



# 2026 PUBG GLOBAL SERIES

## Tournament Rulebook

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# 1 Introduction

PUBG GLOBAL SERIES (“PGS” or “Competition” or “Tournament”) is a PUBG Esports Competition that is governed by the Standard and Universal PUBG Esports Ruleset (“SUPER”). The PUBG GLOBAL SERIES Tournament Rulebook is intended to establish and enforce operational guidelines. SUPER should be used in addition to the PGS ruleset but supersedes in case of the ruleset conflicts. The latest version of SUPER can be found on pubgesports.com.

The PUBG GLOBAL SERIES Tournament Rulebook and SUPER shall be collectively referred to as the official Tournament rules (“Rules”). Tournament officials (“Referees,” “Head Referee,” or “Administration”) may amend the Rules and Tournament Format and make judgment calls on cases that are not specifically covered by the Rules to preserve the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. The Administration and its officials always reserve the right to act with the necessary authority to preserve the best interests of the Competition, PUBG: Battlegrounds, KRAFTON Inc. (“KRAFTON”) and any of its partners or affiliates. This power is not constrained by the lack of any specific language in this document.

These Rules apply to all teams, team owners, team managers, team staff, coaches, and players (“Participants”) who participate in the Competition. Participants are responsible for abiding by these Rules in order to participate in the Competition. Participants who fail to abide by the Rules may be subject to penalties, fines, disqualifications, bans, forfeiture of prize money, or other sanctions per the sole discretion of the Administration. Tournament officials will make reasonable efforts to notify the Participants if any significant changes to these Rules are made. All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, player eligibility, scheduling, penalties for misconduct, and execution of the Competition lie solely with the Administration. Decisions made by the Administration are final unless otherwise clearly indicated and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages or any other legal or equitable remedy.

This rule may be translated into other languages for reference purposes. In the event of any conflict or discrepancy arising from the translation or interpretation of this rule, the English language version shall prevail and be considered the authoritative and binding version.

# 2 References

Throughout this document, you will find references to certain responsible parties. These parties are defined as follows:

- Host – Refers to KRAFTON, which is responsible for hosting the PGS.
- Administration – Refers to the Tournament Officials, who have the ultimate authority over all matters related to the Competition.
- Referees – Referees are the first line of response for Participants during setup, rehearsals, and matches. They handle issues or rule clarifications. During a match, Referee rulings are final. Upon the conclusion of a match, teams may request further clarification from the Head Referee.
- Head Referees – The Head Referee oversees all Referees. Referees will escalate issues to the Head Referee when unable to resolve them independently. Before, between, or after matches, Participants may request clarification from the Head Referee regarding any ruling. The Head Referee may escalate matters to the Administration if necessary.

### 3 Basic Information

<b>Event Name</b>	2026 PUBG Global Series 2026 PGS		
<b>Competition Dates</b>	PGS 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGS 1 (Series 1): 03/18 - 03/22 (5 Days)</li> <li>PGS 2 (Series 2): 03/26 - 03/29 (4 Days)</li> <li>PGS 3 (Series Final): 04/2 - 04/05 (4 Days)</li> </ul> PGS 4-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGS 4 (Series 1): 05/20 - 05/24 (5 Days)</li> <li>PGS 5 (Series 2): 05/28 - 05/31 (4 Days)</li> <li>PGS 6 (Series Final): 06/04 - 06/07 (4 Days)</li> </ul> PGS 7-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGS 7 (Series 1): 08/05 - 08/09 (5 Days)</li> <li>PGS 8 (Series 2): 08/13 - 08/16 (4 Days)</li> <li>PGS 9 (Series Final): 08/20 - 08/23 (4 Days)</li> </ul> PGS 10-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGS 10 (Series 1): 10/14 - 10/18 (5 Days)</li> <li>PGS 11 (Series 2): 10/22 - 10/25 (4 Days)</li> <li>PGS 12 (Series Final): 10/29 - 11/01 (4 Days)</li> </ul>		
<b>Participating Teams</b>	24 Teams		
<b>Prize Pool</b>	<b>Total \$2,000,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500,000 each PGS Circuit</li> <li>Series 1(PGS 1,4,7,10): \$100,000</li> <li>Series 2 (PGS 2,5,8,11): \$100,000</li> <li>Series Final (PGS 3,6,9,12): \$300,000</li> </ul>		
<b>Game Patch</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Server</b>	<b>Version</b>
	PGS 1~2	ESPORTS SERVER A	#40.1
	PGS 3	ESPORTS SERVER B	#40.2
	<i>Note: The patch for PGS 3 may be subject to change depending on the official update schedule and could be conducted on Patch #40.1 instead of #40.2.</i>		

### 4 Participants

A total of twenty four (24) teams will participate in the Competition. Each team may register a total of six (6) members, consisting of four (4) or five (5) Players, one (1) Coach, and one (1) or two (2) Managers. Roster registration and management for the 2026 season shall be governed by the following policy:

#### 4.1 2026 Roster Management Policy

- **Phase 1 (PGS 1, 2, 3):** Exceptional provision of a dedicated roster is permitted exclusively for this phase.
- **Phase 2 (RS1-Based: PGS 4 through 9):** Rosters are based on the Regional Series 1 (RS1) submission. For PGS 7, 8, and 9, an exception for replacement players may be granted exclusively for verified visa issues under the strict approval of KRAFTON and in accordance with local regional transfer regulations.
- **Phase 3 (RS2-Based: PGS 10, 11, 12):** Rosters are based on the Regional Series 2 (RS2) submission and shall remain fixed for the remainder of the year.

