

Magic: The Gathering Premier Event Invitation Policy

2010 DCI Tournament Season

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INTRODUCTION

This document covers the invitation and eligibility criteria for Premier **Magic: The Gathering**® tournaments for the 2010 season and the qualifier tournaments that feed them. This document does not cover tournaments that take place during the 2011 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 sole discretion, to change this document at anytime without notice.

1 TOURNAMENT SEASON

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

Example

The 2010 tournament season begins the day after the 2009 World Championship and ends on the final day of the 2010 World Championship. If a tournament takes place on the same weekend as the 2010 World Championship, it is considered part of the 2010 tournament season.

2 TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

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

Tournament invitation lists are published at wizards.com. Invitations will not be awarded until complete event results are received and reviewed. If a tournament official incorrectly or improperly issues an invitation for any reason, Wizards of the Coast and the DCI reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to withhold any and all invitations and prizes for an event. Invitations may be rescinded by the DCI upon investigation. Any such decisions are final and non-appealable.

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.

3 RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

Many tournaments described in this document, such as National Championships and/or National Qualifiers, have residential restrictions that determine who is allowed to participate in those tournaments.

In order to play in a specific country's National Qualifiers or to be eligible to receive an invitation for a specific country's National Championship (including which country's or geo-region's ratings toward which National Championship or World Championship invitations are determined for each player) during the 2010 season, a player must be either:

- a citizen of that country, or
- have been a resident of that country since January 1, 2010

A player's current country of residence for the purpose of eligibility to play in a specific country's National Qualifiers or to be eligible to receive an invitation for a specific country's National Championship (including which country's or geo-region's ratings toward which National Championship or World Championship invitations are determined for each player) is determined on January 1, 2010. That country is the same as the country listed in a player's address in the DCI database.

If a player wishes to change his or her country of eligibility for a National Qualifier and/or National Championship (including which country's or geo-region's ratings toward which National Championship or World Championship invitations are determined for each player), that player must follow the instruction in the Appeals Section (Section 11) of this document.

Possible reasons for changing a player's eligible country might be:

- A player is a citizen of two different countries and wishes to change his or her eligibility from the country listed in his or her address to the other eligible country
- A player has changed his or her country of residence prior to January 1, 2010 and failed to update his or her address with the DCI prior to January 1, 2010.

Players may only participate in one country's National Qualifiers and/or receive an invitation to one National Championship in a season.

If players have any questions regarding the above policy, please contact the DCI Policy Manager at scott.larabee@wizards.com

4 PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

Premier Events and/or Pro Players Club Membership may offer prizes in the form of prize money or travel awards, each subject to the terms of this policy and any other policy or agreement as determined by Wizards.

If a player is awarded a travel award and the player subsequently is under DCI suspension before and during the tournament to which the player has been awarded the travel award, such player (1) is not eligible to compete in the tournament and (2) forfeits his or her travel award

A DCI Member is eligible for these prizes if he or she either:

- Has played in a particular event and has placed in the final standings where such a prize would be awarded according to the DCI tournament floor rules; or
- Is of sufficient level in the Pro Players Club to receive such a prize

Prize money or travel awards won at the following events are issued by the U.S. offices of Wizards of the Coast LLC:

- Pro Tour and World Championship main events
- Grand Prix main events in North America, Latin America, and Japan
- Nationals main events in North America, Latin America, and Japan
- Pro Tour Qualifiers in North America, Latin America, and Japan

Note: Prize money at these events is issued in U.S. Dollars.

All prize money and travel awards based on membership in the Pro Players Club are issued by the U.S. offices of Wizards of the Coast LLC. Prize money is issued in U.S. dollars.

Prize money or travel awards for events in the Europe or Asia Pacific regions (excluding Japan) are issued by the local Wizards of the Coast office. For information about prize awards in these regions, please contact the local Wizards of the Coast office. See *Appendix B* for local office contact information.

A DCI member eligible for a prize money award must claim his or her prize money award within 1 year from the date of the event in which he or she won the prize or the prize award is forfeited.

A DCI member eligible for a travel award must arrange that travel with Wizards of the Coast LLC or its designate at least 30 days prior to first day of the event for which he or she won such travel award. Any travel arrangements not made prior to this date will be forfeited.

