

Episode 204
For the Week of October 10th, 2021
Settings on the Infinite Horizon

Timestamps

- Competitive News 5:59
- Tournaments 36:04
- Rostermania 36:53
- Topic 46:56
- News 1:01:26
- COD 1:11:22
- Will's Adventures 1:14:45

On This Episode...

- HCS Raleigh updates.
- Tournament announcements and recaps.
- A new Halo Infinite game mode?
- MCC Season 8 is coming real soon.
- CoD roster announcements.
- Video games.

News (Competitive)

- Additional Infinite Stats - by Halo Data Hive
 - https://twitter.com/halodatahive/status/1445349586403528704?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Made another update to the Halo Infinite flight stats page. You can now filter your service record stats by playlist i.e. All Playlists, Arena, BTB or PvE - Bots.
- PennHalo Tournament Announcement - by PennHalo
 - https://twitter.com/pennhalo/status/1447639732050173958?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist

PENNHALO: AUTUMN ASSUALT
\$1000 PRIZE POOL
FINAL 2v2 BEFORE INFINITE

Sunday October 17 2021 - 1 PM EST
Halo 3 2v2 Tournament - Cross Platform!
Double Elimination Bracket
64 Team Capacity, NA Only

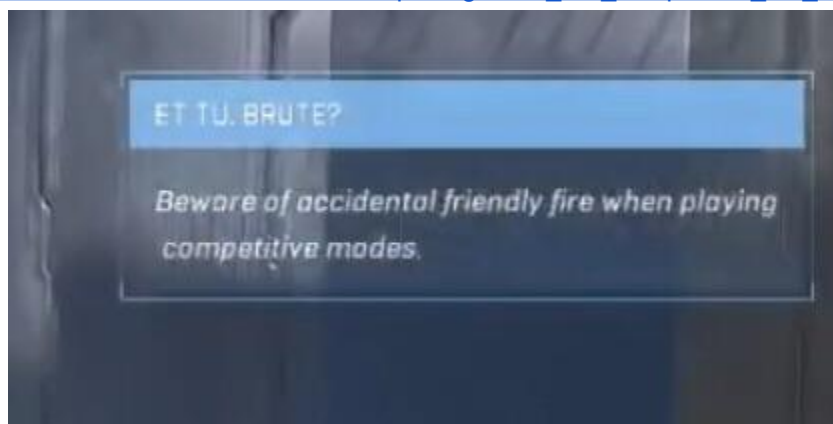
POWERED BY
FACEBOOK GAMING

GLYTCH

h32v2.pennhalo.com

- The Greatest Halo Montage of All Time - by The Greatest Halo Montage of All Time
 - https://twitter.com/ghmoat/status/1445838340406726666?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - The contestants for the Greatest #Halo Montage Of All Time are now locked in and the brackets have been set! The link to see both is in my bio!
 - The first round will commence on Friday; please retweet and share this contest in the meantime! The more voters, the better!

