

# 2025 GG ARENA CS2 WINTER RULEBOOK

## 1. General rules/information

- 1.1. **Participants:** Persons over 18 years of age can participate in the tournament; those younger will have to provide parental permission.
- 1.2. **Teams:** Each team must have 5 players. TWO substitutes are allowed, you'll be able to add them on faceit platform.
- 1.3. **Registration:** Teams must provide correct steam/faceit links to their profiles during registration.
- 1.4. **Behavior:** Aggressive behavior, hate speech (racial or religious), and unsportsmanlike conduct are strictly prohibited.
- 1.5. **Preparations:** YOU are responsible for the quality and availability of your gear. Everything must be correctly working before attending games.
- 1.6. **Tournament Playoffs:** The tournament playoffs will take place at a location determined by the organizers (in GG ARENA KLAIPÉDA), where equipment will be provided. We do not cover travel/accommodation costs.
- 1.7. **Attending Games:** If you or someone in your team are unable to participate in the tournament on the specified dates (both qualifier and LAN) after registering, your team will be disqualified.
- 1.8. **For LAN:** Players may bring their own keyboard, mouse, headset, and mousepad (not mandatory).
- 1.9. **Appeals:** Disqualified players or teams have the right to appeal to the tournament organizer within 24 hours of the decision, providing arguments and evidence.
- 1.9.1 **Prizes:** Teams will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

## 2. Tournament format

2.1. **Online Qualifiers format:** Swiss mode, all OQ Tournament matches will be played in a BO1 (Best of 1)

Maximum Team Limit: 32 (2 Groups of 16 Teams)

GROUP A (16TEAMS), GROUP B (16TEAMS) **PLAYS ON NOVEMBER 22ND 17:00.**

2.1.1. **Advancing/Eliminating:** Teams with 3 wins advances, while teams with 3 losses gets eliminated.

2.1.2. **Faceit Online Qualifiers:** Top 8 Teams will be selected from group A and group B on november 22nd. Then, on november 23rd Online Qualifiers Finals will occur, total of 16 teams from group A & B will fight for the spot in LAN playoffs **ON NOVEMBER 23RD 17:00.**

2.2. **Playoffs:** Top 8 Teams will advance to GG Arena Winter Playoffs.

2.3. **Playoffs Format:** All Games are going to be Single-Elimination BO3

2.4. **Time:** Games will start at the agreed time. Teams must confirm participation on faceit platform no later than 1hour before group matches start.

LAN Games will start at 12:00PM. **Rescheduling is not allowed.**

2.5. **Missed matches:** If a team does not show up on the agreed time, it will be given a technical defeat. ON FACEIT Platform, teams will have to confirm participation 1 hour before tournament

## 3. Game Rules

3.1. **Game Settings:** All games are played on the FaceIT platform using standard Competitive settings. You and your teammates must have a working faceit anticheat.

3.2. **Ping and technical issues:** If technical issues (ping, connection issues, etc.) occur during the game, teams must immediately notify the tournament administrator. The match may be moved to another server or restarted only with the administrator's approval.

3.3. **Exploit Use:** Using map or engine bugs is forbidden. Any known exploitation leads to map or match loss, or even disqualification.

3.3.1. Use of scripts, macros or any unofficial modifications is strictly prohibited.

3.3.2. Cheating, match-fixing, exploiting bugs, or disrespecting the event/staff/players will lead to immediate disqualification.

3.4. **Technical timeouts:** A team is allowed to use up to 1 technical timeout per game in case of technical problems.

3.5. **Match Review:** If there are disputes regarding game results, possible use of game-fixing programs, or match-fixing, the tournament administrator has the right to review the match and, in the event of violations, issue a final decision.

### **Summarized Dates:**

FACEIT: GROUP A (16TEAMS), GROUP B (16TEAMS) PLAYS ON **NOVEMBER 22ND 17:00**

FACEIT: DECIDED TOP 8 TEAMS FROM GROUP A & B (16TEAMS) MOVES ON TO QUALIFIER FINALS ON **NOVEMBER 23RD 17:00**.

TOP 8 TEAMS FROM QUALIFIER FINALS MOVE ON TO PLAYOFFS  
ON **DECEMBER 6TH IN GG ARENA KLAIPEDA**.  
**LAN PLAYOFFS START AT 12:00PM**

TEAMS THAT DON'T HAVE A POSSIBILITY TO PLAY ONLINE QUALIFIERS FROM HOME, ARE WELCOME TO DO SO IN OUR KAUNAS & KLAIPEDA ARENAS. (CONTACT GG ARENA ADMINISTRATORS IF NEEDED).

**If necessary, the tournament organizers have the right to change the rules and inform the participants about this.**