



**SEASON 6**



# **VALORANT - RULESET**

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**Version 2**

## Introduction

This manual consolidates the specified rules for participants, coaches, and/or organizations (Esports teams) involved in any of the disciplines played in the POP Esports Masters. Every individual engaging in the POP Esports Masters acknowledges having reviewed and endorsed the rules outlined in this manual.

The administrators of POP Esports Masters reserve the right to update and/or rectify sections of this manual as needed. In circumstances not explicitly addressed in the rulebook, administrators retain the authority to make conclusive decisions.

### **Good Luck & Have Fun!**

"Please ensure you are referring to the most recent version of the rulebook. In the event of any updates, we will promptly announce these changes on Discord in the designated channel specific to the rulebook. It is important to stay informed about these updates to understand the latest rules and guidelines.

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## REGISTRATION

The POP Esports Masters are open to all levels.

When registering for any phase of the POP Esports Masters, each Participant must validate their official account (Steam, Riot, Epic, etc.) If the participant is under an Esports team contract; and the team wants to be visible on the POP Esports Masters communication supports (Stream, Socials, Live Events), the participant must imperatively share all the data in the document given by the admins with their team.

The participant's in-game name must correspond to the name validated during registration. Any change of name without informing an administrator and without obtaining their confirmation, will be penalized.

At any time, administrators can oblige to obtain information necessary for the proper functioning of the competition.

## Registration Process

The registration is made by the team captain only.

- The team captain has to fill out the registration-form on the POP Esports Masters website.
- Participants are obligated to join the POP Esports Masters MAIN Discord. <https://discord.gg/S2s57YemB2>
- The registrations are validated manually by the POP Esports Masters administration team. It may take up to 72 hours until the validation process is over.
- After the validation process, you will receive an email from the POP Esports Masters organization validating your attendance of the open qualifiers. As well as receiving the Discord role "Game – Qualifiers".
- Now you are registered for the qualifiers of your game.

**Please regularly check your emails and Discord messages. If there are any problems with the registration, the POP Esports Masters administration team will contact you on both these media.**

## Age

The minimum age for a POP Esports Masters player is 16. If the Participant is still a minor under European law (<18 years of age) the day of the Qualifier, an authorization to participate must also be signed by a legal guardian of the child.

If a 15-year-old receives his 16, at the latest 30 days after the start of the qualifier date, they may register for the POP Esports Masters with a special contract signed by their legal guardian.

# ROSTER CONSTELLATION

## Roster Sign-Up

As soon as you sign-up your roster, team captains are allowed to change the roster until 48 hours before the first official game day. This is the lock in time for roster changes for the regular season; therefore, the POP Esports Masters Organization recommends that you sign up the team with 2 substitutes. If the active roster is deemed invalid due to regional limitations or an insufficient number of players, teams may incur penalties ranging from fines to potential immediate disqualification.

Active rosters must at all times be in line with the regional limitations.

## Regional limitations

The regional limitations are defined as followed:

- No limitations on players with their residence in one of the following regions:
  - Greater Region (Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate, Lorraine, Moselle, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Wallonia, Luxembourg)
  - BENELUX Region (Belgium – Netherlands – Luxembourg)
- **Maximum 2** players with their residence in one of the following regions:
  - Europe

Substitutes may be from any region.

**IMPORTANT: All players are obliged to attend all offline media sessions and events. Therefore, please make sure you have the necessary time and financial resources to do so.**

**Official dates are listed under the "[SCHEDULE](#)" section.**

## Additional limitations

No player participating in the Pop Esports Masters can currently be playing in or have been playing for the past 6 months in any of the following officially licensed by Riot Games Valorant competitions: Valorant Masters, Valorant Champions or Valorant Champions Tour (VCT).

## Roster line-up

A team always consists of a minimum of 5 players and up to 7 players. The team can also sign up a manager and a coach. The team composition looks as follows:

- 5 active players
- Maximum of 2 substitutes (recommended)
- 1 managers (optional) (can also be team-captain)
- 1 coach (optional)

## Active Roster

The active roster/ players are defined as the 5 players playing the next upcoming match. This roster can be changed 24 hours beforehand by announcing it to the administration team and your opponent. The active roster/ player constellation must always comply with the regional limitations and must be validated by the Head Admin.

