

# MAGIC: THE GATHERING®

## PREMIER TOURNAMENT INVITATION POLICY

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### INTRODUCTION

This **Magic: The Gathering** Premier Tournament Invitation Policy (the “Invitation Policy”) covers the invitation and eligibility criteria for Wizards of the Coast LLC’s (“Wizards”) **Magic: The Gathering** Premier-level tournaments and the qualifying tournaments that award invitations to them as of the date of this update through 11:59 PM (Pacific) on October 27, 2024. The most recent version of this document can be found at [Magic.gg](https://magic.gg). By entering any of the Premier Tournaments, you agree to be bound by Wizards [General Terms](#) (“**General Terms**”), [Wizards Privacy Policy](#) (“**Privacy Policy**”), [Wizards Code of Conduct](#) (“**Code of Conduct**”), Wizards Play Policy (“**Play Policy**”), and the decisions of Wizards (including interpretations of any official tournament rules (“**Tournament Rules**”) and the judges (all policies, collectively, the “**Official Rules**”). In the event of a conflict among the Official Rules and the Invitation Policy, the Invitation Policy shall govern.

Premier Tournaments include the following:

- **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship
- Pro Tour
- Regional Championship
- Regional Championship Qualifiers
- Pro Tour Qualifier

This Invitation Policy may be 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 should be sent via email to [PremierPlay@wizards.com](mailto:PremierPlay@wizards.com) with "Invitation Policy Inquiry" in the subject line.

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### 1. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

Players that are currently suspended are not eligible to compete in tournaments and may not receive invitations to tournaments.

Certain individuals may not be eligible to compete in certain tournaments because of their employment status (e.g., Wizards, Hasbro, or other employees).

Tournaments are classified as either open or invitation-only.

Any player may compete in an open tournament as long as they are not suspended and meets the general tournament eligibility requirements set out in the **Magic: The**

**Gathering** Tournament Rules, and any other terms, 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 Wizards' verification of eligibility, tournament results, and reports provided by tournament organizers to Wizards 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 tournaments except as allowed by Wizards in its sole and absolute discretion. 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 play account.

Except as specifically stated and described in this policy, invitations cannot 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, in addition to any other applicable Tournament Rules, you acknowledge and grant Wizards permission to publish your name in the appropriate Tournament Invitation List. Tournament invitation lists are published on the **Magic.gg** website and its successors in the appropriate tournament fact sheet.

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

Wizards reserves the right to grant additional invitations to players for any tournament from time to time, at its sole discretion.

## 3. PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

Monetary prizes earned at the following events are issued by the U.S. offices of Wizards of the Coast LLC:

- **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship
- Pro Tour
- Regional Championship
- MagicCon

All monetary prizes at these tournaments are issued in U.S. Dollars.

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, submit to Wizards of the Coast LLC or its designated affiliate(s): (i) have agreed to the terms when signing up for their Wizards Account, (ii) the appropriate IRS tax form, (iii) provide proof of identification, and (iv) any other documentation designated by Wizards.
- Monetary Prizes payments will be facilitated by a third-party payment processor which may require a separate account creation. Details will be shared prior to the tournament(s) and incorporated into the Tournament Rules.

A player eligible for a prize must claim their prize within one (1) calendar year from the date of the tournament in which they won the prize, or the prize is forfeited.

Direct all inquiries about all Monetary Prizes to [PremierPlay@wizards.com](mailto:PremierPlay@wizards.com).

Wizards of the Coast LLC 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. APPEALS

If a player believes that a reporting error has caused an invitation to be withheld in error, they may file a formal appeal with Wizards.

The appeal should be sent to [PremierPlay@wizards.com](mailto:PremierPlay@wizards.com). The appeal must be submitted and received by Wizards no later than **four (4) calendar weeks** prior to the start date of the upcoming tournament in question.

