

## **Injustice 2 Pro Series Official League Rules**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Injustice 2 Pro Series competitions (the “**League**”) are sponsored and brought to you by Twitch Interactive, Inc. (“**Twitch**”). The League is comprised of competitive esports gaming tournaments, featuring Injustice 2 (the “**Title Game**”), developed by NetherRealm Studios (“**NetherRealm**”) and published by Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment (“**WBIE**”).

The League is comprised of certain online and offline Tournaments for the Title Game which award Points to Players and aggregate such Points in a Points Leaderboard to determine the rankings of Players in the League. Tournaments fall under four (4) tournament categories: Ranking (Offline), Premier (Offline), Evolution, and Online (each category and their individual events a “**Tournament**” and together, “**Tournaments**”). As set forth more fully in Section 3, entitled “League Format”, the League consists of such Tournaments, with the sixteen (16) highest-ranked Players from the Points Leaderboard receiving an invitation to participate in the year-end Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals.

The League and any Tournament is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, WBIE.

These Official League Rules (“**Official Rules**”) govern the League. The Official Rules are in addition to the rules that govern how the Title Game is played (the “**Game Play Rules**”). The Game Play Rules are set forth in Section 8, entitled “Game Play Rules”.

Each person who participates in a Tournament in the League is referred to as a “**Player**”. If the Player is under the age of majority in his or her state or country of residence (a “**Minor**”), such Minor Player represents and warrants that he or she has received permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to register for and participate in the League, and all references to “Player” shall include that Minor Player’s parent or legal guardian. Each Player unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Official Rules and the decisions that Twitch and the other “League Entities” (as defined below) make about the League, including without limitation decisions about how to interpret or implement these Official Rules and administer the League, and such decisions shall be final and binding in all respects and not subject to challenge or appeal. Any aspects of the League or incidents that affect the League that are not outlined in these Official Rules may be addressed and resolved by Twitch and the other League Entities at the time of the incident and their decisions on such matters shall be final and binding and not subject to challenge or appeal.

These Official Rules are subject to change, as determined by Twitch in its sole discretion. The most recent version of these Official Rules will be posted on <http://proseries.injustice.com> (the

“**League Website**”), and Twitch may also use other means to communicate with those Players who have registered for the League using the contact information associated with their account or provided during registration. If a change would affect a Player’s place or standing in the League if they were applied retroactively, that change will be applied only prospectively unless Twitch determines in its sole discretion that such changes must be applied retroactively for legal or other reasons. Entry into the League does not constitute entry into any other tournament, competition, contest or sweepstakes.

These Official Rules were drafted in English, but may be translated into other languages. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any translated version of these Official Rules and the English version of these Official Rules, the English version shall prevail, govern and control.

## **2. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

**Best-of-X** – means a Match has X number of Games, and the Player that wins a majority of the Games is declared the winner. Once a Player wins the number of Games needed to reach the requisite majority, then that Player will be declared the winner of the Match, and any Games that have not been played at that point will not be played. For example, in a Best-of-Three Match, once a Player wins 2 Games, that Player will immediately be declared the winner of that Match.

**Europe East** – Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia (except individuals located in Crimea), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, and Ukraine (except individuals located in Crimea).

**Europe West** – Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France (not including its overseas collectivities or regions), Germany, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands (not including its municipalities or the other constituent countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands), Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom of Great Britain (not including its overseas territories) and Northern Ireland.

**Evolution** – the Evolution Championship Series to be held on July 14-16, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Mandalay Bay Hotel.

**Game** – a single Title Game competition between two Players.

**Latin America North** – Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

**Latin America South** – Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

**League Entities** – Twitch, WBIE, the Tournament Organizers, NetherRealm, any official sponsors of the League, and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated entities, assigns, licensees, vendors, agents, and representatives, and the officers, directors, employees, managers, partners, agents, successors and assigns of all of the foregoing.

**Match** – Tournament play between two Players that may involve multiple Games, as described in Section 3, entitled “League Format”.

**North America** – Canada and the United States (not including its territories and possessions).

**North America East** – Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Newfoundland and Labrador, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

**North America West** – Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Manitoba, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Oregon, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Yukon.

**Points** – means the numerical points awarded and assigned to a Player based on their performance in a Tournament, as further set forth in Section 3.2, allowing them to be ranked against other Players. The more Points a Player accumulates, the higher on the Points Leaderboard he or she will be. Twitch will track and update Points totals for each Player upon completion of each Tournament on the Points Leaderboard.

**Points Leaderboard** – means the global leaderboard that tracks Points earned in any Tournament and a Player’s ranking in the League.

**Round Robin** – means a phase of the Tournament where each Player plays against every other Player in the group.

**Tournament** – an individual event in the League, including Online Tournaments, Offline Tournaments and the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals.

**Tournament Organizers** – the respective organizer of each Tournament, any entity involved in supplying or fulfilling prizes, and any other entity involved in implementing, producing or managing a Tournament, in whole or in part.