- Halo Wars 2 Gets the Community Love - by Nicmeistar
 - https://twitter.com/nicmeistar/status/1446937505266376705?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Very unfortunate news for the Halo Wars 2 community.
 - Fret not, I'll provide you stats through #HaloEsportsGG.
 - I've delayed it for long but at this point you won't have an official place to look at stats so I'll help out.
- For All Mankind Halo Infinite Launch Event Announced - by For All Mankind
 - <https://twitter.com/ForAllManakind/status/1447593105142784008>
 - Spartans! We're excited to finally share that we're hosting Columbus' premier Halo Infinite Launch Party on 12/11 at GameArenaCBUS! Whether you're looking to compete, enjoy some trivia, or play in flash tournaments, we've got you covered!
- Bravo is back in the studio - by Bravo
 - https://twitter.com/brav/status/1447305701559193604?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Back at the Halo HQ this week to record some juicy Halo Infinite videos.
- HCS Raleigh is SOLD OUT! - by HCS
 - <https://twitter.com/HCS/status/1445781157220524034>
 - General Admission and VIP tickets for the HCS Kickoff Major Raleigh 2021 are officially SOLD OUT! Mark your calendars – Team passes will go on sale November 17th! We'll see you there!
- HCS Raleigh Update - by Tashi
 - https://twitter.com/Tashi343i/status/1445811437394272263?utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Just had a good meeting with EsportsEng about HCS Kickoff Major venue. We've basically doubled the amount of seats and significantly increased the size of the main viewing screen to ensure a great experience onsite. We'll be ready for you all!
- Infinite Competitive Settings Update - by Tashi
 - https://twitter.com/tashi343i/status/1445850661065687042?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Filming the ranked/competitive world premiere video today. Look for a full blog interviewing the Sandbox, MP, and Competitive Insights teams, as well as a full gameplay start to finish dropping late next week!
- Friendly Fire in Competitive? - by TheWhiteWizard
 - https://www.reddit.com/r/halo/comments/q3353g/looks_like_competitive_will_have_friendly_fire/



Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Saturday, October 16th
 - ROYAL BLOOD HALO 5 2V2
 - <https://smash.gg/tournament/2v2-halo-5-hcs-tourney/details>
- Sunday, October 17th
 - ESPORTS ARENA HALO 5 4V4
 - <https://matcherino.com/p/esa/tournaments/58575>
 - TEAM REVIVE HALO 5 2V2
 - https://twitter.com/Revive_AFK/status/1442364816291557377

Roster Mania!

- Is Formal Coming Back?! - by CDL Intel and Formal
 - https://twitter.com/intelcallofduty/status/1446262447132721152?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - FormalL says he's had a Halo offer from another org, but he wants to be able to stay under OpTic at the same time.
- Fire N Ice
 - Noble, Magico, PeluGod, Bullet
- Hoodie's Up

- HeLLuVa, Batman, Legend, Rephorik
- CoLek's team
 - CoLek, Floppie, Dramis, Domey

Tournament/League Recaps

- PENNHALO GAMERS FOR GIVING H3 4V4 DRAFT TOURNAMENT Results

1ST	\$600	BID TEACHES, J4H, PROCLVTCH, EW RENTERIA
2ND	\$250	HUNTER JJX, DECLINER, FEAR AB, KILLACALL
3RD	\$150	BEJEZUS, CPRIDS, ROB CHOKES, THEFRENETIC
4TH		KNOWN AS PHENOM, ASSASSIN3040, DIRTY PLATANO, SHREDSS
5TH/6TH		KEV Z, KADADDLE, STAMINAAA, SAYBER
5TH/6TH		OBNOXIUZZ, CAMBONAFIDE, SEESAWZM, FS PROPHECY
7TH/8TH		EMPLOYEE, ADAMANT, SILKY, SPORTSBETTOR
7TH/8TH		ACE, MUDSHOT, DOODLEPOP, IMPERIALDOOR

- Bracket
 - <https://www.challengermode.com/s/Antimatter/tournaments/f0d358e1-b678-47bd-7717-08d98a5f7be9/brackets/1/>
- VOD
 - <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1172118825>
- DRIPDRIPDOUBLE & PLAZ'S HALO 5 SWAT FFA Results
 - 6th
 - theLuundy
 - 5th
 - lovinthelag
 - 4th
 - SmokeYadig
 - 3rd
 - Nafburger
 - 2nd
 - 14thDaliLama
 - 1st
 - nsgcereal
- ESPORTS ARENA HALO 5 4V4 Results