#### 4.2 Daily Roster Operations

Prior to the start of each match day, Teams must submit their official roster for the day. Substitute Players may replace the originally designated starting Players within the Team.

Teams may register the Coach as a substitute Player. It is at the sole discretion of the Team to determine whether to utilize the substitute Player on each day of the Competition.

Teams requesting roster changes must submit the updated roster to the Administration by 11:00 AM (local time of the host region) on the match day. Failure to comply will result in the roster from the previous match day (or rehearsal day) being carried forward.

No roster changes will be permitted after 11:00 AM (local time of the host region), except under exceptional circumstances. Once the first official match of the day has commenced, no substitutions shall be allowed.

### 4.3 Participant Roles

- Manager
  - The Manager is the designated representative of the Team and is responsible for the overall management of the Team. The Manager serves as the primary point of contact for all Competition-related matters. Each Team may register up to two (2) Managers.
- Coach
  - The Coach is responsible for overseeing the Team's training and preparation. Each Team may register one (1) Coach in accordance with the 2026 Roster Management Policy.
- Player
  - Players compete in official matches and participate directly in all Competition-related activities. Each Team may register up to five (5) Players in accordance with the 2026 Roster Management Policy.

## 5 Format

### 5.1 Tournament format

#### [Series 1 (PGS 1, 4, 7, 10)]

- Group Stage
  - 24 participating teams divided into 3 groups (A/B/C)
  - Group Matchups: AB, BC, and AC (9 matches total / 6 matches per team)
  - Top 16 teams advance to the Winners Stage
  - Bottom 8 teams advance to the Survival Stage
- Winners Stage
  - Top 16 teams from the Group Stage
  - Top 8 teams advance to the Final Stage and receive Advantage Points
  - Bottom 8 teams advance to the Survival Stage
- Survival Stage
  - 8 teams from the bottom of the Winners Stage + 8 teams from the bottom of the Group Stage
  - Top 8 teams advance to the Final Stage
  - Bottom 8 teams are eliminated
- Final Stage D1
  - Top 8 teams from the Winners Stage + Top 8 teams from the Survival Stage
- Final Stage D2
  - Final rankings determined based on cumulative points from Day 1 and Day 2

#### [Series 2 (PGS 2, 5, 8, 11)]

- Winners Stage
  - Top 16 teams from Series 1
  - Top 8 teams advance to the Final Stage and receive Advantage Points
  - Bottom 8 teams advance to the Survival Stage
- Survival Stage

- 8 teams from the bottom of the Winners Stage + 8 teams from the bottom of Series 1
    - Top 8 teams advance to the Final Stage
    - Bottom 8 teams are eliminated
  - Final Stage D1
    - Top 8 teams from the Winners Stage + Top 8 teams from the Survival Stage
  - Final Stage D2
    - Final rankings determined based on cumulative points from Day 1 and Day 2
- [Series Final (PGS 3, 6, 9, 12) - Circuit Finals]**
- Survival Stage
    - Bottom 16 teams based on cumulative points from Series 1 and 2
    - Top 8 teams advance to the Grand Finals
    - Bottom 8 teams are eliminated
  - Grand Finals D1 – D3
    - 8 teams with the highest cumulative points from Series 1 and 2
    - 8 teams advancing from the Survival Stage
    - A total of 15 matches across 3 days
    - Final rankings determined based on cumulative points over all 3 days

## 5.2 Special Rules:

Bonus points awarded to the top 8 teams that advance directly to the Final Stage after performing well in the Winners Stage. (Applied in Series 1 and 2)

Rank	Point	Rank	Point
1st	10 pts	5th	3 pts
2nd	6 pts	6th	2 pts
3rd	5 pts	7th	1 pt
4th	4 pts	8th	1 pt

## 5.3 Tournament format

24 teams participating in the Group Stage are placed according to the following table