Information on how to collect your prize award or travel award based on Pro Players Club membership can be found at

<http://www.wizards.com/Magic/Magazine/Article.aspx?x=protour/playersclub/guidelines>

Information on how to collect your travel award from a Pro Tour Qualifier in North America, Latin America, or Japan can be found at

<http://www.wizards.com/Magic/Magazine/Article.aspx?x=protour/default/travelawardletter>

All other countries handle their travel awards differently. Please contact your local Wizards of the Coast office for specific details. Please see the website URLs below.

EUROPE: <http://ww2.wizards.com/Company/Info/default.aspx?doc=Europe>

ASIA PACIFIC (exc. Japan):

<http://ww2.wizards.com/Company/Info/default.aspx?doc=Asia>

Wizards of the Coast LLC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify any and all prize or award structures, and to substitute any prize or award for another prize or award in its sole discretion.

All travel awards are subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

- All awards are non-transferable, non-negotiable, and not redeemable for an alternative award except in Wizards' sole discretion.
- A player may only be awarded one travel prize per Pro Tour. If a player already possesses a travel prize to a Pro Tour, all further travel prizes won for that Pro Tour are forfeit.
- All taxes are the responsibility of the individual receiving the prize or award.
- Before being awarded any travel prize, the Pro Tour Qualifier winner must, among other things, submit to Wizards of the Coast LLC: (i) a signed Consent and Release Agreement, (ii) the appropriate IRS tax form, (iii) provide proof of identification, and (iv) any other documentation designated by Wizards.
- An airfare award shall consist of one (1) roundtrip coach air ticket, on an airline chosen by Wizards or its designate, from the major airport nearest the recipient's home to the city in which the applicable tournament or championship will be held, during the time of such tournament or championship.
- The travel award winner agrees to adhere to all instructions provided by Wizards to assist Wizards or its designate in booking such air ticket.
- Wizards or its designate will only book such ticket to include the days of the applicable tournament or championship.
- Lodging, meals, gratuities, ground transportation, fees caused by changes to airline reservations, and any other fees, costs or expenses are the winner's sole responsibility.
- Travel must be taken on dates designated by Wizards or the award will be forfeited.
- Individuals may not change airline ticket dates without Wizards' prior written approval.
- Specific travel dates and arrangements are subject to availability.
- Minors (i.e. those under 18 years of age) who win a Pro Tour Qualifier are not eligible to be awarded the plane ticket travel award. Instead, minors will be awarded a "Cash Equivalent Award" equal to the cost of a round trip ticket to the Pro Tour in question, as determined by Wizards in its sole discretion. This award will be issued only if the player actually shows up to the Pro Tour in question on his or her own, and registers to play in the tournament. Wizards will pay out this "Minor Qualifier Travel – Cash Equivalent Award" after the Pro Tour along with the rest of the Pro Tour payouts.

For additional information about travel awards, please go to

<http://www.wizards.com/Magic/Magazine/Article.aspx?x=protour/default/travelawardletter>

5 RANKINGS-BASED INVITATIONS

Some tournaments offer invitations based on DCI rankings. Those invitations are based on DCI rankings calculated six weeks before the tournament (exception: National Championships). The rankings used are the rankings that are published 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 ranking-based invitations based on the DCI rankings published on **June 2, 2010**, regardless of the date of each individual National Championship.

Examples

- 2010 Pro Tour–San Diego will be held February 19-21, 2010. The closest Wednesday that is at least six weeks previous to the last day of this event is January 6, 2010. The

DCI rankings published on that date will be used to determine ranking-based invitations to 2010 Pro Tour–San Diego.

- One country's 2010 National Championships will be held June 26-27, 2010; another country's 2010 National Championships will be held July 24-25, 2010. The DCI ratings published on June 2, 2010 will be used to determine ranking-based invitations for both of these Championships.

6 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 LLC.

Invitations described in this policy may not be passed down from one player 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 the requirements stated in this policy, including without limitation that each player meet the eligibility requirements for that tournament and submit 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.

7 PRO POINTS

Pro points are awarded to players based on their finishes at Pro Tour, Grand Prix, Closed National Championship, and World Championship events. Pro points are used to determine the Player of the Year Standing (see section 8 – Player of the Year Standing).