1ST	\$600	CONSOLE GAMERS	PENGUIN, RENEGADE, TRIPPEY, STELLUR
2ND	\$300	FIRE N ICE	MAGICO, BULLET, NOBLE, PELU
3RD	\$100	HALO 5 2021	LEGEND, MYSTA, KIMBO, SCARYOTIC
4TH		SOLID	RORZCH, SEPSTARS, ZZARCK, THELUFFY6624
5TH/6TH		VOID	LEUOR, VOREZY, STRIKEYY, LAAYLOX
5TH/6TH		EXILE GAMING	SYLVANIC, BEPICS, FACT JV, ELLAVATE
7TH/8TH		TEAM NEXTX	ASTOUND, KARMEA, PIGGY SAIYAN, SIMPLY FEAR ME
7TH/8TH		GERBILS	NIKCLAI, APMH, ALLRESPECTLOST, FATE ZD

- Bracket
 - https://challonge.com/Halo10_10
- VOD
 - <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1173137048?filter=archives&sort=time>
- BLUE TEAM TOURNAMENTS ROAD TO INFINITE HALO 5 FFA - QUALIFIER #2 Results
 - 6th
 - MilitarySpade
 - 5th
 - BunniesWaddles
 - 4th
 - Joz
 - 3rd
 - wAvenue
 - Qualifies for Champs
 - 2nd
 - Loco NC
 - \$50
 - Qualifies for Champs
 - 1st
 - Thy Coffee
 - \$150
 - Qualifies for Champs
 - Bracket
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1amzWSbM0GvHf0GVqpdEzzQ3iz5zBsATRz3mMaurdHVk/edit#gid=1300696588>
- CRUZADA HALO X HALO COMUNIDAD ESPANA X HALO POLSKA H4 2V2 TOURNAMENT Results
 - 4th
 - LA VENDICION
 - Wicked & XT3R1
 - 3rd
 - Omojo Gaming
 - I'm Fizzy & EU Haven

- 2nd
 - On Nee PT
 - VST Training & BH3 Tr4pU
- 1st
 - Cat Smile Gaming
 - Outkast & High I'm Ninj
- Bracket
 - <https://play.toournament.com/es/tournaments/4949839501213835264/stages/5052890792581177344/>

Topic

- More Halo Infinite Quirky Shit
 - Catching thrown fusion coils - by zenmn2
 - https://www.reddit.com/r/halo/comments/q38rj1/someone_caught_my_fusion_coil_i_think_they_were/
 - Someone caught my fusion coil. I think they were as surprised and confused as I was.
 - Oddball gameplay - by Halo Infinite Leaks
 - https://twitter.com/halonoticiasmx/status/1447653466462167042?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - New game mode called "Attrition" - by Halo Infinite Leaks
 - https://twitter.com/halonoticiasmx/status/1446151567825047556?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Round based
 - Teams have a lives pool
 - Revives allowed
 - Circle of death encompasses the map as the match continues