### PGS 1~3

No	Group A	Seed	Group B	Seed	Group C	Seed
1	17	<b>CN GPT 1</b>	PeRo	<b>CN GPT 2</b>	4AM	<b>CN GPT 3</b>
2	JDG	CN Seed 1	CTG	CN Seed 2	DNS	<b>KR GPT 1</b>
3	GEN	<b>KR GPT 2</b>	T1	KR Seed 1	CR	KR Seed 2
4	FS	<b>APAC GPT 1</b>	EA	<b>APAC GPT 2</b>	AL	<b>APAC GPT 3</b>
5	MiTH	APAC Seed 1	T5	APAC Seed 2	TE	APAC Seed 3
6	FCE	APAC Seed 4	TWIS	<b>EMEA GPT 1</b>	VP	<b>EMEA GPT 2</b>
7	NAVI	<b>EMEA GPT 3</b>	S2G	EMEA Seed 1	VIT	EMEA Seed 2
8	FLC	<b>AM GPT 1</b>	FUR	AM Seed 1	TL	AM Seed 2

### PGS 4~6

No	Group A	Seed	Group B	Seed	Group C	Seed
1		PGS3 #1		PGS3 #2		PGS3 #3
2		PGS3 #6		PGS3 #5		PGS3 #4

3		PGS3 #7		PGS3 #8		PGS3 #9
4		PGS3 #12		PGS3 #11		PGS3 #10
5		PGS3 #13		PGS3 #14		PGS3 #15
6		PGS3 #18		PGS3 #17		PGS3 #16
7		PGS3 #19		PGS3 #20		PGS3 #21
8		PGS3 #24		PGS3 #23		PGS3 #22

## 6 Map Order(PGS1~3)

The map order for each day of the Competition is listed below.

Group Stage								
A&B			B&C			A&C		
Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Match 7	Match 8	Match 9
Erangel	Miramar	Rondo	Erangel	Miramar	Rondo	Erangel	Miramar	Rondo
Winners Stage								
	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5			
Day 1	Erangel	Miramar	Taego	Rondo	Erangel			
Survival Stage								
	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5			
Day 1	Miramar	Erangel	Rondo	Taego	Miramar			

Final Stage					
	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
Day 1	Erangel	Miramar	Taego	Rondo	Erangel
Day 2	Miramar	Erangel	Rondo	Taego	Miramar
Grand Finals					
	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
Day 1	Erangel	Miramar	Taego	Rondo	Erangel
Day 2	Miramar	Erangel	Rondo	Taego	Miramar
Day 3	Erangel	Miramar	Taego	Rondo	Erangel

## 7 PGS Points & Prize Pool

### 7.1 Prize Pool

Series 1, Series 2 (PGS 1,2,4,5,7,8,10,11)

Category	Placement	Prize(\$)	Qty	Total (\$)
Placement Prize	1	\$30,000	1	\$30,000
	2	\$20,000	1	\$20,000
	3	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
	4	\$8,000	1	\$8,000
	5	\$6,000	1	\$6,000
	6	\$3,000	1	\$3,000
	7	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
	8	\$1,000	1	\$1,000
Special Prize	Final Stage Chicken	\$1,000	10	\$10,000
	Final Stage MVP	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>		

Series Final (PGS 3,6,9,12)

Placement	Prize	Placement	Prize
1	\$100,000	9	\$6,000
2	\$50,000	10	\$6,000
3	\$30,000	11	\$5,000
4	\$20,000	12	\$5,000
5	\$15,000	13	\$4,000
6	\$10,000	14	\$4,000
7	\$7,000	15	\$3,000
8	\$7,000	16	\$3,000
<b>Placement Prize Total</b>		<b>\$275,000</b>	
Special Prize	Prize	Qty	Total
Grand Finals Chicken Prize	\$1,000	15	\$15,000
Grand Finals MVP	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$300,000</b>	

### 7.2 PGS Points

**Circuit Finals Seeding:** Cumulative PGS Points earned in Series 1 and Series 2 will determine the seeding for the Circuit Finals.

**PGC 2026 Qualification:** The top 8 teams in the final PGS Point standings will receive automatic qualification for PGC 2026.

Rank	Circuit 1			Circuit 2			Circuit 3			Circuit 4		
	PGS1	PGS2	PGS3	PGS4	PGS5	PGS6	PGS7	PGS8	PGS9	PGS10	PGS11	PGS12

1st	30	30	60	30	30	60	60	60	120	60	60	120
2nd	24	24	48	24	24	48	48	48	96	48	48	96
3rd	20	20	40	20	20	40	40	40	80	40	40	80
4th	17	17	34	17	17	34	34	34	68	34	34	68
5th	15	15	30	15	15	30	30	30	60	30	30	60
6th	13	13	26	13	13	26	26	26	52	26	26	52
7th	11	11	22	11	11	22	22	22	44	22	22	44
8th	9	9	18	9	9	18	18	18	36	18	18	36
9th	7	7	14	7	7	14	14	14	28	14	14	28
10th	5	5	10	5	5	10	10	10	20	10	10	20
11th	4	4	8	4	4	8	8	8	16	8	8	16
12th	3	3	6	3	3	6	6	6	12	6	6	12
13th	2	2	4	2	2	4	4	4	8	4	4	8
14th	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	4
15th	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	4
16th	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	4
17~24	-											

## 8 General Rules

### 8.1 Hardware and Software

The following hardware will be provided for use during all tournament matches and practice matches. Players must use the provided hardware during all tournament matches and scheduled practice matches.