**Winner** – any Player that is officially declared a Winner as set forth in Section 10, entitled “General Prize Restrictions”.

### 3. LEAGUE FORMAT

#### 3.1. Tournaments

##### 3.1.1. Selection; Classification of Offline Tournaments

The League is comprised of (a) Evolution; (b) online Tournaments operated and managed by Twitch (“**Online Tournaments**”); and (c) offline Tournaments that will be operated and managed by Tournament Organizers, which are independent from Twitch (“**Offline Tournaments**”).

Twitch will select in its sole discretion the Offline Tournaments that participate in the League and award qualifying Points to Players who compete. All Offline Tournaments that are included in the League, aside from the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals, are categorized as either “**Premier**” or “**Ranking**”. These designations are determined by Twitch in its sole discretion, and may take into account the location, size, and prestige of such Tournaments.

##### 3.1.2. Format

All Tournaments will be “double elimination” brackets, meaning that a Player will not be eligible to move forward if they lose two (2) Matches in the bracket. All Matches are Best-of-Five. The Match format for Evolution will be at the discretion of its respective Tournament Organizers.

### 3.2. Points

All Tournaments included in the League will award Points which are used to rank the Players on a Points Leaderboard in accordance with the table below:

Placement	Tournament Category			
	Evolution	Premier	Ranking	Online
1st	400	250	70	70
2nd	320	160	45	45
3rd	250	130	25	25
4th	200	100	10	10
5th	160	70	5	5
7th	130	45	1	1
9th	100	25		
13th	70	10		
17th	45	5		
25th	25	1		
33rd	10			
49th	5			
65th	1			

If two or more Players have the same number of Points, the tie in rank will be resolved by applying the following tie-breaking mechanisms, listed in order of application:

- 1) Points earned from Evolution;
- 2) Aggregate number of Points earned from Premier Tournaments;
- 3) Aggregate number of Points earned from Ranking and Online Tournaments;
- 4) Average Points earned per Premier Tournament attended;
- 5) Average Points earned per Ranking and Online Tournament attended; or
- 6) Coin flip.

### 3.3. Schedule

The schedule that corresponds to each League phase is outlined throughout this Section (such period referred to herein as the “**League Period**”).

#### 3.3.1. Online Tournaments

- Online NA – West (June 19-20, 2017)
- Online LATAM – North (June 26-27, 2017)
- Online EU – West (July 3-4, 2017)
- Online NA – East (July 24-25, 2017)
- Online LATAM – South (August 14-15, 2017)
- Online EU – East (August 28-29, 2017)

### **3.3.2. Offline Tournaments**

- **Evolution**
  - Evolution Championship Series (July 14-16, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV)
  
- **Premier**
  - Combo Breaker (May 26-28, 2017 in Chicago, IL)
  - CEO (June 16-18, 2017 in Orlando, FL)
  - Viennality (August 5-6, 2017 in Vienna, Austria)
  - VS Fighting (August 12-13, 2017 in Birmingham, UK)
  - Summer Jam (August 18-20, 2017 in Philadelphia, PA)
  - Absolute Battle (August 25-27, 2017 in Dallas, TX)
  - East Coast Throwdown (September 2-3, 2017 in Morristown, NJ)
  
- **Ranking**
  - Defend the North (July 28-30, 2017 in White Plains, NY)
  - Moscow Fighting Arena (July 8-9, 2017 in Moscow, Russia)
  - First Attack (September 2-3, 2017 in San Juan, Puerto Rico)
  - Celtic Throwdown (September 2-3, 2017 in Dublin, Ireland)

### **3.4. Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals**

The Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals is the final championship event of the League. It is an invitational Tournament featuring the top sixteen (16) Players from the Points Leaderboard. Players will be invited in order of their rank. If any Players decline, invitations will be extended to the next Player on the Points Leaderboard until all spots are filled. The date, time and format for the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals will be announced at a later date.

## **4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Tournaments are open to individuals who are thirteen (13) years of age or older on the date they register for a Tournament.

Online Tournaments are open to legal residents of Europe East, Europe West, Latin America North, Latin America South, North America East, and North America West, as indicated above in Section 3.1.1. Individuals who are not legal residents of such applicable areas are not eligible to participate.

Individuals must qualify and be eligible to participate in Evolution, Online Tournaments, and Premier and Ranking Tournaments under the terms of the applicable rules of such Tournaments. Players in the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals will receive a formal invitation from Twitch or the Tournament Organizer to participate in accordance with these Official Rules. Individuals that do not receive an invitation to the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals are not eligible.

Players must be able to provide proof of eligibility. Please also note that potential Winners will ultimately need to provide proof of residency and tax form information before they are officially declared the Winner. Section 10, entitled “General Prize Restrictions”, provides more information. Each Player will be known publicly by his or her real name, or gamertag or other name they use in the Title Game or otherwise choose a user name (in either instance, the “**User Name**”). Each Player represents and warrants that their User Name and logo will not violate or infringe upon the trademark, copyright, publicity rights or other intellectual property or other rights of any other person or entity and will otherwise comply with the Code of Conduct described in Section 7.