News - Regular

- Xbox and Adidas Team Up to Celebrate 20 Years of Play - by James Monosmith, Senior Sales & Marketing Manager, Xbox Consumer Products
 - https://news.xbox.com/en-us/2021/10/06/xbox-adidas-anniversary-partnership/?utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Today, Xbox announced a global partnership with adidas to celebrate our shared heritage of play and unveil our first console-inspired sneaker collaboration in honor of the 20th anniversary of Xbox.
 - The collab features an exclusive new adidas Originals by Xbox sneaker — the Xbox 20th Forum Tech — with translucent green details inspired by the special edition release of the original Xbox console for the launch of Halo: Combat Evolved in 2001, marking the first-ever generation of gaming at Microsoft. The adidas Forum Tech design balances nostalgia while embracing modern technology and is symbolic of how we look at our own Xbox history — celebrating the last 20 years and looking ahead to the limitless future of gaming.
 - This is just the beginning of our partnership with adidas, and over the next few months we'll continue to mark our 20th anniversary by launching additional sneakers inspired by past and present Xbox console generations, including the first-ever sneaker available for purchase by our fans later this year. Follow @Xbox on Twitter to stay tuned for the latest drops and ways to win your very own pair of limited-edition sneakers.
- Xbox Cloud Gaming is now fully powered by faster Xbox Series X hardware - by Tom Warren of The Verge
 - https://www.theverge.com/2021/10/7/22714067/xbox-cloud-gaming-custom-xbox-series-x-hardware-upgrade?utm_campaign=theverge&utm_content=chorus&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter
 - Microsoft's Xbox Cloud Gaming service (xCloud) is now fully powered by custom Xbox Series X hardware. Microsoft tells The Verge it recently completed the upgrade, which improves both framerates and game load times for players streaming Xbox games over the web.
 - While Microsoft has moved Xbox Cloud Gaming to 1080p and 60fps streams in recent months, the company has yet to unlock the full potential of custom Xbox Series X hardware to deliver 4K streams. It's not clear when this will be available, but Microsoft has been moving towards delivering Xbox Cloud Gaming beyond just mobile devices and browsers.
- Pre-Orders Are Open for the Infinite x Razer Gear - by Razer
 - <https://www.razer.com/campaigns/halo-infinite>
- Go Medieval | Halo: The Master Chief Collection - Season 8 - by Halo
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKYaUnTElv8>
 - MCC Season 8 officially arrives on October 13, 2021!
- MCC DEVELOPMENT & FLIGHTING UPDATES - by Postums
 - <https://www.halowaypoint.com/en-us/forums/243780d3b80b4bb6ac7917a8942286db/topics/mcc-development-flighting-updates/3e3252e1-297a-4590-a7ab-67c133b3d37d/posts?page=6#post101>
 - Latest and Greatest

- This week, we had some big news drop that Season 8, titled Mythic, is debuting in MCC next week, October 13th! To check out the full announcement, click [HERE](#). Suffice to say, we are very excited to get this out to everyone. Keep your eyes peeled on the Official Halo Twitter on October 13th for when this update releases.
- In last week's update, we talked a little bit about the Halo 3: ODST Firefight update coming with Mythic and some changes to it from what players saw in the flight. Here are the key details below!
- We are super excited about all of the content and changes that were available to players during the flight. These updates are making it Firefight 2.0. Everything from the upgrades to granular customization, to the addition of new waves, and several improvements to matchmaking for ODST's Firefight - all of these additions will be available once Season 8 rolls out in the not-too-distant future.
- However, we did want to note that both the Flood and Elite enemies present in the flight won't be part of Season 8's release. Don't worry though, they will be joining Firefight soon enough. One of the new enemy types, Sentinels, will be present and ready to fight.
- Keep an eye out for Elite and Flood enemies for Halo 3: ODST Firefight in an upcoming release beyond Season 8. We want to give a big thanks to all our Halo Insiders for your feedback from our last flight. Your tickets and feedback are always appreciated!
- For information beyond just this update, please be sure to check out the latest MCC Development Update for September 2021 that was released last month. This blog includes information around the patch next week and beyond, as well as a full project update as this will be the last Seasonal release for the year with Infinite on the horizon.
- Hispanic Heritage Month
 - There are only a handful of days left to login and get your Hispanic Heritage month nameplate. Players who log in between now and October 15th will see it appear in your customization options menu.
- Mid-Mission Checkpoints, Theater Files, and Settings
 - Lastly, with Season 8 coming online next week, this is a reminder to complete all campaign missions and capture all videos. With each new game update, there is a risk that mid-mission campaign checkpoints as well as theater clips can be invalidated due to content rebuild around bug fixes the team has been working on. And this time around – there's a LOT of bug fixes coming down the pipe. I sat in on a meeting with Halo Support and the Publishing Team to review patch notes, and man – this is the most bug fixes players have seen in a while coming to MCC with quite a few for Halo 2! The last note for changes is we have found the Flight Inversion Gamepad Settings on PC and the Multiplayer Game Timer on Xbox settings also revert to default with this update. So be sure to change them back after it goes live next week!