- Computer
- Monitor
- Webcam

All Participants may not disassemble or otherwise modify the provided hardware. If the hardware is modified without the approval of the Administration, a penalty will be imposed.

A team communication solution for players during tournament matches and practice matches will also be provided. The provided team communication solution must be used. The use of any other team communication solution is strictly prohibited. Communication between team members must comply with SUPER's Code of Conduct, and all player voices in official scrimms and official matches are recorded.

Players must bring the following hardware for use during tournament matches and practice matches:

- Mouse
- Keyboard
- Mouse pad
- Over-ear headset (microphone-enabled model)
- In-ear earphones or in-ear buds
- Monitor Arm/Holder (if applicable)

In addition to the above items, players may bring an external sound card that uses a USB interface.

Mouse, keyboard, and sound cards must use standard USB interfaces. Hardware that requires any unauthorized conversion device to connect via USB is not permitted. Players may not connect any device other than a mouse, keyboard, in-ear earphones, and/or a sound card to the PC without explicit permission from the Administration.

All player-provided equipment must function properly without an internet connection. Players will be given time during a designated setup and testing period to install any necessary drivers.

Players are solely responsible for their own equipment. If any player-provided equipment malfunctions, breaks, gets lost, or is stolen, the player must provide their own replacement equipment. All player-provided equipment is subject to inspection and approval by the Administration. The Administration reserves the right to deny the use of any equipment that may provide an unfair competitive advantage.

All electronic devices not related to the competition are prohibited in the tournament area, such as mobile phones, smartwatches, USB storage devices, speakers, etc. Players are responsible for replacing any equipment that is rejected.

All players must wear over-ear headphones throughout the entire duration of the tournament. In addition, players must use their own in-ear earphones for in-game sound. During official matches, white noise at the same decibel level may be broadcast to all players' headphones.

Players who cannot use in-ear earphones due to ear-related medical conditions must submit a medical certificate to the Administration in advance. The Administration will make appropriate adjustments for the affected player.

All software installations are subject to inspection and approval by the Administration. Players may not alter game files, modify drivers, or change Windows video settings without explicit approval from the Administration.

## **8.2 Player Apparel**

All players must wear their professional team jerseys while on stage and during any media activities. Players must also wear long pants and closed-toe shoes while on stage. Sandals, slippers, and shorts are not permitted. Players are solely responsible for their own apparel, which must be approved by the Administration. Player apparel (including clothing and makeup) must comply with the following rules unless an exception is granted by the Host:

- Subject to any limitations in the Rules or in any agreement concluded with KRAFTON, including but not limited to the Team's Team Participation Agreement, Player apparel may include sponsor logos. Sponsor logos are subject to approval by the Administration. The Administration reserves the right to reject the inclusion of any sponsor logo.
- Player apparel may not include any advertisement of a company that does not exist.
- Player apparel may not include any reference to any medicine or medication subject to medical prescription, tobacco products (or any other nicotine delivery product, e.g., heated tobacco product or e-cigarettes), alcohol products, marijuana products, controlled substance-related products, or other objectionable material.
- Player apparel may not include any content that is considered defamatory, obscene, vulgar, repulsive, offensive, disruptive, politically insensitive by the Administration or Host in their sole discretion, or which refers to things a reasonable person might consider socially unacceptable.
- Player apparel may not include content which promotes discrimination, hate, violence, the use of illegal substances, illegal activities, mail fraud, pyramid schemes, or promotion of investment opportunities not permitted by applicable law.

- Player apparel may not include any content that is pornographic.
- Player apparel may not include a trademarked or copyrighted material or other intellectual property without the owner's written consent, or which might expose the Competition to the risk of claims of infringement, misappropriation, or other forms of unfair Competition (in relation to any such claim, any such player and team shall indemnify the Competition).
- Player apparel may not include any political and/or religious messaging, including but not limited to, promotion of political candidates or messaging, religious products or services, and/or any website, social media, traditional media, brands, etc. that could be considered political or religious in nature.
- Player apparel cannot include beanies, hats, or other forms of headwear which covers any part of the ear and/or face. Exceptions for this rule can be made for health or religious purposes by seeking prior approval from the Administration.
- Player apparel may not include any account selling, account sharing, or account trading websites or any businesses that give one player an unfair advantage over another player, including but not limited to hacking, cheating, and key selling.

Player apparel may not include any content that otherwise relates to companies or individuals that would be ineligible to be sponsors.

### **8.3 Event Stage Access**

The Event Stage refers to the official Competition area. Only players, Referees, Head Referee, and Administration can enter the stage. Any additional personnel must be given explicit permission by the Administration before entering the stage. Only players who are actively participating in the match, Referees, the Head Referee, and members of the Administration will be allowed on stage during a match. Referees will inform other Participants when they are required to leave the stage. At this time, all individuals, except players, Referees, and members of the Administration, must leave the stage. Any individual who fails to do so in a timely manner is subject to punishment.