Any Player who is a Minor must get permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to enter. The form of that permission will be determined by Twitch or Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion. In addition, if a Minor is going to physically travel to a particular Tournament location, he or she must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at that Tournament location, and Twitch or the Tournament Organizers may require additional proof that the Minor has permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to participate. The form of that additional proof will be determined by Twitch or Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion. The League and/or Tournament is void where prohibited by law.

Officers, directors and employees of Twitch and the Tournament Organizers, and each of their immediate family members (spouses and siblings, parents and children and their spouses) are not eligible to participate in the League without express written permission from Twitch.

Players must supply their own controller and may optionally bring their own headphones (“**Player Equipment**”), but use of Player Equipment at a Tournament is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Organizers. Consoles and monitors will be provided by Tournament Organizers.

During a Tournament, Players may not bring, use, or wear any headsets, earbuds, microphones or other Player Equipment other than those approved by the Tournament Organizers. Player Equipment that is suspected by the Tournament Organizers of providing an unfair competitive advantage will not be approved for use. At their discretion, Tournament Organizers may disallow the use of any individual piece of Player Equipment for reasons related to a Tournament’s security, operational efficiency or effectiveness.

Each Player is responsible for obtaining any visas or other travel documentation needed to participate in a Tournament and the costs thereof shall be borne by the Player.

Each Player shall be deemed to have made and entered into all of the representations, warranties and agreements contained herein and shall be jointly and severally obligated and bound thereby. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, all of Twitch’s or Tournament Organizers’ rights pursuant to these Official Rules relate to and are exercisable against the Player. If any right of disqualification arises as to any Player, then the right of disqualification may be exercised to such Player as Twitch or the Tournament Organizers may elect in their sole discretion. Any Player who elects to end his or her participation in the League or

Tournament, and/or is disqualified from the League or Tournament, will not be permitted to re-enter the League or Tournament in any capacity.

Please note that Twitch or the Tournament Organizer may require a Player to execute and deliver "Winner Forms" (as defined in Section 10) at any time during the Tournament, including as a condition of participating in a particular Match or phase of the Tournament.

## **5. HOW TO APPLY TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT**

Players can find information regarding each Tournament at <http://proseries.injustice.com>.

There will be no registration process for the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals. Each Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals participant shall be determined by the Points Leaderboard and will be at the invitation of Twitch or the Tournament Organizer, as provided in these Official Rules.

Your registration information will be collected and used in accordance with the privacy policies applicable to each Tournament and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated therein, such information will be shared with Twitch and used by Twitch in accordance with the privacy policy and terms of service (the "**Twitch Policies**") posted on [www.twitch.tv](http://www.twitch.tv) (the "**Twitch Website**"), which are incorporated herein by this reference. Please review the Twitch Policies carefully before participating in the Tournament. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of these Official Rules and the terms of the Twitch Policies, the terms of these Official Rules shall prevail, govern and control. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Twitch Policies, Twitch may share Player information with the League Entities, who will use such information to the extent needed to perform their duties and functions in connection with the Tournament, League or otherwise in accordance with their own independent privacy practices. In addition, Twitch may engage third party application providers and other vendors to administer certain aspects of the League or Tournament, including without limitation, the online collection of Player information. Such third parties will provide your personally identifiable information to Twitch and the other League Entities and use your information for their own independent purposes in accordance with their own independent privacy practices. Twitch is not responsible for the storage or any use of your entry information by such third parties or the League Entities.

## **6. PLAYER APPEARANCE RELEASE**

By participating in the League and/or Tournament, each Player hereby irrevocably grants Twitch and the other League Entities and each of their respective licensees, successors and assigns, permission to stream, film, photograph and record the Player's performance in the League or Tournament itself and in other League or Tournament-related activities, including the Player's name, User Name, logo, avatar, gamertag or equivalent, voice, statements, likeness and other personal characteristics, information and so-called publicity rights as they appear therein (collectively, the "**Appearance**") and the right, but not the obligation, to distribute, exploit or otherwise use such Appearance, in whole or in part, in any and all media,

now known or hereafter devised, throughout the Universe in perpetuity (except for Players who are known to be residents of France, which will expire within 5 years from date of participation), for any purpose, including but not limited to, advertising, marketing and promoting the League, the Tournament, the Twitch Website, the League Website, the Title Game, the Tournament Organizers, the League Entities and future tournaments.