CoD (and other games) Watch

- LA Guerillas
 - <https://twitter.com/LAGuerrillas/status/1435077502729216000>
 - Slasher, Gunless, Asim, Huke
 - Apathy re-joins as Content Creator - by LA Guerillas
 - https://twitter.com/LAGuerrillas/status/1445448704056508416?utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Join us in welcoming Apathy_BZ back to the Los Angeles Guerrillas as our first content creator.
- Florida Mutineers
 - https://twitter.com/Mutineers/status/1445814932805726210?utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - Skyz, Havok, Owakening, Davpadie
 - From Neptune - https://twitter.com/nneptuune/status/1445851086779191296?s=12&utm_source=pocket_mylist
 - After finishing my first rookie season with the Mutineers, it was such a big learning experience for my career, I will be departing from the team and I'm very excited to announce what's next for me in the future for my CoD Career.
- Splitgate Announced Pro Series - by Splitgate
 - <https://twitter.com/Splitgate/status/1447607932778999810>
 - Today, we unveil the future of Splitgate esports with PlayBeyond.
 - Announcing the #SplitgateProSeries Launch Season!
 - \$100,000+ Cash & Prizes
 - Win ASTROGaming Gear
 - WEEKLY Open Tournaments
 - Live Broadcasts

- Learn more & Compete at <http://SplitgateProSeries.com>

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Apex
 - Dead by Daylight
- Josh?
 - Halo MCC
 - Community Playdate
 - Best Snipers game I have ever had (37 kills and 2 Running Riots).
 - Comeback win on Guardian while down a player (50-47).

Shoutouts

- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the community playdate!
 - Goalie Sniper
 - HiTechRedneck
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Happy belated birthday to NapTimez!
- Congratulations to HiTechRedneck on reaching 100 subscribers on YouTube!
- Happy Canadian Thanksgiving!

Community Creations

- Halo memes every day!
 - <https://www.reddit.com/r/HaloMemes>
- Clips of the Week No. 126 - by HiTechRedneck
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw1dog_zf3g
- KMaddify- The Man Behind the Effects - by Divine Mind
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8i3hvmQ82Q>
- Halo: Survival - Episode Four | Halo Audio Drama | Halo Infinite (Fan Made) - by Podcast Evolved
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G VIA2NMaxy0>

Plugs

- Podcast Services (just search for HCS Pro Talk)
 - iTunes (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/hcs-pro-talk/id1330849607?mt=2>)
 - Leave us a review and let others know about the show!
 - Podbean (<https://hcsprotalk.podbean.com/>)
 - Stitcher (<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/hcs-pro-talk>)
 - Spotify (<https://open.spotify.com/show/26094AUbzsgR6iA0koz2Ta?si=uAJpJxTYTI-eZj15D-nwtw>)
- Discord (<https://discord.gg/pfKBQ97>)
- Xbox Club (Search for HCS Pro Talk)
- Spartan Company - <https://www.halowaypoint.com/en-us/spartan-companies/hcsprotalk>
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/hcsprotalk>)
- Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/hcsprotalk/>)
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/HCSProTalk/>)
- YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVfhJZH7Q2sd7Gloft6hz8w>)
- Twitch (<https://www.twitch.tv/hcsprotalk>)
- Esportspedia (https://halo.esportspedia.com/HCS_Pro_Talk)
- Website (<https://www.hcsprotalk.com/>)
- Merch (<https://streamlabs.com/hcsprotalk1/merch>)
- Podcast Evolved Partnership
 - Make sure to check out HaloPodcast.com, your home for Halo.
 - Lore - Podcast Evolved - <https://halopodcast.com/shows/podcast-evolved>
 - Missions - Mission Debrief - <https://halopodcast.com/shows/mission-debrief>
 - Books - Book Club - <https://halopodcast.com/shows/book-club>
 - Blocks - Builds with Blocks - <https://halopodcast.com/shows/builds-with-blocks>
 - Top Halo News Stories - Halo Headlines - <https://halopodcast.com/shows/spoilercast>

On The Next Episode...

- WE FINALLY DISCUSS HALO INFINITE COMPETITIVE SETTINGS!