No props, ornaments, signs, banners, flags, or any other items that could cause a distraction are allowed on stage, unless approved by the Administration.

### **8.4 Event Stage Food and Drinks**

Bringing in or consuming food is prohibited on stage.

### **8.5 Photography and Recording**

Photography and/or audiovisual recording of any kind is not permitted without the prior written consent of the Administration. Any unauthorized recording of any kind will result in strict punishment.

### **8.6 Violations of Rules & Regulations / Punishments**

Participants who fail to abide by these official rules or Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties, fines, suspensions, or bans as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Administration.

The Administration reserves the right to investigate any instance in which a rule may be violated. Participants shall not withhold information from the Administration during an investigation. During an investigation, Participants must adhere to the instructions of the Administration and supply complete and accurate information. Participants shall never create any obstruction to an investigation.

The Administration reserves the right to issue, without limitation of its authority, penalties at its sole discretion upon discovery of any conduct or rule violations in accordance with the severity of the infraction. Repeated infractions may result in more severe consequences. Penalties may include, but are not limited to the following:

#### **Types of Penalties**

- Verbal Guidance
  - Two “Cautions” will be accumulated to a “Warning.”
  - When a “Warning” is issued, previously given caution penalties will be removed.
- Warning(s)
  - When a “Warning” is issued, 2 PUBG points are deducted per instance. “Warning” may be issued immediately at the discretion of the referee, regardless of the accumulated number of “Cautions.”
- Fine(s) and/or deduction(s) of prize money
- Forfeiture(s) of match(es)
- Disqualification(s)
- Suspension(s) or Ban(s)

### Example of Penalty Standards

Classification	Description	Level of Penalties
Tardiness	Failure to take a seat or enter in the lobby by the time specified by the Administration	Caution
In-Game Apparel	Wearing in-game apparel (skins) other than those specified by the Administration	
Termination of the game(s)	Switching between windows (Alt+Tab, Ctrl+ESC) or intentionally terminating game(s), Alt+Tab or Ctrl+ESC may be permitted if players are experiencing technical issues but a Referee must be notified	
Interference	Intentionally interfering with the Competition or failing to reasonably cooperate in the participation of the Competition	Administration's discretion
	Failure to reasonably cooperate in the participation of programs and sub-programs related to the Competition (use of devices such as a metal detector or heart rate program)	
	Failing to participate professionally in official or rehearsal matches (includes suicide, teamkilling, deliberate rejection of play)	
	Failure/Late to participate any Tournament relate event (including official matches, scrim, media event, etc.)	
Use of electronic devices	Bring in or using electronic devices in the venue during a match (including mobile phones, tablets, and electronic cigarettes)	Caution — Warning
Smoke in the Tournament area	Smoking (including using the electronic cigarettes) in the Tournament area or any other non-smoking area in the venue	
Violations of Rules	Other failures to comply with the Rules	Administration's discretion
Rigging	Entrusting your account to another player to participate in the game, regardless of whether the participant was financially compensated	Up to indefinite suspension
Cheating	The act of elevating the game performance through actions that are not relevant to the player's own ability	
Harassment	Making statements that are threatening, defamatory, insulting, or offensive	Administration's discretion

Discrimination	Words, actions, or similar acts that insult the dignity of a private person or group of people, such as race, nation, social origin, or gender, or contain political or religious derogatory messages	Up to permanent ban
Use of illegal programs	Production and distribution of illegal, unauthorized programs such as hacks	
	Intentional use of illegal, unauthorized programs such as hacks and known bugs	
Match-fixing	Any form of intentionally fixing the results of matches, regardless of whether the participant was financially compensated	
	Conspiring with or conniving at match-fixing	
Collusion	Any agreement or collusion between two or more individuals, including players, coach, team staff members, tournament officials, or third parties, to impede fair competition, regardless of financial compensation	
Violence and Crime	Violence, sexual actions, or harassment that may offend others	
Legal Violations	Violations of applicable law	

## 9 Before the Competition

### 9.1 Tournament Period

#### 9.1.1 Compliance with Official Schedule

Upon entry into the Tournament host region, the competition schedule will commence. All teams are obligated to comply with the laws and regulations of the Tournament host region. Violations may be subject to legal consequences under the jurisdiction of the host region.

All teams must actively cooperate with all official tournament preparations, including profile photo shoots, interviews, orientation, and official scrimms. Teams that refuse to comply with the official schedule without valid and unavoidable reasons may be subject to penalties.

#### 9.1.2 Use of Accommodations and Official Event Facilities

When using facilities such as hotel rooms or competition zones, the teams must comply with the user guide for each and try to prevent damage or loss of facilities and equipment. If the facility is damaged or lost, the responsible team is obligated to compensate according to the extent of the damage.

## 10 Before Match

### 10.1 Set-up Time

Players will be given designated set-up time prior to the match to ensure they are fully prepared. The Administration may change the schedule due to broadcast-related issues or other reasonable grounds. Once players have completed their equipment set-up and testing, they are not allowed to move/remove any equipment from their station without the Administration's approval.

