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2021 College League of Legends Season
Championship Rules

Introduction and Purpose

The College League of Legends Championship (“College Championship”) is an annual competition between recognized college LoL teams. These Official Rules (“Rules”) apply to each of the teams who have qualified for the 2021 College Championship, including their players, team managers, staff members (collectively “Team Members”), and other employees.

The College Championship inherits all rules from the College Season unless they are specifically updated in this document. In the event of a conflict, Championship teams are subject to the rules in this document and not the Season rules.

For questions, comments, or feedback around these rules, you may either contact your designated College Season official or email collegiate@riotgames.com.

1. Team Management and Roster Rules

1.1. Roster Size

Teams will be required to have at least five and no more than six eligible players on its roster at all times. There are no restrictions on position or designation of starter or substitute. The roster must be comprised of players on the Season Active Roster before the end of Conference play.

1.2. Additional Staff

Teams may have up to 2 non-manager staff members onsite with them. Two staff members will be allowed on stage during Champions Select, and may accompany the team backstage. Teams may request to have additional staff members, which will be evaluated and approved on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of College Season officials, and may not qualify for the same level of access.

1.3. Substitutions

Teams may freely field any five players from their active roster for the start of the match. Teams may substitute players between games by notifying a referee within 5 minutes from when the Nexus explodes in the previous game.

1.4. Roster Changes

Championship teams may not change their rosters for any reason.

2. Qualification and Seeding

2.1. Conference Ranking

Each team that participates in the College Championship will earn their conference Ranking Points. Points are assigned based on the round in which a team is eliminated from Championship contention. Conferences will then be given a Conference Ranking based on total points accumulated over the last two years.

Final ranks will be announced before the start of the season after all competing Conferences are confirmed. Any ties in points will be broken by highest finish in

the most recent year. If that does not break the tie, the second highest finish of the most recent year will be considered, then highest finish from two years prior, then second highest finish from two years prior. Ties involving 2018 or 2019 Play-In finishers will be broken by final ranking in the respective Play-In. If two conferences remain tied at this point, ties will be broken at random.

2.1.1. Conference Transfers

If a school that previously earned Ranking Points transfers to a different conference for any reason, that school carries their points over to their new conference. A conference cannot have more than two schools counting for ranking points for years 2018 or 2019.

2.1.2. Ranking Point Values

- 2.1.2.1.** Champion - 8 points
- 2.1.2.2.** Finals - 5 points
- 2.1.2.3.** Semifinals - 3 points
- 2.1.2.4.** Quarterfinals - 2 points
- 2.1.2.5.** Play-in - 1 points

2.1.3. Past Championship Results

Any points earned by a transferring school are marked by an asterisk (*)

Rank	Conference	Points	2019	2018
1	North	19	Champion (8) Semis* (3)	Finals (5) Semis* (3)
2	West	13	Semis (3) Play-In (1)	Champion (8) Play-In (1)
3	East	12	Finals (5) Quarters (2)	Semis* (3) Quarters (2)
4	South	6	Quarters (2) Play-In (1)	Quarters (2) Play-In (1)
5	Peach Belt	4	Play-In (1) Play-In (1)	Play-In (1) Play-In (1)
6	Mountain West	2	Play-In 3rd (1) Play-In 5th (1)	<i>n/a</i>
7	Landmark	2	Play-In 4th (1) Play-In 5th (1)	<i>n/a</i>
8	East Coast	2	Play-In 4th (1) Play-In 8th (1)	<i>n/a</i>
9	Big East	2	Play-In 6th (1) Play-In 8th (1)	<i>n/a</i>

2.2. Conference Qualification. Conferences earn a number of championship berths to their top teams based on their conference ranking based on the following schedule:

Conference Rank	Berths
1st	4
2nd - 4th	3
5th - 8th	2
9th or lower	1

- 2.3. Selected Berths.** A number of berths will be awarded to fill the remaining slots in the bracket based on the votes of the College Championship Selection Committee, who are selected by College Season Officials. Committee members must be unaffiliated with schools participating in or eligible for the College Championship. In order to be considered, teams must meet the following criteria:

- 2.3.1. Playoff Rank.** Teams must have reached the following rank in their conference playoffs:

Conference Berths	Eligible Ranks
1	2nd
2	3rd - 4th
3 or more	4th - 8th

- 2.3.2. Panel Nomination.** A panelist may nominate a school for voting that qualified for conference playoffs and finished in the top half of their conference, but did not reach the ranks listed above. The nomination must be seconded by another panelist to become official.