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:

Grand Prix

Place	Points
1	10
2	8
3-4	6
5-8	5
9-12	4
13-16	3
17-32	2
33-64	1

National Championship - Closed

Place	Points
1	10
2	8
3-4	6
5-8	4
9-12	2
13-16	1

Pro Tour

Place	Points
1	25
2	20
3-4	16
5-8	12
9-16	8
17-24	7
25-32	6
33-64	5
65-100	4
101-200	3
201+	2

World Championships - Individual

Place	Points
1	25
2	20
3-4	16
5-8	12
9-16	8
17-24	7
25-32	6
33-64	5
65-100	4
101-200	3
201+	2

World Championships - Team

Place	Points
1	6
2	5
3-4	4
5-8	3
9-12	2
13-16	1

8 PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDING

Following each Grand Prix, Pro Tour, Closed National Championship and World Championship event, players are ranked according to pro points accumulated from all Grand Prix, Closed National Championship, and Pro Tour events (up to and including the World Championship) 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 Tour Player of the Year, Pro Tour 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
<http://www.wizards.com/Magic/Magazine/Article.aspx?x=protour/playersclub/guidelines>

9 PRO TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

10 PRO TOUR 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 Pro Tour Rookie of the Year. In the event that two players tie, the Pro Tour Rookie of the Year will be determined by a single-match playoff.

11 APPEALS

If a player believes an error in his or her 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 or byes based on **ratings** must be received in writing no later than **four weeks** prior to the start date of the tournament in question.

To file a *ratings-based appeal*:

Visit <https://webapp.wizards.com/login.aspx?target=personal>. After logging in, click the “Appeals” link and fill out the form (or email the player coordinator in their region for translation purposes - see *Appendix B* for contact information).

Pro Tour Players Club level appeals

Appeals for invitations or byes based on *Pro Tour Players Club level* must be received in writing no later than **ten days** prior to the start date of the tournament in question.

To file an appeal based on *Pro Tour Players Club level*:

Visit <https://webapp.wizards.com/login.aspx?target=personal>. After logging in, click the “Appeals” link and fill out the form (or email the player coordinator in their region for translation purposes - see *Appendix B* for contact information).

Residential Eligibility appeals

Appeals to change a player’s current country of residence for the purpose of eligibility to play in a specific country’s National Qualifiers and/or National Championship (including which country’s ratings toward National Championship or World Championship invitations are determined for each player) must be received in writing no later than **four weeks** prior to the start date of the tournament or the rating date.

To file a *residential eligibility appeal*:

Visit <https://webapp.wizards.com/login.aspx?target=personal>. After logging in, click the “Appeals” link and fill out the form

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 <http://www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=dc/appeals>.

Wizards' decisions regarding any appeal are final and cannot be further appealed.

12 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Championship is the highest-level **Magic: The Gathering** event and occurs at the end of each tournament season. This is an invitation-only tournament.

Invitation Criteria

Each World Championship invitation list comprises the following:

- The current World Champion.
- The Top 8 finishers from the previous World Championship.
- The 2009 Pro Tour Player of the Year.
- For countries that hold an invitation-only National Championship, the members of each national team, including that team's designated alternate, if any (see "National Team Composition" below).
- For countries that hold an open National Championship, the winner of that National Championship (see "Open Nationals Invitations to the World Championship" below).
- Players with Pro Tour Players Club level 3 or higher. Level 3 players may only attend one Pro Tour and/or World Championship of their choice in a season.
- The Top 25 DCI Total-ranked players from the APAC region.
- The Top 25 DCI Total-ranked players from the Japan region.
- The Top 50 DCI Total-ranked players from the Europe region.
- The Top 50 DCI Total-ranked players from the Latin America region.
- The Top 50 DCI Total-ranked players from the North America region.
- Participants in the 2010 Magic Online Championship

A list of countries that constitute each region can be found in *Appendix C*.

National Team Composition

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

Under special circumstances and in the DCI's sole discretion, 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 place 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 potential 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 the World Championship (November 18, 2010). Written refusals of invitations can also be sent directly to the DCI Policy Manager (Scott.Larabee@wizards.com).