## Roster Changes

Between the season all teams have a window allowing for roster changes which lasts until 7 days before their 1st game in the play-offs. During this window for roster changes teams are allowed up to two roster changes. These roster changes must be submitted to the tournament admin and announced to opposing teams at least 7 days prior to the start of the play-offs.

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## Nickname Changes

Between the season all teams are allowed to change their nickname. The nickname must be announced to the organisation, Head Admin and to the other teams until 7 days before their 1st game in the play-offs.

## ORGANIZATION & TEAM REGULATIONS

### Multiple teams in a division

Organizations are not allowed to have multiple teams in the first division. If an organization owns 2 or more teams in the first division, it must choose one team and must put the other team to free agents. The free agent players can still play under their constellation however they cannot be part of any organization that already owns a team in the first division.

Organizations are allowed to have a maximum of two teams in the second division. If an organization owns more than 2 teams in the second decision, it must choose which two teams to keep and put the other teams to free agents. The free agent players can still play under their constellation however they cannot be part of any organization that already owns two teams in the second division.

Teams that had to leave their original organization can no longer have any bindings with their former team or the managers of their former team and they cannot accept any financial support from that organization. Teams and organizations that do not oblige to this rule may be prone to penalties and/or disqualification.

### Upcoming seasons

The organization is the owner of team spot(s) of any division. An exception can be made if the organization puts the team to free agent. In this case the team captain will own the spot for the season until they join a new organization. This change must be announced to the POP Esports Masters administration.

In any case contact the POP Esports Masters administration if you need any help regarding these regulations.

After each season teams must declare if they intend to reclaim their spot in the upcoming season. If a team fails to reclaim their spot, the spot will be vacant and be redistributed by the tournament organizers.

## SCHEDULE

- ❖ Registration Phase
  - 15.12.2024 – 20.02.2025
  
- ❖ Open Qualifiers
  - 22.02.2025
  
- ❖ MEDIA DAYS
  - 01.03.2025
  
- ❖ SEASON
  - 17.03.2025 – 13.04.2025

Gamedays will remain on Tuesdays & Thursdays for Division 1.

- ❖ RELEGATIONS
  - 14.03.2025 – 20.03.2025

Gamedays will be on Tuesday & Thursday.

- ❖ PLAY-OFFS
  - 28.05.2025

- ❖ FINALS
  - 07.06.2025
  - 08.06.2025 (May be used as well)

## RUNDOWN

### Division 2 Qualifiers

The open division 2 qualifiers will be played in a swiss system format. The number of rounds will be announced right before the tournament depending on the number of teams playing in the qualifiers.

Teams may only qualify for the open Division 2 spots. The number of open spots depends on the amount of teams from last season reclaiming their spots and will be announced ahead of the tournament in the PEM Discord server. At the very least 3 spots will be available.

**IMPORTANT: TIE BREAKS ARE NOT PLAYED OUT. TIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BUCHOLTZ SYSTEM!**

**This system adds up the scores of each opponent a participant has faced, excluding the participant's worst-performing opponent. The idea is that facing stronger opponents should be rewarded.**

### SEASON PLAY

The season will last 4 weeks. All games are predetermined and are announced by the POP Esports Masters administration team before the Season begins. Each Team will face each other twice during the season. Side-selection will be pre-determined as well.

Every match-up will be a best of 1.

## RELEGATIONS

The bottom 2 teams of division 1 will face the top 2 teams of division 2 in a best of 3 series to fight for the division 1 sports. According to their seasonal seeding. The 5th place from division 1 plays against the 2nd place from division 2. The 6th place from division 1 plays against the 1st place from division 2.

The higher placed team (Div 1 Team) will be "Team A" and the lower placed (Div 2 Team) will be "Team B" .

The bottom 3 teams of division 2 will lose their spot for the upcoming season; however, they are allowed to play in the qualifier for that season.