#### 5. SEASON DEFINITIONS

A Premier Play Season lasts approximately one year. Each season is comprised of three (3) Pro Tours and the **Magic** World Championship, as listed in the table listed below.

| Premier Play Season | Pro Tours   | World Championship                           |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 2023-2024 Season    | 2023-2024 Pro Tour #1<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #2<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #3 | <b>Magic</b> World Championship 30<br>(2024) |
| 2024-2025 Season    | 2024-2025 Pro Tour #1<br>2024-2025 Pro Tour #2<br>2024-2025 Pro Tour #3 | <b>Magic</b> World Championship 31<br>(2025) |

## 6. ADJUSTED MATCH POINTS

**Magic** World Championship and Pro Tour tournaments have invitation criteria called *Adjusted Match Points* (AMP). Adjusted Match Points are awarded at Pro Tour Tournaments only.

A player's Adjusted Match Point total for each Pro Tour consists of a player's total match points at the end of the final Swiss round *minus* nine (9) points (the first nine points earned by a player do not count toward their total for that Pro Tour). If subtracting nine points would cause a player's total to be less than zero, their total is zero (0). The top eight (8) finishers add twelve (12) points to their total.

| Swiss Points | After Adjustment* | Swiss Points | After Adjustment* | Swiss Points | After Adjustment* | Swiss Points | After Adjustment* |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 48           | 39                | 38           | 29                | 28           | 19                | 18           | 9                 |
| 47           | 38                | 37           | 28                | 27           | 18                | 17           | 8                 |
| 46           | 37                | 36           | 27                | 26           | 17                | 16           | 7                 |
| 45           | 36                | 35           | 26                | 25           | 15                | 15           | 6                 |
| 44           | 35                | 34           | 25                | 24           | 15                | 14           | 5                 |
| 43           | 34                | 33           | 24                | 23           | 14                | 13           | 4                 |
| 42           | 33                | 32           | 23                | 22           | 13                | 12           | 3                 |
| 41           | 32                | 31           | 22                | 21           | 12                | 11           | 2                 |
| 40           | 31                | 30           | 21                | 20           | 11                | 10           | 1                 |
| 39           | 30                | 29           | 20                | 19           | 10                | 0-9          | 0                 |

\* Top 8 players add twelve (12) points to their final total for that Pro Tour.

At the conclusion of each Pro Tour, an Adjusted Match Points standing will be produced. Each standing will consist of the Adjusted Match Point totals of each of the three (3) preceding Pro Tour tournaments for all players.

| AMP Standing          | Pro Tours Comprising Standing   | Awards Invitations to                                       |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 2023-2024 Pro Tour #1 | 2022-2023 Pro Tour #2<br>2022-2023 Pro Tour #3<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #1 | 2023-2024 Pro Tour #2                                       |
| 2023-2024 Pro Tour #2 | 2022-2023 Pro Tour #3<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #1<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #2 | 2023-2024 Pro Tour #3                                       |
| 2023-2024 Pro Tour #3 | 2023-2024 Pro Tour #1<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #2<br>2023-2024 Pro Tour #3 | <b>Magic</b> World Championship 30<br>2024-2025 Pro Tour #1 |

## 7. 2023-2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The competitor with the most Player of the Year Points over the course of the 2023-2024 Premier Play Season is identified as the 2023-2024 Player of the Year.

In the 2023-2024 Premier Play Season, Player of the Year Points are awarded at Pro Tour and **Magic** World Championship Tournaments as follows:

### Pro Tour

| Top 8 Players |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Place         | POY Points |
| 1             | 27         |
| 2             | 23         |
| 3-4           | 20         |
| 5-8           | 18         |

| All Other Players |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Match Points      | POY Points |
| 36+               | 16         |
| 35                | 13         |
| 34                | 12         |
| 33                | 11         |
| 32                | 8          |
| 31                | 7          |
| 30                | 6          |
| 28-29             | 4          |
| 27                | 3          |
| 0-26              | 1          |

### Magic World Championship

| Top 8 Players |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Place         | POY Points |
| 1             | 27         |
| 2             | 23         |
| 3-4           | 20         |
| 5-8           | 18         |

| All Other Players |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Match Points      | POY Points |
| 33+               | 16         |
| 32                | 13         |
| 31                | 12         |
| 30                | 11         |
| 29                | 8          |
| 28                | 7          |
| 27                | 6          |
| 26-25             | 4          |
| 24                | 3          |
| 0-23              | 1          |

At the end of the 2023-2024 Premier Play Season, if two or more players have the same Player of the Year Points total, the tied player with the higher finish at **Magic** World Championship 30 will be named the 2023-2024 Player of the Year.