2.4. Seeding

- 2.4.1. Default Seeding Groups.** Qualifying teams will be split into four groups based on their respective Conference Ranking and finishing position within their conference.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
North 1	North 2	North 3	PBC 2
East 1	East 2	East 3	MW 2
West 1	West 2	South 3	LM 2
South 1	South 2	West 3	ECC 2
PBC 1	BEast 1	WCC 1	Select 1
MW 1	ECAC 1	Big Sky 1	Select 2
LM 1	MAAC 1	ESC 1	Select 3
ECC 1	MWE 1	North 4	Select 4

- 2.4.2. Seeding Assignment.** These groups will be randomly drawn within a specific set of bracket seeds as follows:

Group	Seeds
A	1 - 8
B	9 - 16
C	17 - 24
D	25 - 32

- 2.4.3. Group Adjustments.** The Selection Committee has the ability to change the seeding groups of any two teams. Teams may not be seeded in a higher group than teams from the same conference with a higher conference finishing position.
- 2.4.4. Reseeding.** Teams may be reseeded within their groups to avoid the possibility of facing a team from their own conference within the first two rounds of play.
- 2.4.5. Selected Team Seeding.** Selection teams will be seeded at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Selection teams cannot be seeded higher than teams in their conference with a higher conference finishing position.

3. Championship Structure & Schedule

- 3.1. Bracket Format.** The College Championship consists of a thirty-two team, five-round single elimination tournament.
- 3.2. Round Format.** The first two rounds will be played online in the same manner as Conference play. Teams reaching the Quarterfinals will be flown to Los Angeles, where the last three rounds will be held live at the LCS studio over four days.
- 3.2.1. Match Length**
- 3.2.1.1.** Round of 32: Best-of-3
 - 3.2.1.2.** Round of 16: Best-of-3
 - 3.2.1.3.** Quarterfinals: Best-of-3
 - 3.2.1.4.** Semifinals: Best-of-5

3.2.1.5. Finals: Best-of-5

3.3. Schedule

3.3.1. Dates

- 3.3.1.1.** Round of 32: May 1 - 2
- 3.3.1.2.** Round of 16: May 8 - 9
- 3.3.1.3.** Quarterfinals: May 27 - 28
- 3.3.1.4.** Semifinals: May 29
- 3.3.1.5.** Finals: May 30

3.3.2. Match Scheduling. College Season officials may make reasonable attempts to schedule individual matches at times convenient for schools based on time zones or other factors. All College Championship match dates and times are fixed and cannot be rescheduled by teams for any reason.

3.3.3. Changes to Schedule. College Season officials may, at their sole discretion, re-order the schedule of matches within a given day and/or change the date of a College Season match to a different date or otherwise modify the schedule of matches. In the event that the match schedule is modified, officials will notify all teams at the earliest convenience.

4. Scholarships

4.1. Scholarship Breakdown

Scholarship Prizes will be distributed to teams based on their finishing position in the College Championship as follows:

Place	Per Player	Per Sub / Staff
1st	\$10,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$6,000	\$3,000
3rd - 4th	\$3,000	\$1,500
5th - 8th	\$2,000	\$1,000
9th - 16th	\$1,000	\$500

4.2. Eligible Recipients

Scholarships will be distributed to all players on the Active Roster over the course of the season (see Season Rule 2.1), and up to two additional team staff members. In the event of roster or lineup changes of any kind, total scholarships will be prorated based on the number of games spent on the Active Roster. All individuals must be fully eligible per Season Rule 1.2 to receive scholarship prizes of any kind.

4.3. Staff Scholarship Assignment

The Team Manager will be in charge of declaring which staff members are entitled to the team's scholarship. Staff members must be registered as part of a team's roster and a student at the representative university to be assigned a scholarship.

4.4. Multiple Team Positions

For the purposes of calculating scholarship share, individuals may only receive one scholarship at a time. For example, if an individual is both Team Manager and a player, they will only receive the scholarship as a player, and the team manager scholarship is forfeit. Likewise, if an individual is both Team Manager and analyst, they will only receive a scholarship for one staff member.

4.5. Claims Process

Team Members who earn a scholarship must provide additional contact information to College Season officials before they are able to receive any scholarship funds. College Season officials will inform team managers of the claims process after their team becomes eligible to receive scholarships.

4.6. Statute of Limitations

If a student does not submit an official request to claim any earned scholarships by Friday, December 11th, 2021 at 11:59pm Pacific Time, they lose the right to claim that scholarship.