In the event that less than three members of a National Team register at the World Championship, the DCI will form a complete team composed of the people with the three highest finishes at their Nationals who are also qualified for the World Championship (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 prize awards and pro points from the National Team portion of the World Championship.

Players who give up their memberships on a national team are not eligible to compete at the World Championship for that year. The three members of each national team will earn points toward the team competition at the World Championship and are eligible to play as a three-person team during the national team portion of the World Championship. Only the three national team members are eligible for pro points and prize money from the national team portion of the World Championship.

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 Policy Manager (Scott.Larabee@wizards.com) for approval of its intention no later than three weeks before the World Championships (November 18, 2010).

Open Nationals Invitations to the World Championship

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

If the winner of an open National Championship chooses not to attend the World Championship, 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 Championship.

13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Championships are the highest-level events for individual countries. National Championships determine national teams, which are invited to the World Championship. Most National Championships are invitation-only tournaments; a few are open tournaments.

Residential 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. Please see section 3 – Residential Eligibility for complete information.

Players may receive an invitation to and compete in only one National Championship per season. If a player competes in a National Qualifier (or any tournament offering an invitation to a National Championship) in one country, he or she may not compete in

National Qualifier or National Championships for another country until the following season. Please see section 3 – Residential Eligibility for complete information.

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, including alternate (those players that played as that country's National Team at the previous year's World Championship).
- The 2009 World Champion (if residing in that country).
- The 2009 Pro Tour 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 Qualifiers.
- That country's Top 20, 35, 75, or 100 DCI Total Rating-ranked players. The number of players invited in this manner (20, 35, 75, or 100) depends on the size of the **Magic**-playing population in the country (see below) as determined by DCI officials in that country's regional office.

Ranking-Based Invitations

- The following countries invite 100 players based on DCI Total ranking: Canada, France, Italy, Spain, and United States.
- The following countries invite 75 players based on DCI Total ranking: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Korea, and Thailand.
- The following countries invite 35 players based on DCI Total ranking: Austria, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Norway, Peru, Puerto Rico, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and Venezuela.
- The following countries invite 20 players based on DCI Total ranking: Bolivia, Guatemala, Ireland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Turkey.
- The following countries will hold Open National Championships in 2009. No rating-based invitations are awarded: Belarus, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Panama, and Uruguay.

Countries not listed above do not have a DCI-sanctioned National Championship.

14 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

"National Qualifiers" is a general term that describes any tournament that offers invitations to National Championships. They are open tournaments.

Some National Qualifiers are held immediately before a particular National Championship. These National Qualifiers are often called "Last Chance Qualifiers," "Grinders," or "National Opens."

General Eligibility

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

Residential Eligibility

Each country's National Qualifiers 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 Qualifier in one country, he or she may not compete in a National Qualifier or National Championship of another country until the following season. Please see section 3 – Residential Eligibility for complete information.

15 PRO TOUR

The Pro Tour circuit is a series of high-level international **Magic** tournaments. They are invitation-only tournaments.

Invitation Criteria

Each Pro Tour invitation list comprises the following:

- The 2009 World Champion.
- The 2009 Pro Tour Player of the Year.
- The Top 50 players from the previous Pro Tour event.
- The Top 50 players from the World Championship (only for the first Pro Tour event following the World Championship).
- Players from the 4 top teams (including alternate) from the World Championship (only for the first Pro Tour event following the World Championship).
- Players with Pro Tour Players Club level 3 or higher. Level 3 players receive an invitation to attend one Pro Tour and/or World Championship of their choice in a season. Level 3, 4, and 5 players do not receive their invitations to a specific Pro Tour and/or World Championship until the Friday of that Pro Tour and/or World Championship.
- The Top 16 finishers of each Grand Prix tournament that feeds the appropriate Pro Tour event.
- Players who earn invitations through appropriate Qualifier tournaments (including **Magic Online** Qualifier tournaments).
- The Top 100 DCI Total rating–ranked players.

Renouncing Invitations

Invitations to Pro Tour events may not be renounced.

16 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. They are open tournaments.

Qualifier Season

The 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.

Pro Tour Qualifier Eligibility and the Pro Player Club

Players who already hold invitations to a Pro Tour event may not compete in Qualifier tournaments (including **Magic Online** Qualifier tournaments) that feed into that Pro Tour event.