As between each Player on the one hand, and Twitch, on the other hand, the Appearance shall be deemed a work-made-for-hire for Twitch prepared as a work specifically ordered and/or commissioned by Twitch, and therefore, Twitch shall be the author and exclusive copyright owner of the Appearance for all purposes throughout the Universe. If under applicable law the foregoing is not effective to place authorship and ownership thereof and all rights therein in Twitch, then by way of assignment and transfer of present and future copyright and otherwise, each Player hereby irrevocably grants, transfers, sells and assigns to Twitch, all of his or her right, title and interest in and to the Appearance throughout the universe in perpetuity. Each Player agrees to execute such further documents and to do such further acts as may be necessary to evidence, effect, perfect, register, or enforce Twitch's ownership of such rights.

Twitch and the other League Entities shall have the right, in their sole discretion, to edit, composite, morph, scan, dub, duplicate, fictionalize or otherwise alter the Appearance for any purpose which Twitch or the other League Entities deem necessary or desirable. To the fullest extent allowable under any applicable law, each Player hereby irrevocably waives any and all so-called moral rights or "droit moral" rights (which shall include, without limitation, any similar or analogous rights under applicable laws of any country in the world [including, without limitation, the so called right of paternity (droit a la paternite) right of integrity (droit au respect de l'oeuvre) right of withdrawal (droit de retrait or droit de repentir) and/or right of publication (droit divulgation)] he or she may have in the Appearance, and agrees that he or she will make no claim of any kind against Twitch or the other League Entities as a result of any of the uses described above, and irrevocably and unconditionally waives and releases Twitch and the other League Entities from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in connection with such use including, without limitation, any and all claims, demands, or liabilities for invasion of privacy, infringement of the right of publicity, defamation (including libel and slander) and any other personal and/or property rights. Each Player expressly acknowledges that Twitch and the other League Entities and other Players will contribute to the Appearance and other works that will embody all or part of the Appearance. Accordingly, if under any applicable law, the above waiver or assignment by a Player of "moral rights" or "droit moral" is not effective, then each such Player agrees to exercise such rights in a manner which recognizes the contribution of and will not have a material adverse effect upon such other parties.

Twitch shall have the right to freely assign its rights hereunder, in whole or in part, to any person or entity. Twitch shall retain the rights granted in the Appearance even if the Player is disqualified or fails to meet the eligibility requirements.

## **7. CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and maintain respect for one another and for all League or Tournament staff and spectators. Players must follow all instructions of Twitch or the Tournament Organizers. Players may not text/email or use social media during a Game or Match. Players are expected to play at their best at all times within the Tournament and to avoid any behavior inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play. Any Player behaving inappropriately, or not competing in compliance with these Official Rules (including the Game Play Rules), as determined by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion, may be immediately disqualified from the League or Tournament and forfeit all potential prizes. Further, Twitch and the Tournament Organizers reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to ban disqualified Players from any future tournament or event organized by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers. Behavior that is considered to be inappropriate and in violation of the Code of Conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Interfering with the operation of the Tournament, the League, the Twitch Website, or the League Website;
- Acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with the intent to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Tournament or League, or to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person;
- Engaging in collusion (e.g., any agreement between two [2] or more Players or to pre-determine the outcome of a Game or Match);
- Cheating of any sort through any means;
- Intentionally delaying or slowing gameplay or tampering with gameplay in any other known or unknown manner;
- Offensive, vulgar or obscene User Names, avatars, logos, branding or gamertags;
- Sexism, ageism, racism or any other form of prejudice or bigotry;
- Engaging in violence or any activity which is deemed in the judgment of Twitch or the Tournament Organizers to be immoral, unethical, disgraceful, or contrary to common standards of decency;
- Engaging in any activity that is illegal in the jurisdiction where the affected Player is located;
- Offering any gift or reward to a Player, Twitch or Tournament Organizer for assistance designed to provide a competitive advantage to the person offering the gift or reward or designed to impose a competitive disadvantage on any opponent;
- Betting or gambling on your own performance or the results of the League, the Tournament or any phase of the League or Tournament;
- Making any modification to the Title Game that has not been disclosed to and authorized by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers;
- Intentionally using any in-game bugs or so-called “hacks” to seek an advantage;
- Using any language or wearing any clothing or apparel that is obscene, foul, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive, libelous, slanderous, defamatory or otherwise offensive or objectionable, or promotes or incites hatred or discriminatory conduct;

- Using any Tournament facilities, services or equipment provided or made available by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers to post, transmit, disseminate or otherwise make available any communications prohibited by this Code of Conduct;
- Taking any action or performing any gesture directed at an opposing Player, official or spectator, or inciting any other individuals to do the same, which is insulting, mocking, disruptive or unsportsmanlike;
- Touching or otherwise interfering with lights, cameras or other studio equipment;
- Engaging in any other type of behavior or conduct deemed inappropriate by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion; or
- Otherwise violating these Official Rules.

Any Player who violates the Code of Conduct may be disqualified, and Twitch reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies from any such Player to the fullest extent permitted by law.