## Play-Offs

The top 2-3 teams of division 1 will face each other in a best of 3 series. The loser of that series locks in as third of the season, while the winner then faces the top 1 team of division 1 in the finals. The higher placed team will be "Team A" and the lower placed team will be "Team B" .

## FINALS

The top 1 team from the season and the winning team of play-offs will face each other in a best of 3 series.

The higher placed team will be "Team A" and the lower placed team will be "Team B" .

The winner of this best of series will be the season champion.

**IMPORTANT: After the finals is where we determine the official ranking.**

## TIEBREAKERS

Tiebreakers will be handled in the following order:

### **Two-way tie**

- Head-to-head Match Score
- Head-to-head Map differential
- Head-to-head Round differential
- Map differential
- Round differential

### **Three-way tie**

- Head-to-head Match Series
- Teams with two matchup head-to-head advantages automatically receive first of the group. Tie-breakers for the remaining two teams are determined using the above head-to-head tiebreaker process.
- If no team has a two matchup head-to-head advantage (in example, all Teams are 1-1 head-to-head), then proceed to the next step of the 3-way tie-breaker process.
- Map differential
- Round differential
- Tiebreaker Bo1 match

# GAME SETTINGS & RULES

## Game settings

- Custom Lobby
- Allow cheats: off
- Tournament mode: on
- Overtime: Win by two
- Play out all Rounds: off
- Hide match history: off

## Map Selection

The map pool consists of the currently active competitive map pool.

You are allowed to use websites like <https://www.mapban.gg> Please make sure that you select the correct maps for your map pool and the correct procedure.

## Map selections process for best of 1 matches:

The administration team will announce who is Team A and Team B. The map process is as followed:

- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A selects the starting side for the map.

## Map selections process for best of 3 matches:

The administration team will announce who is Team A and Team B. The map process is as followed:

- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A picks map 1.
- Team B picks the starting side of map 1.
- Team B picks map 2.
- Team A picks the starting side of map 2.
- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A picks the starting side of the decider map.

## Map selections process for best of 5 matches:

The administration team will announce who is Team A and Team B. The map process is as followed:

- Team A picks map 1.
- Team B picks the starting side of map 1.
- Team B picks map 2.
- Team A picks the starting side of map 2.
- Team A bans 1 map.
- Team B bans 1 map.
- Team A picks map 3.
- Team B picks the starting side of map 3.
- Team B picks map 4.
- Team A picks the starting side of map 4.
- Team A picks the starting side of the decider map.



## Coaching

It is not allowed for the coach to interfere in an active match. The coach can occupy the "Coach Slot" during a match. The coach can only communicate with his team during "Tactical Timeouts". The coach is able to stop the game if there is a technical issue however may only communicate with their team on the matter of the technical issue.

Between maps is not considered as an active match.

If teams break this rule, the coach will be disqualified for the current season and the game will be counted as a forfeit.

## Disconnects/ Technical problems

Players must always ensure that their internet connection and set-up works in the best condition.

If a player disconnects the match will not be remade.

During technical breaks teams may only communicate on the matter of the technical problem, and are not allowed to discuss game related topics. The maximum time for a technical break is 15 minutes. After this the Head Admin decides how the game will proceed.

### CASH PRIZE

The Total cash prize for Valorant Season 6 is 7500€. The cash prize will be distributed as followed:

#### Division 1:

Rank	Cash Prize
1 <sup>st</sup>	3500€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1500€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	800€
4 <sup>th</sup>	500€
5 <sup>th</sup>	300€
6 <sup>th</sup>	150€

**MVP: 150€**

**IMPORTANT: Rank 1 to 3 are determined after the finals. Rank 4 to 6 will be determined after the season play.**

Division 2:

Rank	Cash Prize
1 <sup>st</sup>	250€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	150€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	100€
4 <sup>th</sup>	-
5 <sup>th</sup>	-
6 <sup>th</sup>	-

**IMPORTANT: In division 2 all ranks are determined after season play.**

Payment

See the " **AWARDS / PRIZE MONEY** " section in the general rulebook for more information.