If any equipment provided by the Administration is not functioning properly, players must report the issue to the Referee immediately. The Referee will decide how best to address the issue. If the player or team is not satisfied with the action taken, they may request that the matter be escalated to the Head Referee.

※ Once the 60-second match start countdown begins, any malfunctions, freezes, or other issues caused by

player-provided equipment or player negligence will not result in a countdown pause or a rematch. From the start of the countdown until the end of the match, players must resolve any such issues on their own.

## **10.2 Check-In**

Scheduling is essential to the efficient operation, commercial viability, and integrity of the Competition. All players must be seated to play the match by the time required by the Administration and ready to compete on stage five (5) minutes prior to the start of a match. Teams who fail to field a full and eligible roster five (5) minutes prior to the start of a match may be subject to penalties. The Administration reserves the right to amend the match start times. Match start times may be adjusted depending on any accelerations or delays in the production schedule. The Administration will communicate changes to the match schedule to all Participants. Once players have checked in for a match, they may not leave the stage without the explicit permission from Administration. Only the four players who are competing that day are allowed to enter the stage and tournament area. Once the match begins, the players can only leave the stage during designated rest periods.

The team can participate in a match with a minimum of three squad members.

Team's coach can participate in the match as a player if qualified.

## **10.3 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

No mobile phones or electronic devices (including e-cigarettes) are allowed on the stage. All players must store their mobile phones and/or electronic devices in designated locations before entering the Tournament area. All devices will be returned upon exiting the Tournament area.

## **10.4 Health-Related Electronic Devices**

If it is necessary to bring an electronic device into the stage due to a health issue, it is allowed only after obtaining prior approval from the Administration.

# **11 During Match**

## **11.1 Match Support**

A player may report any issue during a match by raising a hand to a Referee. The Referee will then decide how to best address the issue.

## **11.2 Remaining Seated**

Players must always remain seated during a match and not leave their seats until given explicit permission by a Referee following the completion of a match.

## **11.3 Discord Channel**

The PGS tournament is operated via Discord, and all teams must conduct the tournament through the Discord channels provided by the organizers. Each team is allowed to have up to two additional members connected to the channel during matches, in addition to the players. From the start of the match until elimination, only the four players are allowed to speak, and the organizers will mute the microphones of any non-player participants.

## **11.4 Headsets and Gears**

Players must always wear their own private headsets while they are playing and are allowed to take off the headsets once all team members are eliminated. Headsets must always be unobstructed and in plain sight during a match. Removing headsets during an official match may be subject to penalties. Using additional gears such as gaming microphones, or exemption of wearing headsets due to players' physical disease, it is

subject to the approval by the Administration.

### **11.5 In-Game Skins**

Players must wear in-game items designated by the Administration for all matches.

After a player leaves the in-game lobby, his or her character must remain fully clothed in the game for the remainder of the match. Clothing exchanges for cosmetic purposes or comic effects are not permitted inside the game.

It is strictly prohibited to take off any part of the outfit during the match. Dismantling or selling of the provided items is strictly prohibited.

### **11.6 Internet Access and Applications**

During a match, players may not run a web browser or any application other than the PUBG client, the necessary drivers or software, and team communication solutions.

### **11.7 Streaming**

Players' individual screens and voices, including the Competition footage, may be broadcasted only by Administration, Host, or those with approval from the Host (reruns, VOD, etc.) programming through public TV and online platforms, and may be used after editing. The broadcasting platform is determined at the discretion of the Host.

The broadcasting of the Competition is not limited or restricted due to the individual streaming contract or management contract of the team or the player, and any problems arising from contracts Teams or players may have with third parties are the sole responsibility of the respective teams or players.

### **11.8 Individual Player POV Streaming**

#### **11.8.1 Mandatory POV Streaming**

All Competitors are required to broadcast their individual Point-of-View (POV) live on their respective contracted or registered streaming platforms during all official matches.

### **11.9 PC Reboot**

Players may not turn off their computer or reboot the game client without explicit permission from a Referee.

### **11.10 Rematch**

Intentional disconnection during an official match is strictly prohibited and may result in penalties. If a disconnection occurs before all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match will be restarted. However, a disconnection that occurs while resolving an issue with a player's personal equipment will not be considered grounds for a rematch. Once all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match is considered to have officially started..

### **11.11 Disconnection**

Intentional disconnection during an official match is strictly prohibited and may result in penalties. If a disconnection occurs before all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match will be restarted.

However, a disconnection that occurs while resolving a player's personal equipment issue will not be considered grounds for a rematch. Once all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match is considered to have officially started.

### 11.11.1 Early-Match Disconnection

Intentional disconnection during an official match is strictly prohibited and may result in penalties. If a disconnection occurs before all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match will be restarted.

However, a disconnection that occurs while resolving a player's personal equipment issue will not be considered grounds for a rematch. Once all 64 players have boarded the plane, the match is considered to have officially started.