CAUTION: ANY DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR EQUIPMENT USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOURNAMENT OR LEAGUE, TAMPER WITH THE TITLE GAME OR THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT, OR OTHERWISE UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE OR A TOURNAMENT MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, TWITCH AND THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO COOPERATE IN THE PROSECUTION OF ANY SUCH PLAYER(S) AND TO PURSUE ALL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THEM TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED IN EQUITY OR UNDER THE LAW.

## 8. GAME PLAY RULES

These are the “**Game Play Rules**” governing how the Title Game is played during the Tournament.

### 8.1. **Gameplay**

#### 8.1.1. **Game Settings**

- Game Version: PlayStation 4
- Rounds: First to Two
- Timer: 240 seconds
- Stage Select: Random
- Interactables: On

#### 8.1.2. **Match Procedure**

The following steps outline the process of playing a Match.

- 1) Players select their sides.
- 2) Players select their characters. Either Player may invoke Double Blind Character Selection (as defined in Section 8.1.5).
- 3) The Players play the first Game of the Match.
- 4) The losing Player of the preceding Match may choose to change characters.
- 5) The next Game is played.
- 6) Repeat steps 4 and 5 for all subsequent Games until the Match is complete.

#### 8.1.3. **Characters**

All characters already publicly released may be selected for Matches. If a new character is released, that character may only be selected if it is available at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the Tournament.

#### 8.1.4. **Side Selection**

Players may mutually agree who sits on the left and right side, corresponding to Player 1 and Player 2 respectively. If Players cannot agree, they will play Rock-Paper-Scissors to determine who picks their side.

#### 8.1.5. **Double Blind Character Selection**

Either Player may request that a double blind selection occur. In this situation, a Tournament Organizer will be told, in secret, each of the Players' choices for the first round. Both Players are to then select their first round character, with the staff validating the character selections.

#### 8.1.6. **Permitted Controllers**

All standard fight sticks and controllers are permitted. Macro functions (e.g. turbo buttons) and wireless controllers other than DualShock 4 are not permitted.

Players that use DualShock 4 but do not un-sync their controller after the Match are subject to disqualification at the discretion of Tournament Organizers.

## **8.2. Match Obligations**

### **8.2.1. Punctuality**

All Players must be physically present by the Match start time. Players that are not ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the Match start time are subject to penalties including a possible Match forfeiture.

### **8.2.2. Forfeits**

Players may not voluntarily forfeit a Match without prior authorization from Tournament Organizers and, even with authorization, are subject to further penalties for forfeiting.

## **8.3. Match Disruptions**

### **8.3.1. Pauses**

If a Player either intentionally or accidentally pauses the Game by either pressing the start button or unplugging his or his opponent's controller, the Player who paused forfeits the current Round.

### **8.3.2. Restarts**

Tournament Organizers may order a Game or Match restart due to exceptional circumstances, such as if a bug significantly affects a Player's ability to play or a Game or Match is unable to finish.

### **8.3.3. Stalling**

Stalling, or excessively delaying the Game or Match, may result in a Game or Match forfeit at the discretion of Tournament Organizers.

## **8.4. Coaching**

Players may designate one (1) individual to be their coach during each Match. Players may consult with the coach for a maximum of one (1) minute in between Games in a Match. Deliberately giving or receiving advice to/from any other person during a Game or Match is not allowed and may result in penalties for both parties.

## **8.5. Cheating**

Any cheating, as determined by the Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion, will result in an immediate forfeiture and additional penalties depending on the severity of the infraction.

## **8.6. Names, Logos, and Branding Restrictions**

Tournament Organizers reserve the right to reject, in their sole discretion, names, logos, avatars or branding that violate the Code of Conduct, including without limitation, any that:

- infringe upon the rights of any 3rd party rights without explicit written permission
- Resemble or are identical to a brand or trademark
- Resemble or are identical to another identity or person
- Resemble or are identical to the name or persona of League Entities or other Players.

## **8.7. Dress Code**

All Players must wear appropriate attire at the Tournament. Jerseys and all other attire worn at the Tournament are subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 8.6 above.

## **8.8. Sponsorships; Other Content**

Players have the ability to acquire sponsorships. However, sponsors or content falling under the following categories may not be displayed during official Tournament play:

- Brands in categories that have been granted exclusive sponsorship rights for the League or Tournament by Twitch or the Tournament Organizers
- Religious programming, political matters
- 900 numbers
- X-rated material
- Habit-forming drugs, drug related paraphernalia
- Herbal remedies or “miracle cure” products
- Tobacco products
- Any adult-oriented products or services (including adult-oriented pay per view programs and male enhancement products)
- Salacious products or services or other material which would generally be considered obscene or indecent
- Content that a reasonable person would deem objectionable, indecent, vulgar or offensive
- Content which promotes discrimination, hate, violence, the use of illegal substances, illegal activity, mail fraud, pyramid schemes, or investment opportunities or advice not permitted by applicable law
- Content which is unlawful, pornographic, libelous, defamatory, or violates a third party’s privacy or publicity rights
- Content which constitutes hate speech
- Content which discriminates, ridicules, advocates against, harasses, or attacks an individual or group on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability
- Any other activity that contravenes any applicable laws or regulations (including lotteries, illegal gambling products or other illegal wagering activity)

## 8.9. Penalties

Players who break the rules in this document are subject to penalties including (but not limited to) the following:

- Match Restart
- Loss of Game
- Match Forfeiture
- Removal from the League
- Temporary Player Bans
- Permanent Player Bans

Any penalties imposed on a Player may be made available to the public by Twitch and the Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion.