## 8. MAGIC: THE GATHERING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship is an invitation-only tournament. To receive an invitation to participate in the **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship, you must meet the following criteria:

*(Note: The **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship invitation criteria listed below do not generate a pass down of invitations from one player to another, except as explicitly stated.)*

### INVITATION CRITERIA

**Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30 (occurs in 2024) invitation list consists of the following players:

- The top eight (8) finishers from **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship XXIX (occurs in 2023).
- Players that finish with thirty-six (36) or more match points at the end of the Swiss rounds or the top eight (8) finishing competitors (whichever is greater) in each Pro Tour in the 2023-2024 Season.
- Top finishers from each Regional Championship in the 2023-2024 season, as follows. *(Note: If a player already has an invitation to **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30 and finishes a Regional Championship in a place that would award an invitation to **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30, that invitation will pass down to the next player in the Regional Championship tournament standings that does not have an invitation).*

| Region                        | Invitations | Region                      | Invitations |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| United States                 | 2           | Southeast Asia              | 1           |
| Europe, Middle East, & Africa | 2           | Chinese Taipei              | 1           |
| Japan                         | 2           | Brazil                      | 1           |
| Canada                        | 2           | South America               | 1           |
| Australia & New Zealand       | 1           | Central America & Caribbean | 1           |
| China                         | 1           |                             |             |

- The top two (2) finishers from each *Arena* Championship designated to award invitations to **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30.
- The top two (2) finishers from each *Magic Online* Champions Showcase designated to award invitations to **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30.
- The top thirty-two (32) ranked players that are not already invited to **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship 30 in the 2023-2024 Pro Tour #3 Adjusted Match Point standing *and* all players tied with 32<sup>nd</sup> place in that standing (see *Section 6 – Adjusted Match Points*).

## 9. PRO TOUR

Pro Tour tournaments are invitation-only tournaments. To receive an invitation to participate in a Pro Tour, you must meet the following criteria:

*(Note: The Pro Tour invitation criteria listed below do not generate a pass down of invitations from one player to another, except as explicitly stated.)*

### INVITATION CRITERIA

The invitation list for each Pro Tour tournament in the 2023-2024 Season consists of the following players:

- The top eight (8) finishers from **Magic: The Gathering** World Championship XXIX (occurs in 2023).
- Players that finish with thirty (30) or more match points from the immediately preceding Pro Tour.
- For the first and second Pro Tours in the 2023-2024 Season, the top finishers from each Regional Championship that awards invitations to the designated Pro Tour, as follows. *(Note: If a player already has an invitation to the designated Pro Tour and finishes a Regional Championship in a place that would award an invitation to the designated Pro Tour, that invitation will pass down to the next player in that Regional Championship standings that does not already have an invitation to the designated Pro Tour).*

| Region                        | Invitations | Region                              | Invitations |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| United States                 | 32          | Southeast Asia                      | 4           |
| Europe, Middle East, & Africa | 24          | Brazil                              | 4           |
| Japan                         | 12          | South America                       | 2           |
| Canada                        | 8           | Mexico, Central America & Caribbean | 2           |
| Australia & New Zealand       | 8           | Chinese Taipei                      | 2           |
| China                         | 4           |                                     |             |

- For the third Pro Tour in the 2023-2024 Season, the top finishers from each Regional Championship that awards invitations to the designated Pro Tour, as follows. *(Note: If a player already has an invitation to the designated Pro Tour and finishes a Regional Championship in a place that would award an invitation to the designated Pro Tour, that invitation will pass down to the next player in that Regional Championship standings that does not already have an invitation to the designated Pro Tour).*

| Region                        | Invitations | Region                              | Invitations |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| United States                 | 64          | Southeast Asia                      | 6           |
| Europe, Middle East, & Africa | 36          | Brazil                              | 6           |
| Japan                         | 16          | South America                       | 4           |
| Canada                        | 12          | Mexico, Central America & Caribbean | 4           |
| Australia & New Zealand       | 10          | Chinese Taipei                      | 3           |
| China                         | 8           |                                     |             |

