



**Tactics League**  
**Official Tournament Regulation Rulebook**

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## General Guidelines

- Please adhere to the ruleset for the official Tactics League format you are competing in, including the game settings and map pool.

Standard format - [Standard Ruleset - Tactics League](#)

Premade format - [Premade Ruleset - Tactics League](#)

- Your backed-up, USA version of *Final Fantasy Tactics: The War of the Lions* (aka “the game” or “ISO”) must have the latest PvP Patch applied to it.
- Your PPSSPP application version (aka the “emulator”) should be up to date on the latest supported version deemed by the Tournament Organizer.
- ZeroTier Network service **is required and a connection to the Tactics League public network for Tactics League-sanctioned online tournaments or competitions** to ensure the integrity of all connected players are under the same public network.

It is the responsibility of each participant to verify they can successfully connect and play using the declared network service beforehand if the tournament or competition is conducted over the internet.

*Note: Though it is not ideal, the use of the "piggyback method" is permitted, but if a player cannot connect even using this method, they are fully responsible and shall be disqualified from the tournament or competition.*

- Participants are not allowed to use the Fast Forward feature of PPSSPP during active gameplay.
- A valid and active PayPal account if the tournament has cash prizes to receive payment if you are eligible for prizes.
- Tournament Officials reserve the right to investigate a game or declare an outcome.

- All participants must have some means to live stream their PPSSPP application, regardless of platform (streaming via Discord is highly recommended) if requested by the Official. One participant must be able to stream in its entirety for each match an Official is present in, ideally the player with the best, capable hardware to produce the highest quality stream. This is further discussed with the Official before the start of the match.
- Participants are not allowed to use a username (or user ID, handle, @name) that could be considered vulgar, discriminatory, denigrating, suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate.
- The names of characters (or units) found in-game are not allowed to be used that could be considered vulgar, discriminatory, denigrating, suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate.
- A customized character (or unit) name must not be used more than once per unit in the registered team and cannot resemble the name of a unique character that already exists or in their likeness on the established roster.
- Coaching or having a person coach an active participant is not allowed. A participant found receiving coaching or instructions from a non-competitor, an active competitor, or persons providing said instructions, tips, or aid shall be disqualified. A registered participant found providing coaching to another participant shall also be disqualified.
- Participants who are fully eligible to play in a competition but did not check-in prior to the scheduled event start time shall be de-registered from the event. Participants deregistered are not classified as a forfeit, but it should be noted by Tactics League as this may set their account in bad standing for doing a “no show.”

## Roster Registration and Roster Lock

### Roster Registration:

Refers to sending information to the Tournament Organizer that designates the five characters that are considered your “main team” and optionally, two characters that are considered “reserves” that you will be using for tournament play. Submission is done via an online form and will require a Google account to be able to make changes before Roster Lock.

### Roster Lock:

Refers to a specific date and time to complete Roster Registration before the tournament, at most, 2 days before schedule. A participant can only use the designated characters throughout

the tournament and risks disqualification if found using other characters not registered. If a participant signs up to participate in a tournament and does not register by Roster Lock, that player is no longer eligible to play in the event.

A participant must have the following registered before Roster Lock to be eligible to play:

- 5 characters that are considered the main team (still follow the "1 Unique rule")
- Optionally, 2 characters are considered reserves (this can be any character including multiple unique characters)

During a match:

- Game 1 and Tiebreaker: You must use the original, registered "main team."
- Games 2 and 3: The Official will ask each player if they wish to swap character(s) from "reserves" into the "main team," noting team changes for the upcoming game. The "1 Unique rule" still applies here.
- Players found not using the exact, registered character names, jobs, equipment, abilities, and stats that were registered during gameplay shall be disqualified from the tournament.

## Match Structure

During a regulated match, which is considered a best-of-3 series, the following guidelines should be observed, which the Tournament Organizer must declare well in advance before the start of the tournament.

Available Tournament Formats (determined by the Tournament Organizer):

- Single-elimination - A participant is finished from the tournament if they lose a best-of-3 match.
- Double-elimination - Participants compete for the advancement in "Winners" and "Losers" brackets.  
Losing a best-of-3 match while in Losers will result in being finished from the tournament. The participant that wins the Losers Finals will match against the Winners Finals winner for the Grand Finals competition.

- Round Robin - Each participant plays against one another in a Round/Pool-based competition with each winner gaining 1 point and each loser earning 0 points after completing their best-of-3 match. The tournament winner is based on who has the most accumulative points. If more than one participant has equal points, then those participants must play in a separate best-of-3 match to resolve the winner.

### **Seeding**

Seeding determines where a participant is ranked in a regulated tournament (similar to a leaderboard). It is usually based on past tournament participation and experience to reduce the likelihood of a well-experienced player matching against an experienced player in earlier rounds. The tournament organizer must declare which form of seeding is being used well in advance of the start of a regulated tournament.

The following are seeding options determined by the Tournament Organizer:

- Blind Draw - Participants are randomly seeded before the start of the regulated tournament.
- Ranked - Participants are seeded based on their accumulative "competitor points" (points accumulated from past tournament participation to reduce the likelihood of a well-experienced player matching against a newer-experienced player early on).
- Manual - Participants are seeded based on competitor registration and fulfilling roster registration and roster lock (if enabled). This is also considered from "top to bottom" seeding.

If Seeding is enabled:

- The participant with the higher seed is considered the "Host" (which is deemed team "Blue" for statistics) for the entire duration of the best of 3 series.
- The participant with the lower seed is considered the "Guest" (which is deemed team "Red" for statistics) for the entire duration of the best of 3 series.
- If both participants are considered the same seed, then the designated "Host" is determined by @Tavernmaster or the designated Official for the entire duration of the best of 3 series. The non-designated participant is considered the "Guest" for the entire duration of the best-of-3 series.

If Seeding is not enabled:

- The designated "Host" (which is deemed team "Blue" for statistics) is determined by @Tavernmaster or the designated Official. Once the host is selected, the player designated as "Host" remains the host for the entire duration of the best-of-3 series.
- The participant not designated as "Host" is considered the "Guest" (which is deemed team "Red" for statistics) for the entire duration of the best-of-3 series.

Map Formats (determined by the Tournament Organizer):

- Fixed - The Tournament Organizer designates maps manually for each Round and per Game in each best-of-3 series. All competitors must use the same map selection based on the current Round. If it is Game 2 in the best-of-3 series, the loser of Game 1 must declare any legal map not already listed in Game 1 or Game 3 to be set for Game 2. The Game 3 map will automatically become the opposite size of the Game 2 map to enforce 2 medium and 1 small map per match.
- Random - @Tavernmaster designates the map selection for the best-of-3 series. If it is Game 2 in the best-of-3 series, the loser of Game 1 must declare any legal map not already listed in Game 1 or Game 3 to be set for Game 2. The Game 3 map will automatically become the opposite size of the Game 2 map to enforce 2 medium and 1 small map per match.

Byes:

If a participant does not have an opponent during the current round, they will receive an automatic advancement to the next round, typically if there is an uneven amount of players competing.

Finished:

A participant is deemed finished if they have either lost an entire match in a single elimination, lost their match while in Loser's Bracket, or completed an event in 1st or 2nd place. Finished players will have their status, rank, and CP (where enabled) updated for official records and preservation.

## Match Guidelines

The following are the match guidelines imposed during active gameplay of a single game or best-of-3 series. During a regulated match, all participants and the Official should observe the following steps. Not following the rules imposed during a match may result in a forfeit in the current match or a disqualification from the tournament.

1. Report on time to your designated channel/table or within the 10-minute timeframe of your scheduled match.
2. Greet your opponent. Sportsmanship is always preferred in competitive play.
3. The designated Host starts hosting the game with the Guest joining and setting up the game settings and map selection. If it is Game 2 in the best-of-3 series, the loser of Game 1 must declare any legal map not already listed in Game 1 or Game 3 to be set for Game 2. The Official must be present during this declaration, enforce that Game 3 is the opposite map size of what was declared, and make note of it in the Post-Game Report.

The Game 3 map will automatically become the opposite size of the Game 2 map to enforce 2 medium and 1 small map per match.

4. If Roster Registration is enabled:
  - a. Roster Verification - During the Pre-Game, an Official must join the designated lobby/chat/table to verify each player's team based on the current Game. **This includes self-reporting matches.**
    - i. For Game 1 - Players must use their registered Main Team.
    - ii. For Games 2 and 3 - Players may swap a unit from the Main Team with a unit from their Reserves. The Official will ask each player if they are going to swap a unit(s), citing their registered unit name.
    - iii. For Tiebreaker - Players must use their registered Main Team.
  - b. The Host player should not confirm their team of five putting the game into a "ready" state. Only when the Official has verified both players' rosters can the Host and Guest put their team into the ready state, commencing the match.
5. **If an Official is present and observing gameplay:**
  - a. A participant must stream directly to Discord (if playing over the internet) to provide the Official a viewpoint of the match. Ideally, both participants can stream their PPSSPP screen if requested, as required. The Official must discuss and decide this with both participants before starting the first game in a regulated match. The participant with the best, capable hardware should ideally live stream.
  - b. Start the game once the Official has verified both teams.
  - c. The Official must start a separate stopwatch and also keep track of the current game state to resolve KO counts, ties, or network errors. View **Game and Match Resolution** for more information.



- d. The Official uses the Server Mute and Server Deafen on both players to mute their microphones before active gameplay. Message your Official if needed to verbally communicate with the Official. Communication between both players is not allowed until after the game completes either in a winner or a draw, or if a network error occurred.

6. **If an Official is not present to observe gameplay:**

- a. Start the game.
- b. Both players mute their microphones if applicable during active gameplay. Communication between both players is not allowed until after the game completes either in a winner or a draw, or if a network error occurred.
- c. Contact the designated Official via Discord DM or through a designated voice/text channel (if online) for any issues needing to be resolved. Streaming your gameplay to an external provider (such as YouTube or Twitch) is recommended to provide evidence for any claim.

7. Post-Game Reporting:

Once the game ends and a winner or draw is resolved, please follow these guidelines depending on whether an Official observed a game in its entirety or not.

- a. **If an Official was present**, the Official records the following information to send to the Tournament Organizer:
  - i. Participant's names and which player streamed
  - ii. KO count of both parties (dictated by Blue/Red)
  - iii. Win, Lose, Draw, the current tournament Round, and the current game in the series
  - iv. Map played
- b. **If an Official was not present**, the designated Host player must send the following information to the Tournament Organizer:
  - i. A message with the Round and Game count (such as "Round 3 - Game 1") with a screenshot/recording of their KO screen

Note: Failure of the Host to send in self-reporting or inaccurate self-reporting can lead to disqualification from the tournament. At best, both participants should always screenshot for integrity purposes.

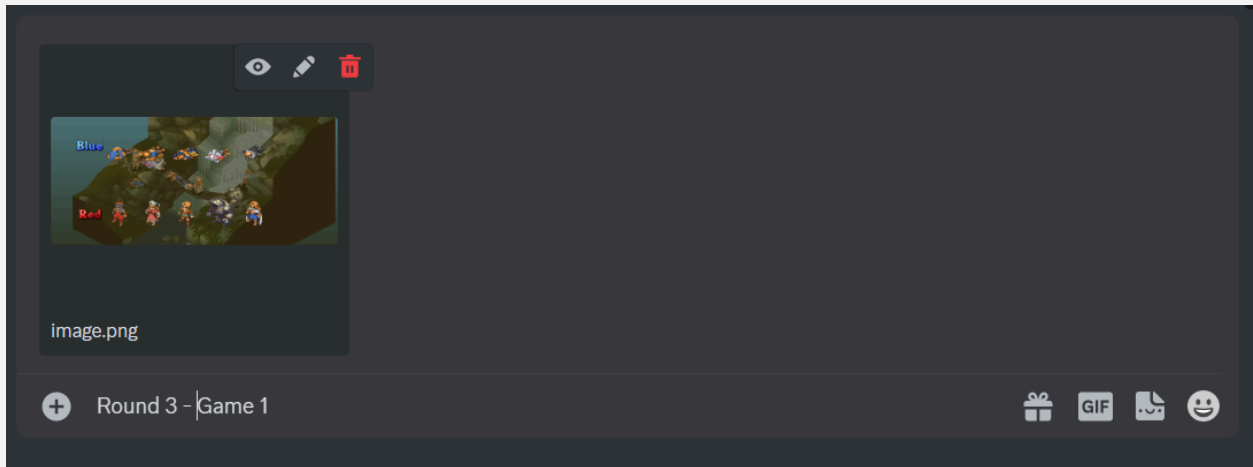
- 8. Reload your save data after the end of each game for integrity purposes and proceed to advance in the match when prompted.



*The “Ready” state - the Host should only be in this state when prompted*



*A screenshot of the KO screen is to be submitted to the Tournament Organizer if no Official is present*



***Sending the KO screen and Round & Game Number to the Tournament Organizer via Discord DM***

## Game and Match Resolution

This section covers the processes of what to follow if the natural game progress is impeded or if issues arise, such as networking errors. Because the game does not communicate which player had a disconnect, network outage, or any other issue that could arise in tournament play, the Official must follow the following steps to resolve the game state for the current match.

### **Resolving a completed game or match:**

1. If an Official was not present (match self-reporting):
  - a. The Host player sends a screenshot of their KO screen and the Round and Game number to the Tournament Organizer.
    - i. If there are remaining games in the match:
      1. Both participants restart their game, and the Host sets up the game settings and waits for the Official to join them for Game 2 map declaration or Game 3 map enforcement and roster verification.

2. If it is Game 2, the Official must ask the loser of Game 1 to declare a legal map not listed in Game 1 or Game 3 and note it in the Post-Game Report. This map will be played for Game 2. Game 3's map will automatically be the opposite map size of what was declared for Game 2.
3. The Official starts and completes roster verification (and also notes Reserve swaps if applicable) and then designates the Host to proceed to "ready" the next game in the series once verification is complete.

ii. If the match is completed:

1. Conduct good sportsmanship towards your opponent. Restart your game and wait for the Tournament Organizer to update the bracket.

Until participants have been communicated on the schedule of their next match, they are free to go as they please. Still, please keep communications open for the next match, as it is your responsibility to report on time or within 10 minutes of the scheduled match or risk Forfeiture.

2. If an Official was actively present:

a. If there are remaining games in the match:

- i. Both participants must first restart their game. Then the Host starts hosting and setting up the game.
- ii. If it is Game 2, the Official must ask the loser of Game 1 to declare a legal map not listed in Game 1 or Game 3 and note it in the Post-Game Report. This map will be played for Game 2. Game 3's map will automatically be the opposite map size of what was declared for Game 2.
- iii. The Official starts and completes roster verification (and also notes Reserve swaps if applicable) and then designates the Host to proceed to "ready" the next game in the series once verification is complete.

b. If the match is completed:

- i. The Official informs both players that the current Match is over and the Official reports to the Tournament Organizer and awaits for bracket updates to occur. Both players must restart their game.

c. Until participants have been communicated on the schedule of their next match, they are free to go as they please. Still, please keep communications open for the next match, as it is your responsibility to report on time or within 10 minutes

of the scheduled match or risk Forfeiture.

**Resolving network errors, a participant's emulator or game crashed or froze, or any other abnormal events occurred during active gameplay:**

1. If an Official was not actively present during the game:
  - Contact your designated Official regarding the error or issue that occurred. A link to a live stream playback or screenshot is always ideal to help expedite the claim.
  - Both players must state and mutually agree on the **number of units alive** for both parties before the error or issue.  
If there are conflict between the number of units alive of both players, the Official must use reasonable discretion to declare based on the guidelines posted below.
2. If an Official is observing the game:
  - They must use the guidelines posted below based on the number of units alive for both players in the game state before the error or issue to resolve the game in the best-of-3 series and determine a winner or draw.

**⚠** These types of errors are flagged by the Official on a per-participant basis to help curb potential disconnect/network error abuse to sway a game's result. **Players found abusing this resolution method shall be banned from the current tournament and future tournaments as well at the decision of the Tournament Organizer.**

<b>Number of Units Alive</b>	<b>Game Resolution</b>
5 - 5 (During Pregame or within 5 minutes of Commence dialog)	Replay (restart the game state)
5 - 5 (after 5 minutes into the game)	Draw
5 - 4	Draw
5 - 3	Draw
5 - 2	Win for the player with the most units
5 - 1	Win for the player with the most units
4 - 4	Draw
4 - 3	Draw
4 - 2	Win for the player with the most units

<b>Number of Units Alive</b>	<b>Game Resolution</b>
4 - 1	Win for the player with the most units
3 - 3	Draw
3 - 2	Draw
3 - 1	Win for the player with the most units
2 - 2	Draw
2 - 1	Draw
1 - 1	Draw

3. The Official updates the match's standing based on the declared outcome and advances to the next game if applicable.
4. If a Tiebreaker is necessary to resolve the winner of a best-of-3 series, the Official declares it, both players restart their game, and the Host player must set up a new game with the following settings and map:
  - Map Selection: Manual
  - Time Limit: 5 Min.
  - Action Limit: 20
  - Special Controls: Off
  - Trap Placement: None
  - Arithmeticks: Allow
  - Map: Golgollada Gallows

## Forfeiture and Disqualifications

A Forfeit or Forfeiture is defined as a participant being declared a "loss" in the current game or match based on the following circumstances. If a Forfeiture is declared, the current game must end immediately and participants must wait to proceed based on the Official's direction.

If a participant is found to have either broken the General Guidelines, cheating, or any other serious offense, that player may be at risk for Disqualification, removing them from the current tournament or event.

Forfeiture and disqualifications are ultimately left to the discretion of the match's Official.

### **Forfeitures**

The following events will result in a participant forfeiting the current game in the best-of-3 series, resulting in an automatic "loss" for the current game:

- A participant was found breaking the "1 Unique rule" in the format's ruleset.
- A participant failed to reload their save data after the completion of a game.
- A participant did not use their entire registered Main Team (if Roster Registration was enabled) during Game 1 or Tiebreaker. Participants are allowed to swap in units from their Main Team and Reserves during Games 2 and 3.
- A participant used an ability that was deemed banned by the format's ruleset in the middle of a regulated match.
- A participant was 10 minutes late to check into their scheduled, regulated match to start or continue the next game in their match. Each game in the match is treated as a separate instance or offense if they are repeatedly not checked in.
- A participant manually declared a forfeit mid-game progress to move on in their best-of-3 series. It is encouraged to play through a game in its entirety and only declare forfeiture if there are no reasonable means of winning.
- Stalling:
  - Definition - Stalling is when a participant is not making any reasonable effort to actively engage their opponent with at least 2 out of 5 characters or less, repeatedly.
  - Acts of Engagement - Because some abilities or setups may require multiple non-engaged actions, you must have at least 2 out of the 5 characters or less on your team attempting to engage their opponent by their 2nd Turn by doing the following:
    - Moving towards the center point of the map (even if it is 1 tile per turn)
    - Targeting an opposing character with attacks or abilities (even if it fails or is declared 0% hit rate)

- Examples of illegal actions:
  - *Using Focus, Borrowed Time, or using an Item twice in a row without any characters OR only 1 character moving towards the center of the map (as you must have at least 2 characters attempting to engage).*
  - *Moving away from the center of the map and casting Golem twice in a row while not moving at least 2 other characters towards the center (considered non-engaging because you are targeting yourself and reducing the likelihood of your opponent being able to engage - out of range).*
- Examples of legal actions:
  - *Changing a Bardsong ability twice per Action while moving at least 1 tile towards the center of the map between those two Actions (as the unit is making an effort to close the window for your opponent to reach them).*
  - *Targeting an opposing character with a Summon or Time Magicks and then moving away (or retreating) afterward (as targeting the enemy with a spell is considered engaging).*
  - *Targeting an ally to later cast a spell that affects the enemy in any way (aka. drone casting). This is legal because the goal is to engage your opponent with an ability that will later affect them in some way.*
  - *Using an Item or ability on yourself or an ally and using Wait without moving so long as 2 other characters are moving toward the center or targeting an opposing character.*
- If a participant is found to be stalling, it is required by the Official to follow these guidelines:
  - **First offense - Warn the participant in question to make an effort to engage their opponent. This includes moving units mid-way through the map or targeting the opponent with attacks or abilities with 2/5ths of their team.**
  - **Second offense - The previously warned participant Forfeits the current game in the best-of-3 match. The Official shall use the utmost discretion to determine if a second offense has occurred.**



## Disqualifications

The following events will result in a participant being disqualified from the current tournament or competition:

- A participant was found using modified stats/gear/abilities when the ruleset for that format declared no modification of such attributes outside normal means (stats adjusted only by gear/job/abilities).
- A participant was found breaking the limited/semi-limited gear and item restriction found in the Standard format.
- Your party roster either registered or not for tournament play, must all be included in one save slot and a participant was found using a mixture of multiple save slots.
- A participant exhibited unsportsmanlike conduct (including cheating/network manipulation, profanities, or verbal assault at another participant, spectator, or event staff).
- Lying or providing falsified information to a match Official or Tournament Organizer about an error, issue, or investigation.
- The match Official found a participant to have violated Discord's community guidelines (if the tournament is networked via the internet and through the Tactics League Discord server): <https://discord.com/guidelines>.

## Integrity Measures

To ensure the competition is fair for all participants, there are a few rules and measures in place at the discretion of the Official, as well as general guidelines everyone should follow in tournament play.

- It is highly recommended, that at least one if not both participants in a match stream their gameplay to an external provider, such as YouTube or Twitch, to be able to quickly reference events if needed by the Official to investigate an error or issue. Local recordings are not recommended for investigative data, as they require being uploaded first. A participant is allowed to locally record any tournament or event.

- Both participants always reload their save data at the end of each game in the best-of-3 series to avoid Forfeiture.
- The checksum of the PvP Patch in use by both participants must match the current patch version found in the tournament format's ruleset. If requested, an Official has the right to validate a participant's patched ISO/backup to ensure that it is the same MD5 checksum of the current patch for integrity purposes.

Failure to provide the requested MD5 checksum to the official will result in disqualification from the tournament and potentially future events as well.

**To provide a valid MD5 checksum of your patched ISO/backup if requested:**

1. Visit [https://emn178.github.io/online-tools/md5\\_checksum.html](https://emn178.github.io/online-tools/md5_checksum.html)
2. Select "Drop File Here" and load your PvP-patched ISO
3. Wait for the process to complete
4. Screenshot the tab or window of your web browser with the resulting MD5 checksum output
5. Send in a Direct Message, the copy of your tab/window of your web browser containing the resulting MD5 checksum to the designated Official

**Integrity Action for Competitor Points (CP)**

The following are case-by-case conditions and may lead to the removal of CP from official standings:

- If a player is found in violation of rule-breaking of the ruleset or regulation and an Official has declared the player disqualified from the tournament, they are not considered "finished" and will not be rewarded CP.
- If a player was found cheating in a sanctioned event after the event ended and ample or sufficient evidence was discovered that such cheating had occurred, the awarded points will be removed officially and that player is automatically disqualified from the next sanctioned tournament or event. They may continue to participate in future tournaments or events afterward.

# Competitor Points

During sanctioned tournament play, participants who competed in a tournament or cup are awarded Competitor Points (aka CP) based on their overall final ranking in the event. CP is allocated once the event is finished, and after all records have been verified to ensure the integrity of points are awarded correctly.

When a "season" (considered a period of competitive play or events that span over months) has concluded, all participating players will have their CP reset once a new season starts, but their past totals will be preserved for historical purposes.

## **Competitor Points - Tournament-Style (large pool)**

### **For Double Elimination & Round Robin Allocations for 7+ Competitors**

*(last updated 10/07/2024)*

- 1st = 2000 pts.
- 2nd = 1600 pts.
- 3rd = 1400 pts.
- 4th = 1200 pts.
- 5th - 8th = 800 pts.
- 9th and lower = 600 pts.

## **Competitor Points - Tournament-Style (small pool)**

### **For Double Elimination & Round Robin Allocations for 4-6 Competitors**

*(last updated 10/07/2024)*

- 1st = 1400 pts.
- 2nd = 1200 pts.
- 3rd = 1000 pts.
- 4th = 800 pts.
- 5th = 600 pts.
- 6th = 400 pts.

## **Competitor Points - Cup-Style (large pool)**

### **For Single Elimination Allocations for 7+ Competitors**

*(last update 10/07/2024)*

- 1st = 800 pts.
- 2nd = 600 pts.
- 3rd - 4th = 500 pts.
- 5th - 8th = 300 pts.
- 9th and lower = 200 pts.

**Competitor Points - Cup-Style (small pool)**  
**For Single Elimination Allocations for 4-6 Competitors**  
*(last update 10/07/2024)*

- 1st = 500 pts.
- 2nd = 400 pts.
- 3rd = 300 pts.
- 4th = 200 pts.
- 5th and 6th = 100 pts.

**Standings Tiebreaker Resolution**

If participants finish and are tied based on their standings at the end of a competition, the following metrics will be used to resolve each ranking:

- 1st - Round Finished
- 2nd - Total Games Played in the finished series (up to 4)
- 3rd - Your Opponent's Seeding/rank
- 4th - Units Alive Per Game accumulatively

# Sanctioned Events Program

A “sanctioned event” or “sanctioned competition” is a live program that is created by Discord community member(s) to receive various support from Tactics League and the ability to award finished competitors Competitor Points once completed to go towards the current competitive Season. The Sanctioned Competitions Program by Tactics League is a way to encourage members to become involved in the process of hosting events and to improve our competitions and community gatherings as a whole.

## Sanctioned Events Support

Tactics League administration will provide additional support to ensure your event is successful and grant the following access and resources if you are approved for sanctioning:

- Basic banner/logo creation for your event (if needed)
- Tailored Competitions Registration form for your event to provide sign-ups
- Access to the Roster Registration form (if you are enabling Roster Lock)
- Access to the Post Game Report (PGR) needed to report match data for official records (this can be additionally provided to multiple assigned Officials as needed)
- Official Announcement updates via Discord, added to Discord Events for notifications, and the Tactics League website’s Events page
- Official/Staff Discord role so you have partial moderator powers as well as Staging channel operability (this is granted on the day of or the day before the event)
- Priority support from Tactics League administration during your event’s runtime (as much as possible)

## Sanctioning Criteria

For an event to request sanctioning, it must have at the minimum, 4 verified members or more, must use a Tactics League game format (Standard or Generics Premade), and must meet the following criteria to be classified and use [Competitor Points](#) award scaling:

- 4 - 8+ can be classified as a Cup (Single Elimination) using Cup Competitor Points awarding
- 4 - 8+ can be classified as a Tournament (Double Elimination) using Tournament Competitor Points awarding
- 4+ can be classified as Round Robin using Tournament Competitor Points awarding

## Event Roll Call

**A Roll Call is required** to capture the interests of potential competitors. Posting a Roll Call assumes you are its Tournament Organizer by default. It must contain all of the following information in **one post publicly** (as a thread in the role-call channel) to provide contextual information for the event you are trying to host.

Once a Roll Call is publicly posted, the “configuration” details listed below **cannot be changed** unless at least 3/4ths of your verified members agree to a proposed change. This is regardless if it is sanctioned or unsanctioned to maintain the accuracy of your proposed event:

- **Event Name** (one is required and is ideally unique in some way)
- **Game Format:** either Standard, Generics Premade, or Original (vanilla FFT WotL)  
*Note: Original game formats are automatically considered unsanctioned*
- **Proposed Event Date and Time in Eastern Time** (if over multiple days please state the date range and take into consideration Pacific Time competitors)
- **Sign-Up Date:** either Today or a date range (ensure at minimum, 7 days in advance from the proposed event date if requesting sanctioning)
- **Tournament Organizer:** either Self or @ the appropriate Discord user
- **Requesting Sanctioning?** (Yes/No - If you want to have this event sanctioned as long as the Event Criteria are met)
  
- **Roster Restrictions [Generics Premade only]:**
  - No Limits - No restrictions enforced, anything goes
  - Draft - The host competitor picks 1 unit first that becomes inaccessible to the Guest, followed by 2 from the Guest, 2 from the Host, 2 from the Guest, and last 1 from the Host (add additional drafting if setting up for teams of seven)
  - Role Limit - Can only have up to 3 of either Damage, Tank, or Support each on your team of five or seven
  
- **Proposed Tournament Format:** either Single Elimination, Double Elimination, or Round Robin (this may vary based on total interests; please reference the *Sanctioning Criteria* section)
- **Seeding Mode:** either Blind Draw, Ranked, or Manual
- **Map Format:** Fixed (the TO determines the maps) or Random (use Tavernmaster)
- **Roster Registration Required? (Yes/No) And Roster Lock Date and Time in Eastern Time**  
*Note: this can also apply to the Generics Premade format*
- **Minimum/maximum number of competitors**  
(for example: “4 min / 8 max”)
- **CP Awarding?** (Yes/No - if you would like to request sanctioning but are disallowing awarding CP by Tactics League administration after the event concludes)

- **Requesting additional officials?** (Yes/No - this is to state that you are looking for at least 1 or more officials to help officiate the event; please keep in mind this should be ideally a 4:1 competitor to official ratio)

## Tournament Organizer

For your competition to become sanctioned by Tactics League, the designee of the Roll Call must first complete steps as its Tournament Organizer (TO). The TO is the main contact between the Tactics League administration and is the person that is responsible for heading and maintaining tournament data to be reported for official preservation and records; no other members, including Officials, are allowed to do so.

To be officially deemed as a sanctioned Tournament Organizer:

- Must be 18+ years of age (age verification required via AuthentiGate bot - uses **With Persona** verification services).
- Your Discord account with Discord and within the Tactics League community must be in good standing.
- Faithfully commit to reporting accurate tournament data and information at the highest integrity.
- Confirmed that you have **fully read** and **understand** the Tactics League - Tournament Regulation Rulebook in its entirety and can faithfully officiate this event (as needed).
- Have not successfully hosted 2 sanctioned events within a 14-day (2 weeks) period (this is so that other members have an opportunity to host with reduced or no overlap and is subject to current activity).
- Confirm that you will not be competing in your proposed event as you must officiate or oversee the event state from start to finish (this is also to prevent integrity issues with an official playing in an event).

## Event Assurance (sanctioned)

To ensure the sanctioned event is held to the highest standards of fairness and integrity, the following must be conducted by the Tactics League administration:

- Age verification via AuthentiGate for each interested competitor; an underage competitor cannot compete in a sanctioned event. Competitors only need to verify one time across all sanctioned events successfully. An age-verified member will have the “Verified” role on their Discord profile or the information will be presented that they are of legal age. The TO is responsible for informing competitors that they are ineligible. Any ineligible competitor found competing will disqualify the event of its sanctioned status, including awarding Competitor Points to all competitors, and the TO will be disqualified from reapplying for a sanctioned event for three months from that event date.
- Ensure that the TO and its official(s) understand the Tactics League - Tournament Regulation Rulebook in its entirety and will enforce it to the best of their ability in full.
- Confirm that no cash prizes or other gifts are being awarded as this is currently a limitation of the program and can only be supported directly by Tactics League-hosted events.
- Only one sanctioned event can be run at a given time; ensure that there is no conflict with any other approved events before confirming this can become sanctioned OR adjust the event date and time with the TO and applicable competitors to ensure that it can be filled at a later date.
- Members are given ample time to respond and sign up for a proposed, sanctioned Roll Call. At a minimum, the sanctioned event should give at least 1 week in advance to sign-up before the Event Date and Time. Tactics League administration may supersede authority over the Event Date and Time to ensure that there is an ample window for sign-up time as well as ensuring that it does not conflict with any other sanctioned events.
- Confirm with the TO that there is a visualized bracket in use that is fully accessible to their staff, competitors, and Tactics League administration that clearly states the event’s tournament format, its competitors, seeding, and other applicable information that is deemed valuable. It is highly recommended to use an online bracket tool or generator for ease of access to all members.
- The TO or Official(s) operating under sanctioning are prohibited from bracket manipulation or any form of collusion between staff and competitors. Any TO or Official(s) found manipulating a bracket for the benefit or advancement of a single or multiple competitor(s) will disqualify the event of its sanctioned status, including awarding Competitor Points to all competitors, and the TO and Official(s) will receive permanent disqualification for sanctioning requests by Tactics League administration.
- Observation of the ongoing event and its staff. Just as Tactics League administration is to uphold integrity to the highest standards, community TOs and its staff must conduct themselves in the same manner and misconduct found or reported by competitors can



lead to the permanent disqualification for sanctioning requests by the TO and their official(s) if discovered.

# Terms of Service

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## **I. Introduction**

By participating in the "competition" or "event" you are agreeing to these terms and conditions. The competition or Service is being run by Tactics League. We reserve the right to make changes or modifications to these terms at any time for any reason. We will alert you by updating the "last updated" date of these terms. It is your responsibility to stay up to date on changes.

Square Enix Holdings., Ltd., PPSSPP, and ZeroTier ARE NOT affiliated with Tactics League.

## **II. Player Eligibility**

- A.** The competition is open to entrants 18 years of age or older. To verify your age, an identity verification must be completed via AuthentiGate Discord bot in the *role-assign-and-verify* channel
- B.** Tactics League employees, staff, or community Tournament Organizers and their Officials are excluded from competing in sanctioned tournaments or events.
- C.** Participants who sign up for tournament play must have their Discord account or any other account deemed by the Services in good standing.

## **III. Limitations of Liability**

IN NO EVENT WILL WE OR DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS BE LIABLE TO YOU OR ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST PROFIT, LOST REVENUE, LOSS OF DATA, OR OTHER DAMAGES ARISING FROM USE OF THE SERVICES, EVEN IF WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED HEREIN, OUR LIABILITY TO YOU FOR ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER AND REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WILL AT ALL TIMES BE LIMITED TO THE LESSER AMOUNT PAID, IF ANY, BY YOU TO US OR CERTAIN US STATE LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF CERTAIN DAMAGES. IF

THESE LAWS APPLY TO YOU, SOME OR ALL OF THE ABOVE DISCLAIMERS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU, AND YOU MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS.

#### **IV. Indemnification**

In consideration of being permitted to access and use the Services, you hereby agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Tactics League and its affiliates, and each of its and their respective officers, directors, agents, co-branders, other partners, and staff from all claims, damages (whether direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or otherwise), losses, liabilities, costs and expenses of every kind and nature, including legal fees and expenses, known and unknown, arising out of or in any way connected with: (a) disputes between you and third parties (including Tournament Organizers, General Users, and other users) in connection with the Services, your access and use of the Services, or any events listed thereon; (b) any violation of these Terms of Service; (c) any negligent or wrongful conduct; (d) your use, misuse and/or access of the Services; (e) a violation by you of any applicable law; (f) any content you post, store or otherwise transmit in or through the Services; and/or (g) your violation of the rights of any third party, or any breach of the representations, warranties and covenants made by you herein. Tactics League reserves the right, at your expense, to assume the exclusive defense and control of any matter for which you are required to indemnify Tactics League, and you agree to cooperate with Tactics League's defense of these claims, at your sole cost and expense.

#### **V. User Data**

We will maintain certain data that you transmit to the Services for the purpose of managing the performance of the Services, as well as data related to the use of the Services. You are solely responsible for all data that you transmit or that relates to any activity you have undertaken with the Services. You agree that we shall have no liability to you for any loss or corruption of any such data, and you hereby waive the right of action against us arising from any such loss or corruption of such data.

#### **VI. Prizes**

Tactics League offers its users the opportunity to participate in competitions or events, some of which may have prizes for the winners. To collect a prize, you may be required to provide information reasonably requested by Tactics League. You must also be of legal age as required by law and a valid account holder to use the external services necessary for transmitting and collecting any cash prizes (in United States Dollars) you are awarded.

A valid and active PayPal account is required for cash prize transmission. Payments will only be sent through the @TacticsLeague account.