## 9. PRIZES

Prizes are available for Premier Tournaments, Evolution, and the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals. The prizes will be awarded and paid to the Player in accordance with the chart below. Payments will be made in United States dollars subject to the “General Prize Restrictions” described in Section 10 below.

### 9.1. Premier Tournaments

Twitch will award Twenty Thousand US dollars (\$20,000) for each Premier Tournament, according to the following table:

Standing	Prize Money (USD)
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$8,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$4,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$3,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,000
5 <sup>th</sup> (two Players)	\$1,000
7 <sup>th</sup> (two Players)	\$500

### 9.2. Evolution

Twitch will award Fifty Thousand US dollars (\$50,000) for Evolution, according to the following table:

Standing	Prize Money (USD)
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$20,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$10,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$7,500
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,000
5 <sup>th</sup> (two Players)	\$2,500
7 <sup>th</sup> (two Players)	\$1,250

### 9.3. Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals

Prizes for the Injustice 2 Pro Series Finals will be announced at a later date.

## 10. GENERAL PRIZE RESTRICTIONS

Each Player that has been declared the winner of a prize in the Tournament will not be an official winner (each such individual, a “**Winner**”) unless and until they execute (or, if the potential winner is a Minor, their parent or legal guardian executes) an Affidavit of Eligibility, a Liability Release, and where imposing such condition is legal, a Publicity Release and any required payment information and tax forms (“**Winner Forms**”) in order to receive payment. If a Player (or a Minor Player’s parent or legal guardian) fails or refuses to sign and return all the Winner Forms within ten (10) days (or a shorter time if required by exigencies) after receiving them, the Player may be disqualified. In the event a Player is disqualified, Twitch or the Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, reserves the right, but not the obligation, to award the affected prize to the Player that last lost to the disqualified Player. Within sixty (60) days of receiving an executed copy of the Winner Forms, Twitch or the Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, will deliver to Winner the applicable prize(s). Failure to take delivery of any prize may result in forfeiture, and such prize awarded to an alternate Winner. Prizes may not be transferred or assigned until after a Winner has complied with all his or her obligations under these Official Rules. No substitutions may be made for prize(s), except by Twitch or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, who reserves the right to substitute a prize in whole or in part with another prize of comparable or greater value if the intended prize is not available for any reason as determined by Twitch or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, in their sole discretion. By participating in a Tournament, Winner acknowledges that League Entities have not and will not obtain or provide insurance of any kind relating to the prizes. Winner will be responsible for all taxes (including but not limited to federal, state, local and/or income) on any prize won and on the value of any items or value transferred to the Player by Twitch or the Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, and will be required to provide his/her Social Security number, IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-9, or equivalent information for tax reporting purposes (at a time to be determined in Twitch’s or Tournament Organizer’s sole discretion, as the case may be, and which may be prior to participation in a particular round or prior to receipt of any prize by Player). Twitch or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, will file an IRS Form 1099 or equivalent tax withholding documentation for the retail value of any prize or other items of value transferred to the Player by Twitch or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, in accordance with IRS requirements, and Twitch

or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, may also share such documentation with a state or local government agency as required by law. Refusal or failure of a Winner to satisfy the requirements of all necessary and appropriate tax, withholding or other required compliance terms (including Social Security number, IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-9, or equivalent information), as determined by Twitch or Tournament Organizer in their sole discretion, will result in the Winner forfeiting the prize(s) and an alternate Winner being selected in accordance with these Official Rules. Twitch or Tournament Organizer, as the case may be, will award prizes subject to any applicable withholding taxes, and the amount of the prize transferred, as reduced by any applicable withholding taxes, will constitute full payment of the prize. Winners who do not claim the prize, or satisfy the information or documentation requirements within six (6) months of the close of the Tournament or such earlier time as designated by Twitch or Tournament Organizer, are void, and the League Entities shall have no further liability or responsibility to such Player(s) in connection with the prizes.

Any prizes pictured in advertising, promotional and/or other League or Tournament materials are for illustrative purposes only. The actual prize may vary. In the event there is a discrepancy or inconsistency between the description of a prize contained in any such materials and the description of a prize contained in these Official Rules, these Official Rules shall prevail, govern and control. All details and other restrictions of any prize not specified in these Official Rules will be determined by the Tournament Organizers in their sole discretion.