Players with a Pro Tour Players Club membership level 4 or 5 do not receive their invitations to a specific Pro Tour until the Friday of that Pro Tour. Players with Pro Tour Players Club membership levels 4 or 5 are allowed to play in Qualifier tournaments (including **Magic Online** Qualifier tournaments) that feed into a specific Pro Tour event provided that they have no other invitations for that Pro Tour event (Exception: Players with a Pro Tour Players Club membership level 4 or 5 may **not** participate in a Last Chance Qualifier for a Pro Tour).

Players with a Pro Tour Players Club membership level 3 receive an invitation to one Pro Tour of their choice during the current season. Players with a Pro Tour Players Club membership level 3 do not receive their invitations to a specific Pro Tour until the Friday of that Pro Tour. Players with Pro Tour Players Club membership levels 3 are allowed to play in Qualifier tournaments (including **Magic Online** Qualifier tournaments) that feed into a specific Pro Tour event provided that they have no other invitations for that Pro Tour event.

Example

During the 2010 season, a Pro Tour Players Club member with a membership level 5 wishes to participate in a Pro Tour Qualifier event that feeds Pro Tour-San Juan. That player finished in the top 16 at a Grand Prix that feeds Pro Tour-San Juan. That player is not permitted to play in Pro Tour Qualifier events that feed Pro Tour-San Juan.

Players with a Pro Tour Players Club level 6 or higher are not allowed to participate in Pro Tour Qualifiers. Exception is made for any qualifier which awards an invitation to a Pro Tour in a subsequent Tournament Season. In this case only players whose current Player of the Year standing is currently less than the level 6 requirement are eligible to participate in a Pro Tour Qualifier.

Example

During the 2010 season, a Level 6 Pro Tour Players Club member does not have enough points in the 2010 Player of the Year Standing to qualify for Pro Tour Players Club level 6 for the 2011 season. That player is eligible to play in a Pro Tour Qualifier for Pro Tour 2011 #1 that takes place in the 2010 Tournament Season (as Pro Tour 2011 #1 is held in the 2011 season.)

17 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 sixteen (16) invitations to a Pro Tour event. They are open tournaments.

Grand Prix Byes

Players 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 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. 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 Total Ratings issued immediately prior to the first day of the Grand Prix tournament. Pro Tour Players Club byes are based on the current membership level of the player.

Grand Prix Byes (Based on DCI Ratings)

	DCI Total Rating
One-round bye	1850
Two-round bye	1950
Three-round bye	2050

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

	Players Club Level
One-round bye	Level 1
Two-round bye	Level 2-3
Three-round bye	Level 4+

18 GRAND PRIX TRIALS

Each Grand Prix tournament may be preceded by a series of tournaments known as Grand Prix Trials. Grand Prix Trials award a number of three-round byes to a specific Grand Prix tournament for one or more of the top-finishing competitors. The number of three-round byes awarded at each Grand Prix Trial is based on the attendance of the Grand Prix trial:

Three-Round Byes Awarded at Grand Prix Trials

Grand Prix Trial Attendance	Number of 3-Round Byes Awarded
8 – 32	1
33 – 64	2
65 – 128	4
129 +	8

Grand Prix Trials are open tournaments.

19 OTHER TOURNAMENTS

There are other Premier Level **Magic: The Gathering** tournaments, such as Vintage and Legacy Championships and Prerelease tournaments.

All other Premier Events do not offer invitations to any of the events described in this document.

APPENDIX A—CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS VERSION

Changes from September 20, 2009 version:

Section 3: “Regionals” replaced with “National Qualifiers”

Section 11: “Regionals” replaced with “National Qualifiers”

Section 13: “Regionals” replaced with “National Qualifiers,” Number of rating invitations added

Section 14: “Regionals” replaced with “National Qualifiers,” section reworked

Section 15: Added Magic Online Qualifiers

Section 16: Added Magic Online Qualifiers

Section 17: Removed Limited/Constructed rating byes

Section 18: Number of 3-round byes awarded at Grand Prix trials based on attendance added

APPENDIX B—REGIONAL CONTACTS FOR APPEALS

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