- All players are marked “#unknown”
- The lobby host failed to join the game
- One or more players fail to board the plane
  - If the player who initially failed to join the game also fails to join the restarted match, the game shall continue without that player.
  - However, if the failure to board the plane was caused by a personal equipment issue or occurred during measures taken in relation to a personal equipment issue, the match will not be restarted.
- It is deemed impossible to proceed normally due to lag or disconnection affecting multiple players

Other cases that are approved for a rematch according to the reasonable judgment of the Administration

### 11.11.2 Large-Scale Disconnection

If all alive teams, all but one (1) alive team, or ten (10) or more alive players disconnect simultaneously, the match must be immediately terminated. A rematch that consists only of the players who were still alive at the exact time of the large-scale disconnection must be conducted. If any player is discovered to have been responsible for the cause of the large-scale disconnection, that player will be excluded from the rematch. The results of the rematch will be added to the results of the match in which the large-scale disconnection took place to determine the final results of the match.

## 11.12 Compensation Point, “CP”

Due to official computer or game issues, in the case of a mandatory game restart or automatic game restart, if a player is eliminated during the reconnection process, the team to which the player belongs may be awarded compensation points.

If a player is revived and then killed, CP will not be awarded. If the player reconnects to the match and is killed immediately after, a judgment call must be made by Administration. If the player did not have a chance to survive beyond reasonable doubt, CP will be awarded.

CP is applied to the end of day results and never to a specific match. CP should be added only to the total points and never to the kill points or placement points in any way.

To determine the number of CP that will be awarded:

1. Add the player's kills across all matches of the day excluding the player's lowest kill match of the day. If the player experienced more than one critical disconnection, exclude as many matches as the number of critical disconnections starting with the lowest kill match. Note that the excluded match may be different from the match in which the critical disconnection occurred.
2. Divide by the number of matches of the day that the player did not experience a critical disconnection.

3. If this number is less than 1, round up to 1. If this is greater than 1, round to the nearest whole number.
4. Multiply by the number of critical disconnections to determine that player's total CP for that match day.

At least one (1) and at most four (4) CP will be awarded for every critical disconnection.

### 11.13 Tiebreaker

#### - Match Point

- 1 The ranking for each Match is determined by the total Match Points (Placement + Kill Point) earned.
- 2 If ① is a tie, teams with higher Placement will be ranked higher.

#### - Accumulated Points

- 1 The final ranking is determined by the accumulated Match Points (Placement Point + Kill Point) for all matches.
- 2 If ① is a tie, teams with the higher accumulated Placement Point (excluding the Kill Point) in all matches will be ranked higher.
- 3 If ② is a tie, teams with the higher Match Point (Placement Point + Kill Point) on the most recent match will be ranked higher.
- 4 If ③ is a tie, teams with the higher Placement point on the most recent match will be ranked higher.
- 5 If ④ is a tie, teams with the higher Total Damage on the most recent match will be ranked higher.

### 11.14 Observers

Only the observers who have been explicitly authorized by the Administration will be allowed to join the game server.

### 11.15 Replay and Match Data

All players must have and activate the in-game replay feature for the Competition. All replays and screenshots of the match will be saved for 14 days from the end of the Tournament. The Administration reserves the right to request replays or screenshots at any time within 14 days.

### 11.16 Bugs

Even in the case of a bug negatively affecting a player, there shall be no rematch or solution available to the player.

If a bug is found by a player during a match, it shall be notified immediately to the Referee. The player who discovers the bug but intentionally hides it from the Referee is considered to have abused the bug and will be penalized.

If players deliberately use a bug during a game to gain an advantage in the game, it will be regarded as cheating and will be penalized. The level of penalty is determined by the level of fraudulent behavior.

### 11.17 Cheats

The use of cheats is forbidden during the Competition. The use of a cheat will result in bans and/or disqualifications. For purposes of clarity, a cheat is any program, software, code, or hack that gives players a competitive advantage over their opponent. Examples of cheats include:

- ESP
- Radar hacks
- Wallhacks

- Speedhacks
- Aimhacks
- Hitbox manipulation
- Teleportation
- Using a bug/bugs to gain an advantage versus opponents
- Editing game files to remove grass or other aspects from the game
- Mouse Macro, all Mouse Macro are not allowed to be used in the official matches. However, players are allowed to use the Mouse Drivers like BlasterX, Razer Synapse, Logitech G Hub, SteelSeries Engine etc. Mouse Drivers will be checked by referees before the match day starts.
- All 3rd party software or tools that are not allowed by the game publisher and that can give an unfair advantage to a player or team are classified as cheating and are not allowed. Examples of software that are not allowed are Nvidia Profile Inspector, SweetFX and VibranceGUI.

The above-mentioned software is strictly prohibited from being used on any tournament equipment at any time, including during match time, practice time, or setup/debug time. Any player or team found using it will be penalized.

If a team uses a player that has an active ban by PUBG, the team will be disqualified from the Tournament.