- The top finisher(s) from each Pro Tour Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated Pro Tour

- Members of the Pro Tour Hall of Fame are invited to one (1) Pro Tour and Regional Championship per season (the Pro Tour *and* the Regional Championship invitations must be for the same round).
- Players that finish with seven (7) wins from each *Arena* Qualifier Weekend designated to award invitations to a particular Pro Tour.
- The eight (8) competitors from each *Magic Online* Champions Showcase designated to award invitations to a particular Pro Tour.
- Players with thirty-nine (39) or more points in the Adjusted Match Points standing generated at the conclusion of the immediately preceding Pro Tour (see *Section 6 – Adjusted Match Points*).
- Players that are otherwise invited to the designated Pro Tour.



## 10. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Each Pro Tour is preceded by tournaments known as Regional Championships. Regional Championships are invitation-only tournaments.

*(Note: The Regional Championship invitation criteria listed below do not generate a pass down of invitations from one player to another, except as explicitly stated.)*

### REGION REGULATIONS

The rules regarding which Regional Championship a qualified player may participate in are as follows:

- Invitations earned at a Regional Championship Qualifier are only valid for the Regional Championship in the same region as the Regional Championship Qualifier.
- Invitations from a non-Regional Championship Qualifier source are only valid for the Regional Championship in the same region as the invitee's region of residence *(See Appendix A – Countries by Region)*.
- Players may only participate in one region's Regional Championship(s) per Regional Championship round.

### INVITATION CRITERIA

The invitation list for each Regional Championship in the 2023-2024 season consists of the following players:

- The top finishing player(s) of each Regional Championship Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated Regional Championship.
- The top two (2) winners of each **Magic Online** Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated Regional Championship.
- The top four (4) finishers of each **Magic Online** Super Qualifier that awards invitations to the designated Regional Championship.
- Members of the Pro Tour Hall of Fame are invited to one (1) Regional Championship and Pro Tour per season (the Pro Tour *and* the Regional Championship invitations must be for the same round).
- Players that are already qualified for the Pro Tour to which the Regional Championship will award invitations. *(Note: If a particular Regional Championship has already occurred, invitations will not be deferred to the next Pro Tour)*.
- Players that are otherwise invited to the designated Regional Championship.

## **11. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**

Each Regional Championship is preceded by tournaments known as Regional Championship Qualifiers. Each Regional Championship Qualifier awards invitation(s) to a designated Regional Championship in *the same region* in which the Regional Championship Qualifier took place.

Regional Championship Qualifiers may be open tournaments or invitation-only tournaments.

Because the Regional Championship Qualifier system may vary from region to region, fact sheets for each region's system should be reviewed for complete information.

## **12. PRO TOUR QUALIFIERS**

Each Pro Tour is preceded by tournaments known as Pro Tour Qualifiers. Each Pro Tour Qualifier awards invitation(s) to a designated Pro Tour.

Pro Tour Qualifiers may be open tournaments or invitation-only tournaments.

## **13. OTHER TOURNAMENTS**

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

## APPENDIX A – COUNTRIES BY REGION

### UNITED STATES ([STAR CITY GAMES](#))

Puerto Rico, United States

### CANADA ([FACE TO FACE GAMES](#))

Canada

### JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA ([BIG MAGIC](#))

Japan, South Korea

### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND ([GOOD GAMES](#))

Australia, New Zealand

### CHINA ([BEIJING KADOU CULTURE](#))

China, Hong Kong

### SOUTHEAST ASIA ([ORACLE EVENTS](#))

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand

### CHINESE TAIPEI ([GAME SQUARE](#))

Chinese Taipei

### EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA ([TOURNAMENT CENTER](#))

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Northern Ireland, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Vatican City, Virgin Islands (British), Wales

### BRAZIL ([CITY CLASS GAMES](#))

Brazil

### SOUTH AMERICA ([MAGIC SUR](#))

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

### MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN ([CENTRAL AMERICAN MAGIC SERIES](#))

Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago