

Magic: The Gathering Premier Event Invitation Policy

2005 DCI Tournament Season

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INTRODUCTION

This document covers the invitation and eligibility criteria for Premier **Magic: The Gathering**® tournaments for the 2005 season and the qualifier tournaments that feed them. This document does not cover tournaments that take place during the 2006 season or later. The most recent version of this document can be found at thedci.com/docs.

This document is published in multiple languages. If a discrepancy exists between the English version and a non-English version of this document, tournament participants must refer to the English version to settle disputes concerning this policy.

Wizards of the Coast reserves the right, at its discretion, to change this document at anytime without notice.

1 TOURNAMENT SEASON

Each **Magic**® tournament season begins the day after the previous World Championships and ends on the final day of the following World Championships. All tournaments included in that time period make up a tournament season.

Example

The 2005 tournament season begins the day after the 2004 World Championships and ends on the final day of the 2005 World Championships. If a tournament takes place on the same weekend as the 2005 World Championships, it is considered part of the 2005 tournament season.

2 TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

Players under DCI™ suspension are not eligible to compete in DCI-sanctioned tournaments or receive ratings-based invitations to tournaments. If a player is suspended when DCI ratings are issued, that player will not be included in that set of ratings and will not receive a ratings-based invitation or bye to any tournaments based on those ratings.

Certain individuals may not be eligible to compete in DCI-sanctioned tournaments because of their employment status. Check the DCI Universal Tournament Rules for details.

Tournaments are classified as open or invitation-only. Any player may compete in an open tournament as long as he or she satisfies the appropriate geographical, age, or Amateur-status requirements and any other restrictions as listed under the description for that open tournament.

Tournament invitation lists are published at wizards.com.

3 RATINGS-BASED INVITATIONS

Some tournaments offer invitations based on DCI ratings. Those invitations are based on DCI ratings calculated six weeks before the tournament (exception: National Championships). The ratings used are the ratings as of the most recent Wednesday that is at least six weeks prior to the final day of the tournament in question (exception: National Championships).

All invitation-only National Championships will offer rating-based invitations based on the DCI ratings calculated on **June 29, 2005**, regardless of the date of each individual National Championship.

Examples

- 2005 Pro Tour–Los Angeles will be held October 7-9, 2005. The closest Wednesday that is at least six weeks previous to last day of this event is August 24, 2004. The DCI ratings as of that date will be used to determine ratings-based invitations to 2005 Pro Tour–Los Angeles.
- The 2005 Italian National Championships will be held July 23-24, 2005; the 2005 Canadian National Championship will be held August 26-28, 2005. The DCI ratings calculated on June 29, 2005 will be used to determine ratings-based invitations for both of these Championships.

4 INVITATION REGULATIONS

Invitations awarded by means described within this policy are officially awarded only upon verification of tournament results and reports provided by tournament organizers in the files and forms required by Wizards of the Coast, Inc.

Invitations described in this policy may not be passed down from one player or team to another except as explicitly described in this policy. Invitations must be used for tournaments to which they apply and may not be deferred to future events. The right to compete in any particular tournament is subject to each player meeting the eligibility requirements for that tournament and contingent on the submission of a signed competitor waiver. Wizards of the Coast reserves the right to award, restrict, or rescind any and all invitations at any time at its sole discretion.

5 PRO POINTS

Pro points are awarded to players based on their finishes at Pro Tour, Grand Prix, and World Championship events. Pro points are used to determine the Pro Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and membership level in the Pro Tour Players Club.

Pro Tour Players Club information can be found at www.wizards.com/protour.

Pro points are officially awarded on the final day of appropriate tournaments after the final standings have been determined, but before invitations are passed down, when applicable. Only players who actually compete in the appropriate tournaments will receive pro points for those tournaments.

Pro points are awarded based on the following chart. For team tournaments, each team member receives the amount of pro points listed.

Place	Grand Prix Individual	Grand Prix Team	Pro Tour Individual	Pro Tour Team	Worlds Individual	Worlds Team
1	6	4	25	20	25	6
2	5	3	20	16	20	5
3-4	4	2	16	12	16	4
5-8	3	1	12	8	12	3
9-12	2	1	8	6	8	2
13-16	2	—	8	6	8	1
17-24	1	—	7	4	7	—
25-32	1	—	6	3	6	—
33-48	—	—	5	2	5	—
49-64	—	—	4	2	4	—
65-128	—	—	3	2	3	—
129+	—	—	2	2	2	—

Examples

- Each member of a team that finishes in fourth place at a team-format Pro Tour event receives 12 pro points.
- Players who finish in 129th place or lower at a Pro Tour event each receive 2 pro points.
- Players who finish in 33rd place or lower at an individual-format Grand Prix event receive 0 pro points.
- Each of the three members of a national team that finishes in eighth place at the team competition at the World Championships receives 3 pro points.

6 PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDING

Following each Grand Prix, Pro Tour and Worlds event, players are ranked according to pro points accumulated from all Grand Prix and Pro Tour events (up to and including the World Championships) for the beginning of the current season. This ranking is called the *Player of the Year Standing*.

The Player of the Year Standing is used to determine the Pro Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and membership level in the Pro Tour Players Club.

Membership level in the Pro Tour Players Club is used to determine invitations or byes for certain events. In such cases, players receive the invitation or bye based on their Pro Tour Players Club level on the first day of the event.

Pro Tour Players Club information can be found at www.wizards.com/protour

7 PRO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The player with the most pro points over the course of a season is identified as the Pro Player of the Year. In the event that two players tie, the Pro Player of the Year will be determined by a single-match playoff.

In addition, the Top 38 players in the final Pro Player of the Year Standings will receive cash awards, as detailed in *Appendix A*.

8 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

The player with the most pro points at the end of a tournament season that has not participated in a Pro Tour or World Championship tournament in any previous season is identified as the Rookie of the Year. In the event that two players tie, the Rookie of the Year will be determined by a single-match playoff.

9 APPEALS

If a player believes an error in their match history has caused a tournament invitation or Grand Prix bye to be withheld, he or she may file a formal appeal with the DCI.

Ratings-based appeals

Appeals for invitations based on **ratings** must be received in writing no later than **four weeks** prior to the start date of the tournament in question.

Appeals for byes based on **ratings** must be received in writing no later than the Friday **four weeks** prior to the first Grand Prix tournament that feeds a Pro Tour stop.

Example

The first Grand Prix tournament that feeds 2005 Pro Tour–Los Angeles is Grand Prix–Minneapolis; the first day of Grand Prix–Minneapolis is July 16, 2005. This means that ratings-based bye appeals for any Grand Prix tournament that feeds Pro Tour–Los Angeles—including Minneapolis, Niigata, Taipei, Salt Lake City and Mexico City — must be received by the DCI Appeals Coordinator by June 17, 2005.

Players should send **ratings-based appeals** to dciappeals@wizards.com, or to the player coordinator in their region for translation purposes (see *Appendix B* for contact information). Appeals may not be based on tournaments that were not correctly submitted to the DCI in time to be included in the applicable ratings run. Complete information regarding match history appeals can be found at thedci.com.

Pro Tour Players Club level appeals

Appeals for invitations or byes based on **Pro Tour Players Club level** must be received by the Pro Player Coordinator in writing no later than **ten days** prior to the start date of the tournament in question. Players should send appeals based on **Pro Tour Players Club level** to andy.heckt@wizards.com.

10 AMATEUR STATUS

A player is considered to have Amateur status if he or she has 0 lifetime pro points. If a player has ever been awarded any pro points from a Grand Prix, Pro Tour, or World Championship event, that player no longer has Amateur status, may not participate in the Amateur Championship or in Junior Super Series tournaments, and is not eligible for Amateur awards at Grand Prix or other tournaments. Individual-format Grand Prix tournaments have a \$7,500 prize pool for Amateur awards. The top finishing players with Amateur status at the beginning of the tournament are eligible to receive these prizes. Some Pro Tour Qualifiers also have Amateur prizes.

A team is considered to have Amateur status if all of the individual members of the team have Amateur status (i.e., all members of the team have 0 lifetime pro points). Team-format Grand Prix events have a \$5,000 prize pool for Amateur awards. The top finishing teams with Amateur status are eligible to receive these prizes.

11 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Championships is the highest-level **Magic: The Gathering** event and occurs at the end of each tournament season. It offers large cash prizes as described in *Appendix A*. It is run at Rules Enforcement Level (REL) 5 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 48. This is an invitation-only tournament.

Invitation Criteria

Each World Championships invitation list comprises the following:

- The current World Champion.
- The Top 8 finishers from the previous World Championship.
- The current Pro Player of the Year.
- For countries that hold an invitation-only National Championship, the three members of each national team and that team's designated alternate (see "National Team Composition" below).
- For countries that hold an open National Championship, the winner of that National Championship (see "Open Nationals Invitations to Worlds" below).
- Players with Pro Tour Players Club level 3 or higher.
- The Top 25 DCI Composite-ranked players who were previously uninvited.
- The Top 25 DCI Composite-ranked players from the APAC region who were previously uninvited.
- The Top 25 DCI Composite-ranked players from the Europe region who were previously uninvited.
- The Top 25 DCI Composite-ranked players from the Latin America region who were previously uninvited.
- The Top 25 DCI Composite-ranked players from the North America region who were previously uninvited.

National Team Composition

Each country that holds an invitation-only National Championship may field a national team. Members of a country's national team will receive invitations to the World Championships. The default method for determining team members is to award national team membership to the Top 3 finishers from each country's National Championship, with the fourth-place finisher becoming the designated alternate and receiving an invitation to the World Championships. During the elimination finals of each National Championship, the two non-advancing semifinalists must play off to determine the third- and fourth-place finishers.

Under special circumstances, an exception to the above default policy may be granted by the DCI. Under this exception, a national team may be composed of alternative players who finished lower than third place. Players who finish lower than third are eligible to become part of the national team only if the sponsoring body of the National Championship in question provides written documentation indicating the invitation was offered, in order, to those players finishing ahead of any invitee who finished lower than third. This written documentation must include signed statements from players who give up their spots on the national team. The sponsoring body may go as deep in the finishing order as necessary to field a complete national team. All written refusals of invitations must be submitted to the appropriate player coordinator no later than three weeks before the first day of registration for Worlds (November 8, 2005).

In the event that less than 3 members of a National Team register at Worlds, the DCI will form a complete team composed of the people with the three highest finishes at their Nationals who are also qualified for Worlds (people who didn't play in their country's Nationals count as tied for last in their Nationals with ties broken by pro points). Players designated by the DCI as members of a National team in this manner are eligible for pro points from the national team portion of the World Championships, but are not eligible for prize awards from the national team portion of the World Championships, unless the required written refusal-of-invitation letters are presented to the Pro Player Coordinator within four weeks of the Monday following the last day of the World Championships (January 2, 2006).

Players who give up their memberships on a national team are not eligible to compete at the World Championships for that year. The three members of each national team will earn points toward the team competition at the World Championships and are eligible to play as a three-person team during the national team portion of the World Championships. Only the three national team members are eligible for pro points and prize money from the national team portion of the World Championships. The designated alternate does not receive pro points or prize money from the national team portion of the World Championships unless a national team member drops from the tournament, in which case the alternate receives prize money and pro points from, and participates in, the national team portion of the tournament. In the event that a member of a national team is disqualified from the tournament, the alternate does not receive prize money and pro points from, nor may he participate in, the national team portion of the tournament.

In the event a country wishes to field a national team whose membership is arranged in a method different from the default method outlined above, that country's National Championship sponsoring body must petition the DCI for approval of its intention no later than three weeks before the World Championships.

Open Nationals Invitations to Worlds

Unlike invitational-only National Championships, open-format National Championships only award invitations to the winner of the National Championship.

If the winner of an open-format National Championship chooses not to attend the World Championships, the invitation will **not** pass down to lower-placed finishers

Each country that holds an open National Championships is not eligible to participate in the National Team competition of the World Championships.

12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Championships are the highest-level events for individual countries. National Championships determine national teams, which are invited to the World Championships. All National Championships are run at REL 4 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 40. Most National Championships are invitation-only tournaments; a few are open tournaments.

Eligibility

Each National Championship is open only to those DCI members who are citizens or have been residents of that country since January 1 of the year of the National Championship.

Players may compete in only one National Championship per season. If a player competes in a National Qualifier tournament (such as a Regional Championship, city championship,

open tournament, or other tournament offering an invitation to a National Championship) in one country, he or she may not compete in National Qualifier tournaments or National Championships for another country until the following season.

Invitation Criteria (Open National Championships)

- In those countries that hold an open National Championship, all players that meet the eligibility requirements (listed above) for a National Championship may compete.

Invitation Criteria (Invitation-Only National Championships)

In countries that hold an invitation-only National Championship, that country's invitation list comprises the following:

- That country's current National Champion.
- Members of that country's current national team.
- The Top 4 finishers from that country's previous National Championship.
- The current World Champion (if residing in that country).
- The current Pro Player of the Year (if residing in that country).
- Players (from that country) with Pro Tour Players Club level 2 or higher.
- Winners of invitations through National Qualifier tournaments such as Regional Championships, city championships, open tournaments, and so on.
- That country's Top 10, 25, 50, or 75 DCI Composite-ranked players who were previously uninvited. The number of players invited in this manner (10, 25, 50, or 75) depends on the size of the **Magic**-playing population in the country (see below).

Ranking-Based Invitations

- The following countries invite 75 players based on DCI Composite ranking: Germany, Japan, and the United States.
- The following countries invite 50 players based on DCI Composite ranking: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, England, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, and Thailand.
- The following countries invite 25 players based on DCI Composite ranking: Belgium, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Hungary, Israel, Norway, Panama, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and Venezuela.
- The following countries invite 10 players based on DCI Composite ranking: Bulgaria, Estonia, Ireland, Macedonia, Scotland, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Uruguay, and Wales.

Countries not listed above either have an open National Championship (no ratings-based invitations awarded), or do not have a DCI-sanctioned National Championship.

13 NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

"National Qualifying Tournament" is a general term that describes any tournament that offers invitations to National Championships. They are run at variable REL and DCI-sanctioned at K-values of differing levels (depending on the country). They are open tournaments.

The most common types of National Qualifying Tournaments are Regional Championships and National Qualifiers. Other types include city championships, open tournaments, and Last Chance Qualifier tournaments. See specific eligibility rules for these types below.

General Eligibility Requirements (applies to all types)

Players may compete in only one country's system of National Qualifying Tournaments per season. Each country's National Qualifying Tournaments are open only to those DCI members who are citizens or have been residents of that country since January 1 of that year. If a player competes in a National Qualifying Tournament in one country, he or she may not compete in a National Qualifying tournament or National Championship of another country until the following season.

Players who already hold invitations to a National Championship may not compete in National Qualifying Tournament that feed into that National Championship.

Regional Championship Eligibility

In countries that run Regional Championships, players may only compete in one Regional Championship per season. Some Country's Regional Championships also have regional or other residency restrictions.

National Qualifier Eligibility

In countries that run National Qualifiers, players may compete in any number of National Qualifiers per season (subject to the General Eligibility Requirements for National Qualifying Tournaments above).

14 PRO TOUR

The Pro Tour circuit is a series of high-level international **Magic** tournaments with large cash prize awards as described in *Appendix A*. They are run at REL 5 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 48. They are invitation-only tournaments.

Invitation Criteria

Each individual-format Pro Tour invitation list comprises the following:

- The current World Champion.
- The current Pro Player of the Year.
- The Top 32 players from the previous individual-format Pro Tour event.
- The Top 32 players from Worlds (only for the first individual-format Pro Tour event following Worlds).
- Players from the Top 4 teams from Worlds (only for the first individual-format Pro Tour event following Worlds).
- Players on the Top 10 teams from the previous team-format Pro Tour event (only for the first individual-format Pro Tour event following the team-format Pro Tour event).
- Players with Pro Tour Players Club level 3 or higher.
- The Top 8 finishers (who were previously uninvited) of each Grand Prix tournament that feeds the appropriate Pro Tour event.
- Players who earn invitations through appropriate Qualifier tournaments.
- The Top 50 DCI-ranked players (who were previously uninvited) in the format that corresponds to the format of the Pro Tour event (either Constructed or Limited).
- The participants of the **Magic** Invitational (only for the first individual-format Pro Tour event following the **Magic** Invitational).

Each team-format Pro Tour invitation list comprises the following:

- Any team of three players with a combination of at least 50 pro points as of the most recent pro standing preceding the Pro Tour event. Teams formed in this manner must be announced at player registration before the tournament.
- The Top 4 finishing teams (who were previously uninvited) of each Grand Prix tournament that feeds the appropriate Pro Tour event.
- Teams (who were previously uninvited) who earn invitations through appropriate Qualifier tournaments.
- Any team with a DCI three-person Limited rating of 1750 or more.

Renouncing Invitations

Invitations to individual-format Pro Tour events may not be renounced.

During a tournament that grants invitations to a team-format Pro Tour event, teams may renounce an invitation they earn from the event. The only time a team invitation may be renounced is at the event where the invitation is earned. Invitations may be renounced any time from the start of the event until five minutes after the end of the final of the tournament. Any one member of the team may renounce the entire team's invitation by signing the appropriate form, which is available from the head judge. If a team rescinds its invitation, the invitation will pass down to the next appropriate team.

A team is considered to already possess an invitation if the players on the team participating at a team-format Grand Prix or Qualifier event have a total of 50 or more pro points toward the pro standing immediately preceding the Pro Tour event that the Grand Prix or Qualifier tournament feeds. Teams may have also earned invitations through previous Grand Prix or Qualifier tournaments.

15 PRO TOUR QUALIFIERS

Each Pro Tour event is preceded by a series of tournaments known as Qualifier tournaments. Qualifier tournaments offer invitations to a specific Pro Tour event. Some Qualifier tournaments also offer cash prizes. They are run at REL 3 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 32. They are open tournaments.

Qualifier Season

The two to three-month period over which Qualifier tournaments are held for specific Pro Tour events is known as a Qualifier season. Grand Prix tournaments held during a Qualifier season usually offer invitations to the same Pro Tour event as the Qualifiers held during the same season.

Eligibility

Players who already hold invitations to a Pro Tour event may not compete in individual-format Qualifier tournaments that feed into that Pro Tour event. Any team (qualified or not) may play in any team-format Qualifier.

16 GRAND PRIX

A Grand Prix tournament is a high-level tournament that ranks between a Pro Tour event and a Qualifier tournament. Each Grand Prix tournament offers eight invitations to an individual-format Pro Tour event or four invitations to a team-format Pro Tour event. Each Grand Prix offers cash prizes as described in *Appendix A*. They are run at REL 4 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 40. They are open tournaments.

How Grand Prix Invitations Pass Down

If a player who finishes in the Top 8 of a Grand Prix tournament already holds an invitation to the Pro Tour event that the Grand Prix tournament feeds, the invitation passes down to the next uninvited player. Invitations continue to pass down until eight previously uninvited players receive invitations.

New Pro Tour Players Club levels (based on Pro points gained from Grand Prix tournaments) are awarded to players before determining if they have invitations to the Pro Tour event the Grand Prix tournament feeds and before passing down invitations.

Also see Section 14 (Pro Tour) for information regarding how team-format invitations pass down and how to renounce team-format invitations.

Grand Prix Byes

Players or teams with high ratings or a specific Pro Tour Players Club level can earn byes for Grand Prix tournaments. Players can earn one-, two-, or three-round byes for individual-format Grand Prix tournaments. Teams can earn one- or two-round byes for team-format Grand Prix tournaments. Byes are not cumulative within a given Grand Prix tournament or throughout the tournament season. Byes may not be passed down for any reason and are not transferable. Byes may not be deferred from one Grand Prix tournament to another and must be earned each time. Players who accumulate multiple byes to a Grand Prix tournament receive only the bye for the greatest number of rounds.

If a player receives a bye, he or she is considered to have earned 3 points for each of those rounds. Byes are not counted toward a player's opponent's match win percentage, which is the first tiebreaker. Players with byes will usually have an advantage in tiebreakers over players who do not have byes.

Rating-based byes are based on the DCI ratings issued at least six weeks prior to the first Saturday of the Qualifier season in which the Grand Prix tournament is held. They are issued based on the ratings category that corresponds with the format of the Grand Prix tournament, either Constructed, Limited, or three-person Team Limited. Pro Tour Players Club byes are based on the current membership level of the player. Different rating-based bye levels exist for Grand Prix tournaments; these are based on the region in which they are held.

Qualifier Seasons 2005

	Format	Rating Date
2004 PT–Columbus	Constructed	May 19, 2004
2005 PT–Nagoya	Limited	August 18, 2004
2005 PT–Atlanta	Team Limited	October 20, 2004
2005 PT–Philadelphia	Constructed	December 15, 2004
2005 PT–London	Limited	February 9, 2005
2005 PT–Los Angeles	Constructed	May 11, 2005

Grand Prix Byes (Based on DCI Constructed or Limited Ratings)

	Asia Pacific and Latin America	Europe and North America
One-round bye	1750	1800
Two-round bye	1850	1900
Three-round bye	1950	2000

Team-Format Grand Prix Byes (Based on DCI Three-Person Team Limited Ratings)

	All Areas
One-round bye	1650
Two-round bye	1700

Grand Prix Byes (Based on Pro Tour Players Club Level)

	Individual (Players Club Level)	Team (Combined Pro Point Total)
One-round bye	Level 1	20
Two-round bye	Level 2	60
Three-round bye	Level 3+	n/a

17 GRAND PRIX TRIALS

Each Grand Prix tournament may be preceded by a series of tournaments known as Trials. Trials for individual-format Grand Prix tournaments award at least one three-round bye to a specific Grand Prix tournament for one or more of the top-finishing competitors. Trials for team-format Grand Prix tournaments award two-round byes. Some Trials also offer cash or other prizes. They are run at REL 2 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 24. They are open tournaments.

How Grand Prix Trial Byes Pass Down

If a player who already possesses a three-round bye finishes high enough to win another bye at a Grand Prix Trial, that bye will be passed down to the next eligible player who does not already possess a three-round bye. If a team that already possesses a two-round bye finishes high enough to win another at a Grand Prix Trial, that bye will be passed down to the next eligible team that does not already possess a two-round bye.

18 JUNIOR SUPER SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP (NORTH AMERICA ONLY)

The Junior Super Series Championship is the top-level Amateur tournament for younger **Magic** players in North America. The Junior Super Series Championship occurs each summer and features scholarship prizes as described in *Appendix A*. It is run at REL 3 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 40. It is an invitation-only tournament.

Invitation Criteria

The Junior Super Series Championship invitation list comprises the following:

- The Top 2 finishers from each Junior Super Series Challenge.
- The Top 25 DCI Constructed-ranked amateur players from North America ages fifteen and under (as of the date of the Junior Super Series Championship) who were previously uninvited.
- Players qualified from the Junior Super Series Open.

Eligibility

Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in the Junior Super Series Championship. If a player is age fifteen years when he or she wins an invitation at a Junior Super Series Challenge, but turns age sixteen years before the date of the Championship, he or she is still eligible to compete.

19 JUNIOR SUPER SERIES CHALLENGES (NORTH AMERICA ONLY)

Junior Super Series Challenges are entry-level Amateur tournaments in the Junior Super Series. Each Junior Super Series Challenge offers two invitations to the Junior Super Series Championship. Product prizes are also offered. They are run at REL 1 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 16.

Eligibility

Only players aged fifteen years and under (as of the date of the tournament) with 0 lifetime pro points are eligible to compete in Junior Super Series Challenges. Players who have previously won a scholarship at a Junior Super Series Challenge in the current season may not participate in future Junior Super Series Challenges for the remainder of that season.

20 JUNIOR SUPER SERIES OPEN (NORTH AMERICA ONLY)

The Junior Super Series Open is a large qualifying tournament that feeds the Junior Super Series Championship. It is held the day before the Junior Super Series Championship. It is an open tournament. It is run at REL 2 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 24.

Eligibility

Players aged fifteen years and under (as of the date of the tournament) are eligible to compete in the Junior Super Series Open. Players who already hold an invitation to the Junior Super Series Championship are not eligible to compete in the Junior Super Series Open. Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in the Junior Super Series Open.

21 JUNIOR SERIES FINALS (EUROPE ONLY)

The Junior Series Finals are the top-level Amateur tournaments for younger **Magic** players in a particular country in Europe. Each Junior Series Final features prizes as described in *Appendix A*. They are run at REL 3 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 32. They are invitation-only tournaments.

Invitation Criteria

Each Junior Series Final invitation list comprises the following:

- The Top 8 finishers (who were previously uninvited) from each Junior Series qualifier event run in the same country as the Junior Series Final.

Eligibility

Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in a Junior Series Finals. If a player is age fifteen years when he or she wins an invitation at a Junior Series qualifier event, but turns age sixteen years before the date of the Final, he or she is still eligible to compete. A player may not use an invitation to a Junior Series Final earned in one country to compete in the Junior Series Final of another country. Once a player has played in a Junior Series Final he or she is prohibited from playing in future Junior Series Final Tournaments for the remainder of that season.

22 JUNIOR SERIES QUALIFIER EVENTS (EUROPE ONLY)

Junior Series qualifier events are entry-level Amateur tournaments in the Junior Series. Each Junior Series qualifier event offers eight invitations to the Junior Series Final in that country. Product prizes are also offered. They are run at REL 1 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 16.

Eligibility

Players aged fifteen years and under (as of the date of the tournament) are eligible to compete in Junior Series qualifier events, even if they already hold an invitation to the Junior Series Final in that country. If a player already holds an invitation to a Junior Series Final for a particular country, he or she is not eligible to receive another invitation for a Junior Series Final in the same country. If that player finishes high enough to receive an invitation, that invitation will pass down to the next eligible player. Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in Junior Series qualifier events.

23 JAPAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (JAPAN ONLY)

The Japan Junior Championship is the top-level Amateur tournament for younger **Magic** players in Japan. The Japan Junior Championship occurs each summer and features book coupon and product prizes. It is run at REL 3 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 32. It is an invitation-only tournament.

Invitation Criteria

The Japan Junior Championship invitation list comprises the following:

- The top finisher from each Japan Junior Championship Qualifier Tournament.
- The Top 100 DCI-ranked amateur players from Japan (who were previously uninvited) who are middle school seniors or younger.

Eligibility

Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in the Japan Junior Championship. If a player who is a middle school senior wins an invitation at a Japan Junior Championship Qualifier but graduates before the date of the Japan Junior Championship, he or she is still eligible to compete.

24 JAPAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS (JAPAN ONLY)

Japan Junior Championship Qualifier events are entry-level Amateur tournaments in the Japan Junior Tournament structure. Each Japan Junior Championship Qualifier event offers an invitation to the Japan Junior Championship. Product prizes are also offered. They are run at REL 1 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 16.

Eligibility

Players who are middle school seniors or younger (as of the date of the tournament) are eligible to compete in Japan Junior Championship Qualifier events. If a player already holds an invitation to the Japan Junior Championship, he or she is not eligible to compete in further Japan Junior Championship Qualifier events. Only players with 0 lifetime pro points may participate in Japan Junior Championship Qualifier events.

25 AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Amateur Championship is an annual tournament for players who qualify for Amateur status. It is run at REL 3 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 32. It is an open tournament.

Eligibility

Only players with 0 lifetime pro points are considered to have Amateur status and permitted to play in the Amateur Championship.

26 VINTAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vintage Championship is an annual tournament in the Vintage format. It is run at REL 4 and is DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 48. It is an open tournament.

27 PRERELEASE TOURNAMENTS

Prerelease tournaments are held approximately two weeks prior to the release of each expert-level **Magic** expansion. They are run at REL 1 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 8 (includes side events). They are open tournaments.

28 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Championships are known as State, Province, Territory, Island, County, and Prefecture (or other grouping) Championships in the appropriate regions. They are run at REL 2 and are DCI-sanctioned with a K-value of 24 (REL 1, 16K in Japan). They are open tournaments.

Eligibility

Players may participate in a State Championship only if they reside in the appropriate state.

APPENDIX A—PRIZE STRUCTURES (ALL PRIZES USD)

Pro Player of the Year

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$12,000	9	\$10,400	17	\$8,800	25	\$7,200	33	\$4,500
2	\$11,800	10	\$10,200	18	\$8,600	26	\$7,000	34	\$3,750
3	\$11,600	11	\$10,000	19	\$8,400	27	\$6,800	35	\$3,000
4	\$11,400	12	\$9,800	20	\$8,200	28	\$6,600	36	\$2,250
5	\$11,200	13	\$9,600	21	\$8,000	29	\$6,400	37	\$1,500
6	\$11,000	14	\$9,400	22	\$7,800	30	\$6,200	38	\$750
7	\$10,800	15	\$9,200	23	\$7,600	31	\$6,000	Total:	\$300,000
8	\$10,600	16	\$9,000	24	\$7,400	32	\$5,250		

World Championships

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$35,000	14	\$3,800	27	\$1,600	40	\$875	53	\$615
2	\$23,000	15	\$3,500	28	\$1,500	41	\$850	54	\$600
3	\$15,000	16	\$3,250	29	\$1,400	42	\$825	55	\$590
4	\$13,000	17	\$3,000	30	\$1,350	43	\$800	56	\$580
5	\$9,500	18	\$2,750	31	\$1,300	44	\$775	57	\$570
6	\$8,500	19	\$2,550	32	\$1,250	45	\$750	58	\$560
7	\$7,500	20	\$2,400	33	\$1,200	46	\$730	59	\$550
8	\$6,500	21	\$2,250	34	\$1,150	47	\$710	60	\$540
9	\$6,000	22	\$2,100	35	\$1,100	48	\$690	61	\$530
10	\$5,500	23	\$2,000	36	\$1,050	49	\$675	62	\$520
11	\$5,000	24	\$1,900	37	\$1,000	50	\$660	63	\$510
12	\$4,500	25	\$1,800	38	\$950	51	\$645	64	\$500
13	\$4,100	26	\$1,700	39	\$900	52	\$630	Total:	\$208,130

**World Championships—National Team Award
(Per Member of Each Three-Person Team)**

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$10,000	4	\$2,500	7	\$1,500
2	\$5,000	5	\$2,000	8	\$1,250
3	\$3,000	6	\$1,750	9+	\$1,000

Pro Tour (Individual Format)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$30,000	14	\$3,800	27	\$1,600	40	\$875	53	\$615
2	\$20,000	15	\$3,500	28	\$1,500	41	\$850	54	\$600
3	\$15,000	16	\$3,250	29	\$1,400	42	\$825	55	\$590
4	\$13,000	17	\$3,000	30	\$1,350	43	\$800	56	\$580
5	\$9,500	18	\$2,750	31	\$1,300	44	\$775	57	\$570
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8	\$6,500	21	\$2,250	34	\$1,150	47	\$710	60	\$540
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10	\$5,500	23	\$2,000	36	\$1,050	49	\$675	62	\$520
11	\$5,000	24	\$1,900	37	\$1,000	50	\$660	63	\$510
12	\$4,500	25	\$1,800	38	\$950	51	\$645	64	\$500
13	\$4,100	26	\$1,700	39	\$900	52	\$630	Total:	\$200,130

Pro Tour (Team Format)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	
1	\$60,000	5	\$12,600	9	\$6,000	13	\$3,300	17	\$2,100	
2	\$30,000	6	\$10,500	10	\$5,100	14	\$3,000	18	\$1,800	
3	\$18,000	7	\$8,700	11	\$4,200	15	\$2,700	19	\$1,500	
4	\$16,200	8	\$7,200	12	\$3,600	16	\$2,400	20	\$1,200	
									Total:	\$200,100

Grand Prix (Individual Format)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$2,400	5-8	\$800
2	\$1,700	9-16	\$500
3	\$1,200	17-32	\$250
4	\$1,000	Total:	\$17,500

Grand Prix (Team Format)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	
1	\$4,500	5-6	\$1,500	
2	\$3,000	7-8	\$1,200	
3	\$2,100	9-10	\$900	
4	\$2,000	11-12	\$600	
			Total	\$20,000

Grand Prix (Individual Format—Amateur Award)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$1,500	5-8	\$400
2	\$1,000	9-16	\$250
3-4	\$700	Total:	\$7,500

Grand Prix (Team Format—Amateur Award)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$1,500	4	\$750
2	\$1,250	5	\$500
3	\$1,000	Total:	\$5,000

Junior Super Series Championship (College Scholarship Prize, North America Only)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$10,000	14	\$1,900	27	\$1,250	40	\$600	53	\$500
2	\$8,000	15	\$1,850	28	\$1,200	41	\$550	54	\$500
3	\$6,500	16	\$1,800	29	\$1,150	42	\$525	55	\$500
4	\$5,000	17	\$1,750	30	\$1,100	43	\$525	56	\$500
5	\$3,750	18	\$1,700	31	\$1,050	44	\$500	57	\$500
6	\$3,500	19	\$1,650	32	\$1,000	45	\$500	58	\$500
7	\$3,250	20	\$1,600	33	\$950	46	\$500	59	\$500
8	\$3,000	21	\$1,550	34	\$900	47	\$500	60	\$500
9	\$2,500	22	\$1,500	35	\$850	48	\$500	61	\$500
10	\$2,350	23	\$1,450	36	\$800	49	\$500	62	\$500
11	\$2,200	24	\$1,400	37	\$750	50	\$500	63	\$500
12	\$2,100	25	\$1,350	38	\$700	51	\$500	64	\$500
13	\$2,000	26	\$1,300	39	\$650	52	\$500	Total:	\$100,000

Junior Series Final (Europe Only)

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	\$250	5-8	\$50
2	\$150	9-16	\$25
3-4	\$100	Total:	\$1,000

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