#### **11. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

Twitch and the other League Entities make no warranties, and hereby disclaim any and all warranties, express or implied, concerning any prize (including, without limitation, the Grand Prize) furnished in connection with the League or Tournament. WITHOUT IN ANY WAY LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING AND WITHOUT ABROGATING THE TWITCH POLICIES OR THE END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE TITLE GAME OR OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT APPLY TO THE TITLE GAME, THE LEAGUE ENTITIES HEREBY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, WITH REGARD TO THE TITLE GAME SOFTWARE, EQUIPMENT AND THE OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE, NONINFRINGEMENT, AND THEIR EQUIVALENTS, UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

#### **12. IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ – GENERAL RELEASE AND LIMITATION ON LIABILITY**

Each Player knowingly consents to participate in any or all League or Tournament activities under his or her own free will and without duress or undue influence of any third party.

**BY ENTERING AND/OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT, EACH PLAYER, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND HIS OR**

**HER HEIRS, HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND HOLDS TWITCH AND THE OTHER LEAGUE ENTITIES HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED AND UNSUSPECTED CLAIMS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, COSTS, LOSSES, INJURIES, LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION MENTAL AND/OR PHYSICAL INJURIES OR DEATH AND DAMAGES TO OR LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, DUE IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT, ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT-RELATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY AND/OR THE USE OR MISUSE OF ANY PRIZE.**

Twitch and the Tournament Organizers are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information or other materials, on, associated with or utilized as part of the Twitch Website or the League Website, and Twitch and the Tournament Organizers assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft, destruction, or unauthorized access to the Twitch Website or the League Website or the field of play in the Title Game. Although Twitch and the Tournament Organizers attempt to ensure the integrity of the League and Tournament, Twitch and the Tournament Organizers are not responsible for the actions of Players in connection with the League or Tournament, including a Player's attempt to circumvent the Official Rules or otherwise interfere with the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the League or Tournament. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Player agrees that Twitch and the other League Entities shall not be responsible or liable for, and are hereby released from, any and all claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind, relating to any of the following:

- incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or illegible registrations or the failure to receive registrations due to any cause, including without limitation human or technical problems, failures, or malfunctions of any kind, whether originating with Player, Twitch, the Tournament Organizers, or otherwise, that may prevent or limit a Player's ability to participate in the League or Tournament or send or receive messages requiring action or response by such Player;
- any computer system, gaming console, phone line, hardware, software or program malfunctions, or other errors, failures, hacks, unauthorized access, delayed computer transmissions or network connections which may result in alteration of Game play or affect Game results; and
- any problems or technical malfunction of any network or lines, servers or providers, equipment, or software, including any injury or damage to Player Equipment resulting from participation in the Tournament.

### **13. INDEMNIFICATION**

Each Player hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Twitch, the Tournament Organizers and all the League Entities harmless from and against any and all third party claims, actions or proceedings of any kind and from any and all third party damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable outside legal fees and costs (collectively, “**Third Party Claims**”) relating to or arising out of any breach of any of the warranties, representations, covenants, obligations or agreements of the Player under these Official Rules.

Except for matters for which Player is obligated to indemnify the League Entities hereunder, Twitch will indemnify and hold each Player harmless from and against any Third Party Claims arising from production, distribution and exploitation of the League.

The Player or League Entity seeking indemnification (the “**Indemnified Party**”) shall promptly notify the League Entity or Player, as the case may be, responsible for indemnification (the “**Indemnifying Party**”) of the existence of any Third Party Claim giving rise to indemnification under these Official Rules. In the event of a Third Party Claim, the Indemnifying Party shall have a reasonable opportunity to defend the same at its own expense and with its own counsel, provided that the Indemnified Party shall at all times have the right to participate in such defense at its own expense. If, within a reasonable time after receipt of notice of a Third Party Claim the Indemnifying Party fails to undertake the defense, the Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend and to compromise or settle (exercising reasonable business judgment) such Third Party Claim for the account and at the risk and expense of the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnified Party shall make available to the Indemnifying Party, at the Indemnifying Party’s expense, such information and assistance as the Indemnifying Party shall reasonably request in connection with the defense of such Third Party Claim. The Indemnifying Party will keep the Indemnified Party informed of the status of the Third Party Claim and will not settle such Third Party Claim without the Indemnified Party’s prior written consent unless the settlement includes a full and complete release of the Indemnified Party and its parent, subsidiary and affiliated entities and each of their respective officers, directors and employees. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the League and Tournament.

#### **14. FORCE MAJEURE**

Twitch reserves the right to modify, suspend, extend or terminate the League, a Tournament or any part thereof if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the League and/or Tournament is technically impaired or corrupted or that fraud or technical problems, failures, malfunctions or other causes have destroyed, corrupted or undermined the administration, security, fairness, integrity, proper play or feasibility of the League, a Tournament or any portion thereof as contemplated herein. In the event Twitch is prevented from continuing with the League or Tournament by any event beyond its control, including but not limited to fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labor dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, satellite or equipment failure, riot or civil disturbance, terrorist threat or activity, war (declared or undeclared) or any federal state or local government law, order, or regulation, order of any court or jurisdiction, or other cause not reasonably within Twitch’s or the Tournament

Organizers' control (each a "**Force Majeure**" event or occurrence), Twitch shall have the right to modify, suspend, extend or terminate the League or Tournament.

