPN Qualifiers can be open or invitation-only tournaments. WPN Qualifiers that are invitation-only are preceded by WPN Preliminaries.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OPEN WPN QUALIFIERS

Any individual that is already qualified to a Players Tour may not participate in WPN Qualifiers designated to have invitations for that Players Tour.

All other players that are eligible to play in Sanctioned tournaments may participate in open WPN Qualifiers.

ELIGIBILITY FOR INVITATION-ONLY WPN QUALIFIERS

Any individual that is already qualified to a particular Players Tour may not participate in WPN Qualifiers for that Players Tour.

Only individual that have qualified via a WPN Preliminary may participate in an invitation-only WPN Qualifiers.

12. WPN PRELIMINARIES

Invitation-only WPN Qualifiers are preceded by a series of tournaments known as WPN Preliminaries. Only WPN Preliminaries run by the same organization that operates the corresponding invitation-only WPN Qualifier will offer invitations to a particular, invitation-only WPN Qualifier.

The top finishers of each WPN Preliminary event are invited to play in the corresponding invitation-only WPN Qualifier. Check the fact sheet for each individual invitation-only WPN Qualifier/WPN Preliminaries for the number on invitations offered to the corresponding invitation-only WPN Qualifier.

13. PLAYERS TOUR QUALIFIERS

Each round of Players Tour events is preceded by a series of tournaments known as Players Tour Qualifiers. Each Players Tour Qualifier awards an invitation to the winner to a designated Players Tour.

Players Tour Qualifiers are open tournaments. All players that are eligible to play in Sanctioned tournaments may participate.

14. MAGIC PREMIER SERIES

Each Players Tour Series is preceded by a series of tournaments known as Magic Premier Series. Each Magic Premier Series event awards invitations to the top finishing players to a designated Players Tour. The number of invitations offered at each Magic Premier Series Qualifier varies by event. Check the fact sheet for each individual Magic Premier Series for the number on invitations offered to the corresponding Players Tour.

Magic Premier Series Qualifiers are open tournaments. All players that are eligible to play in Sanctioned tournaments may participate.

15. PLAYERS TOUR LAST CHANCE QUALIFIERS

Each Players Tour event is immediately preceded by a series of tournaments known as a Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers. Each Players Tour Last Chance Qualifier awards the top finishers an invitation to the Players Tour which it immediately precedes. The number of invitations offered varies by location. Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers are held the day before each Players Tour event at the same location as the Players Tour event.

Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers are open tournaments.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual that is already qualified to a Players Tour may not participate in Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers.

All other players that are eligible to play in Sanctioned tournaments may participate in Players Tour Last Chance Qualifiers.

16. GRAND PRIX

Each Players Tour Series is preceded by tournaments known as Grand Prix (which are held at MagicFest events). Each individual-format Grand Prix awards the top 8 finishers (plus any other players that finish with 39 or more match points) an invitation a designated Players Tour. Each team-format Grand Prix awards the members of the top 4 finishing teams (plus any members of teams that finish with 36 or more match points) an invitation to a designated Players Tour.

Through May 24, 2020, individual-format Grand Prix offer certain players “byes” in early rounds of play based on certain criteria. After May 24, 2020, byes are no longer offered at Grand Prix.

Grand Prix are open tournaments All players that are eligible to play in Sanctioned tournaments may participate.

GRAND PRIX BYES AWARD CRITERIA (THROUGH MAY 24, 2020)

A player may be awarded byes for individual-format Grand Prix based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Winning a Grand Prix Trial
- Having a sufficiently high number of Yearly Award Points
- Being a member of the **Magic** Pro League or Rivals League.
- Being a member of the **Magic** Hall of Fame

GRAND PRIX BYE RESTRICTIONS (THROUGH MAY 24, 2020)

Players can be awarded one-, two-, or three-round byes for individual-format Grand Prix. Byes are not cumulative within a given Grand Prix or from one Grand Prix to another. Byes may not be passed down to other players for any reason and are not transferable. Byes may not be deferred from one Grand Prix to another and must be earned each time. Players that accumulate multiple byes to a Grand Prix are awarded only the bye for the greatest number of rounds.

If a player is awarded a bye, they are considered to have earned 3 points in the Grand Prix for each of those rounds. Byes are not counted toward a player's opponent's match win percentage. Players with byes will usually have an advantage in tiebreakers over players that do not have byes.

Teams are not awarded byes in team-format Grand Prix.

BYES AT INDIVIDUAL-FORMAT GRAND PRIX (THROUGH MAY 24, 2020)

Planeswalker Points-based byes at individual-format Grand Prix are based on the Yearly Award Points Seasons designated to award byes to all Grand Prix held during a specific range of dates. See *Section 5 – Planeswalker Points Based Invitations and Byes* for complete information:

Grand Prix Dates	Seasons used to Award Byes
May 27, 2019 through May 24, 2020	2019 Yearly Award Season 2020 Yearly Award Season

During each Yearly Award Season, players that have accumulated the minimum required number of Yearly Award Points will receive a one-round or two-round bye for each individual-format Grand Prix Event that is held during the remainder of that season and for the designated Yearly Award Season immediately thereafter:

Byes	Minimum Yearly Award Season Points
One-round bye	1300
Two-round bye	2250

Members of the **Magic** Pro League or Rivals League receive a two-round bye at each individual format Grand Prix.

Players that win a Grand Prix Trial receive a two-round bye at the Grand Prix for which that Grand Prix Trial was designated to award byes.

Members of the **Magic** Hall of Fame receive a three-round bye at each individual-format Grand Prix.

17. GRAND PRIX TRIALS

Each individual-format Grand Prix tournament is immediately preceded by tournaments known as Grand Prix Trials. Grand Prix Trials are only run on site at MagicFests and only provide byes for the Grand Prix held at that MagicFest. Each Grand Prix Trial awards a two-round bye to the winner for a specific Grand Prix.

Grand Prix Trials are not offered for team-format Grand Prix.

Grand Prix Trials are open tournaments.

18. OTHER TOURNAMENTS

All other **Magic: The Gathering** tournaments do not award direct invitations or byes to any of the events described in this document.

APPENDIX A – PLAYER POINTS

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