### **11.18 Adherence to Rules**

During a match, Referees and Head Referees will make rulings to the best of their judgment to ensure the matches are completed in adherence to the Rules. These rulings must be adhered to by the Participants during a match.

## **12 After Match**

### **12.1 Results**

Official match results will be posted on the website in accordance with the procedures.

### **12.2 Disputes**

Participants who wish to contest a ruling made by the Administration, believe a rule has been violated, or believe tournament integrity has been jeopardized in any way (“Disputing Party”) may open a dispute.

A dispute must not delay an upcoming match unless the dispute has the potential to impact the qualification or elimination for the upcoming match, at the sole discretion of the Administration.

The procedure to open and resolve a dispute is as follows:

1. A written statement must be provided to the representative of the Host or Administration within one (1) hour of the completion of the match day in which the dispute pertains. The statement, at its minimum, must explain the Disputing Parties dispute and basic details of the situation.
2. Based on the situation, the Administration will determine if the dispute is clearly addressed by the Rules. If so, the dispute will be addressed accordingly. If not, the Administration will take necessary steps to establish a fair and judicious ruling on the manner.
3. The ruling on the dispute must be decided prior to the following match day, or before the final rankings are calculated for that respective stage, whichever happens first.
4. At this point, the ruling will become final.

### **12.3 Interviews and Other Post-Match Obligations**

Players will be informed of any post-match obligations, including, but not limited to, media appearances, interviews, or further discussion of any match matters as determined by the Administration. Interpreters, managers and/or coaches can be present as and when needed.

Interviews will be made public worldwide, just as the official matches. If a player violates the rules of conduct during the interview, such as exhibiting indecent, discriminatory, and violent words and behavior, the player will be penalized.

#### **12.4 Breaks Between Matches**

Matches will be conducted as per the schedule. Players must enter the lobby as quickly as possible after the completion of the previous match. The Host will not delay the start of the matches for late arriving players. Failure to return to the lobby on time may subject the player to penalties.

All team officials and players may not move or stay illegally in unauthorized places in any way during the time of the match, including breaks.

### **13 Supplementary Rules**

#### **13.1 Host's Rights**

The Host reserves the right to collect, process, and use all results, records, and data relating to the Competition.

#### **13.2 Relationship of Rights and Duties**

Teams and players shall not edit or disclose the competition-related content (regardless of the creator) externally through media such as the Internet without the prior consent of the Administration. If this obligation is breached, the Host may take any possible legal action against the team and players concerned.

The team agrees that the Host has the right to use the following competition-related portrait rights and IP (Intellectual Property) of the team and players:

- The name, logo, symbol, images, videos, audios, etc. of the Competition
- All records such as Competition results, statistics, and data
- The name, logo, image, etc. of the team for participating in the Competition
- The player's name, date of birth, nickname, ID, images, videos, audios, etc.
- All other edited content of the Competition

The team agrees that the Administration may freely use the portrait rights of the team and its players for the development and success of the Competition or for the publicity and promotion of participating teams and players. These use rights are not limited in platform, medium, or period.

The use of portrait rights and license rights is not limited to online or offline formats, or in terms of platforms, media, or period.

Information of all participants and results of the Competition will be published on the PUBG ESPORTS official website, [pubgesports.com](http://pubgesports.com). Participating teams must reasonably cooperate with the process for gathering and posting information.

#### **13.3 Promotions**

The Administration may request promotional activities such as competition-related events, marketing, advertisements, etc. from the participating teams, and all teams and players are obligated to cooperate with such requests unless there is an unavoidable reason.

If the team and players do not cooperate in promotional activities without unavoidable reasons, the team and players may be penalized at the discretion of the Host.

Promotional activities are categorized as follows:

- Interviews
- Promotional videos
- Player profile photoshoots
- Orientation, player training
- Fan meets and promotions for the Competition
- Competition-related subprograms

### **13.4 Confidentiality**

Team staff (managers, coaching staff, players, etc.) may not disclose confidential information obtained by themselves through participation in the Competition and any confidential information related to the Competition obtained from the Administration. The effect of this provision will continue after the Competition is over.

### **13.5 Defamation**

A Team or player is prohibited from in any way slandering, disparaging, or defaming any affiliates or officials including PUBG: BATTLEGROUNDS, Tournament Parties, Referees, and Team Handlers. The effect of this provision will continue after the Competition is over.

### **13.6 Quitting Competition**

#### **13.6.1 Quitting**

The team may not request to withdraw from the Competition until the conclusion of all official Tournament schedules, except in cases where participation is deemed impossible due to unavoidable circumstances.

If it is determined that participation in the Tournaments is not possible due to natural disasters, health issues, or other valid reasons that prevent the team or its members from competing, the team must obtain prior approval from the Administration and submit official documentation substantiating the cause.

#### **13.6.2 Interfering with the Competition**

All teams are required to participate in all official schedules and matches in good faith. Any team that refuses to participate in the Competition without a valid reason will be subject to penalties.