Twitch or the Tournament Organizers, in their sole discretion, may require the replaying of any Game or Match, or declare any Game or Match or other phase of the League or Tournament null and void by reason of any of the foregoing. In the event Twitch or the Tournament Organizers determine, in their sole discretion, that any individual Game or Match or other phase of the League or Tournament, has been tampered with or that the validity of any Game, Match or other phase of the League or Tournament has been compromised for any reason, it may eliminate that Game, Match or other phase of the League or Tournament, and may conduct the League or Tournament on the basis of the remaining Game, Match and/or other phases of the League or Tournament.

## **15. TRANSFER OF PLAYER INFORMATION**

By registering for and/or otherwise participating in the League or Tournament, each Player consents and agrees to the collection, transfer, storage and processing of his or her information to and in the United States and/or to other countries outside the country of Player's country of residence. Such other countries may not have privacy laws and regulations that are similar to those of the country of Player's residence. A Player may request access, review, rectification or deletion of any personal data held by Twitch in connection with the League or Tournament by following the instructions provided in the Privacy Policy posted on the Twitch Website.

## **16. DISPUTES**

These Official Rules are governed by the state and federal laws that apply to the State of California, United States of America. Except as otherwise provided herein, any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to these Official Rules, the operation of the League or Tournament or otherwise, will be resolved by litigation in the courts located within the City and County of San Francisco in the State of California, United States of America. You, as a Player, hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of and venue of such courts, will accept service of process by mail, and hereby waive any jurisdictional or venue defenses otherwise available to you. **Any dispute or claim relating in any way to these Official Rules, the terms thereof, or the League or Tournament will be resolved by binding arbitration as described in this paragraph, rather than in court**, in the City and County of San Francisco, California, except that (a) Player may assert claims in a small claims court if your claims qualify, and (b) either Party may bring suit by submitting to the courts in the aforementioned jurisdiction and waiving such Party's respective rights to any other jurisdiction to enjoin infringement or other misuse of intellectual property rights. **There is no judge or jury in arbitration, and court review of an arbitration award is limited. However, an arbitrator can award on an individual basis the same damages and relief as a court (including injunctive and declaratory relief or statutory damages), and must follow the terms of this agreement as a court would.** For Player to begin an arbitration proceeding, Player must send a letter requesting arbitration and describing the claim to Twitch's registered

agent, Corporation Service Company, 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N, Sacramento CA 95833. Arbitration shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) under its rules, including the AAA’s Supplementary Procedures for Consumer-Related Disputes. Payment of all filing, administration, and arbitrator fees will be governed by the AAA’s rules. Twitch will reimburse those fees for claims totaling less than \$10,000 unless the arbitrator determines the claims are frivolous. Likewise, Twitch will not seek attorneys’ fees and costs from Player in arbitration unless the arbitrator determines the claims are frivolous. Player may choose to have the arbitration conducted by telephone, based on submissions, or in person in the county in which Player is located, or the agreed upon jurisdiction described above. **The Parties agree that any dispute resolution proceedings will be conducted only on an individual basis and not in a class, consolidated or representative action. If for any reason a claim proceeds in court rather than in arbitration, the Parties each waive any right to a jury trial.**

## **17. WINNER’S LIST / OFFICIAL RULES**

To obtain the list of the winners, visit the League Website within six (6) weeks after the end of a Tournament. These Official Rules will be posted on the League Website during the League Period.

## **18. INVALIDITY / HEADINGS**

These Official Rules and the other agreements referenced herein constitute the full and complete agreement and understanding between each Player and the League Entities in connection with the League and replace and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements or understandings that may have been entered into between such Player and such League Entity with respect to the subject matter hereof. These Official Rules cannot be modified or amended in any way except by a written instrument signed by Twitch. The waiver of any term, condition, or breach of these Official Rules shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that breach or any other term or condition in the future. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision in these Official Rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, these Official Rules shall otherwise remain in effect and shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or illegal provision were not contained herein. Headings and captions are used in these Official Rules solely for convenience and ease of reference, and shall not be deemed to affect in any manner the meaning or intent of these Official Rules or any provision hereof.

## **19. CHANGE LOG**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
5/5/17	1.0	Document Published
5/18/17	1.1	Corrections to timer in Section 8.1.1 and match procedure in Section 8.1.2.

6/6/17	1.2	Modified coaching rule in 8.4 to say that Players can have different coaches for each Match.
6/7/17	1.3	Added rule specifying permitted characters in Section 8.1.

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