VALORANT PLAYER GUIDE

NSE Winter 2024

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1.Introduction

Thank you for signing up for Valorant NSE Winter. This document is a guide to playing in the tournament and working through it will help avoid on the night issues and ensure you get the best out of your tournament experience.

2. Before the tournament starts

Rank submission form

In order to seed teams for stage 1, teams are required to fill in the [Rank Submission form](). New teams will be seeded based on their Matchmaking Rank and returning teams from NSE Spring will be seeded based on last term results. Teams who do not submit a response will be seeded in the bottom group.

Tournament Website

To find matches and submit results you will need to go to [tournaments.nse.gg](), this is a separate website to the main website ([www.nse.gg]()) and will require you to re-login using your nse.gg account.

3. Format

Valorant NSE Spring will be split into 2 main phases, Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 will be used to determine starting positions for Stage 2.

Weeks 1-3

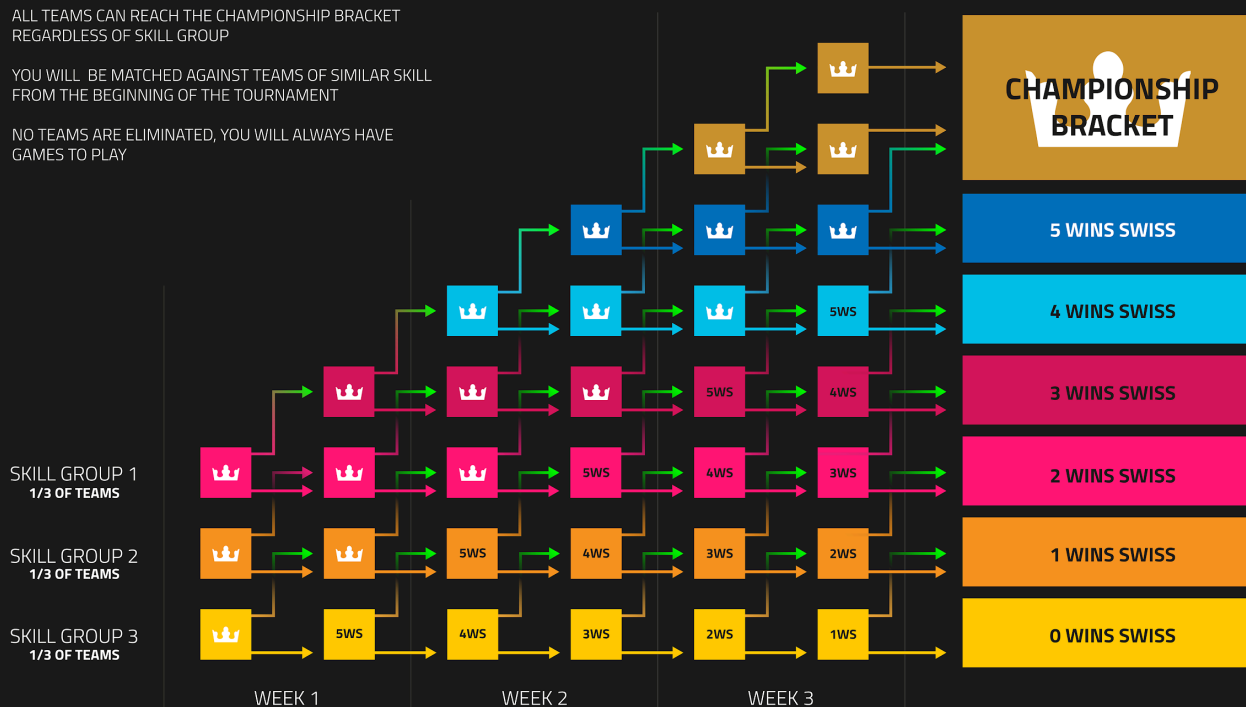During stage 1 all matches are bo1 (Best-of-one).

NSE / STAGE 1

YOUR TEAM WILL BE SEEDED INTO ONE OF THE THREE
SKILL GROUPS BASED ON MATCHMAKING RANKING

ALL TEAMS CAN REACH THE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
REGARDLESS OF SKILL GROUP

YOU WILL BE MATCHED AGAINST TEAMS OF SIMILAR SKILL
FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE TOURNAMENT

NO TEAMS ARE ELIMINATED, YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE
GAMES TO PLAY

CHAMPIONSHIP
BRACKET

5 WINS SWISS

4 WINS SWISS

3 WINS SWISS

2 WINS SWISS

1 WINS SWISS

0 WINS SWISS

SKILL GROUP 1
1/3 OF TEAMS

SKILL GROUP 2
1/3 OF TEAMS

SKILL GROUP 3
1/3 OF TEAMS

WEEK 1   WEEK 2   WEEK 3

Stage 2 Week 4-6

In Stage 2 the tournament splits into 2 sections, Playoffs and the Swiss league. Division 1 will begin in Week 4, Division 2 in Week 5 and Division 3 in Week 6.

Swiss League

After Stage 1 all teams who did not qualify for Division 1 will start on a number of wins based on their finish. Teams then play 2 matches a week against other teams on the same or a similar number of wins so far in the tournament.

Team	Wins
4 Guys 1 Techies	2
Arctic Foxes	4
Argonite	2
AXE AXE AXE	4
B R I Z B O Y S	5
Bangor Banan...	4
Barley Qualifi...	3
...	...
...	...
...	...
UoLei Dota 2	4
Warwick D Tea...	3
Warwick Dota ...	5
Warwick Team Z	3
ZHA GOD NB	4

After week 4 (week 1 of the Swiss league) teams are ranked on total number of wins with tie breaker of Opponent Match Win Percentage (OMWP). The top 32 teams qualify for Division 2.

	Team Name	Wins	OMWP
1	ZHA GOD NB	8	72.50%
2	SHU	8	64.06%
3	Gaggle O gooses	8	57.29%
4	UoLei Dota 2 1st V	7	76.25%
5	University of Glasgow	7	75.24%
6	Treesside Uni	7	69.69%
7	Team EU	7	62.60%
8	Arctic Foxes	7	61.88%
9	NTU 1st Team	7	57.92%
10	Bangor Bananamancers	7	53.44%
11	UOB OG Memes	6	75.82%
12	F9 Gaming	6	74.06%
13	BCU Dota2	6	72.50%
14	Duck Duck Goose	6	71.88%
15	OXNOOBS	6	70.60%
16	B R I Z B O Y S	6	69.06%
17	AXE AXE AXE	6	65.00%
18	Warwick Team Z	6	63.21%
19	NoTinker	6	58.75%
20	PLEASE THROW GAMING	6	53.33%
21	more than 2 but less than 4	6	51.25%
22	Mid or mediocre	6	45.63%
23	University of Glasgow BTeam	6	45.10%
24	SPHERE	5	67.50%
25	Bath Team Blue	5	66.25%
26	DMU DOTA	5	60.00%
27	Swansea Storm clarity charity	5	59.69%
28	Nyx Nyx Nyxcastle	5	59.48%
29	The Yorkshire Puddings	5	56.46%

In this example (Dota 2 Spring) all teams with 7 or 8 wins qualified for Division 2 and the 2 teams with best tiebreaker and 6 wins also qualified.

This process is repeated in week 5 with the top 32 teams now qualifying for Division 2 playoffs. In weeks 6 and 7 teams who did not qualify for playoffs continue to play in swiss with games counting towards the final standings.
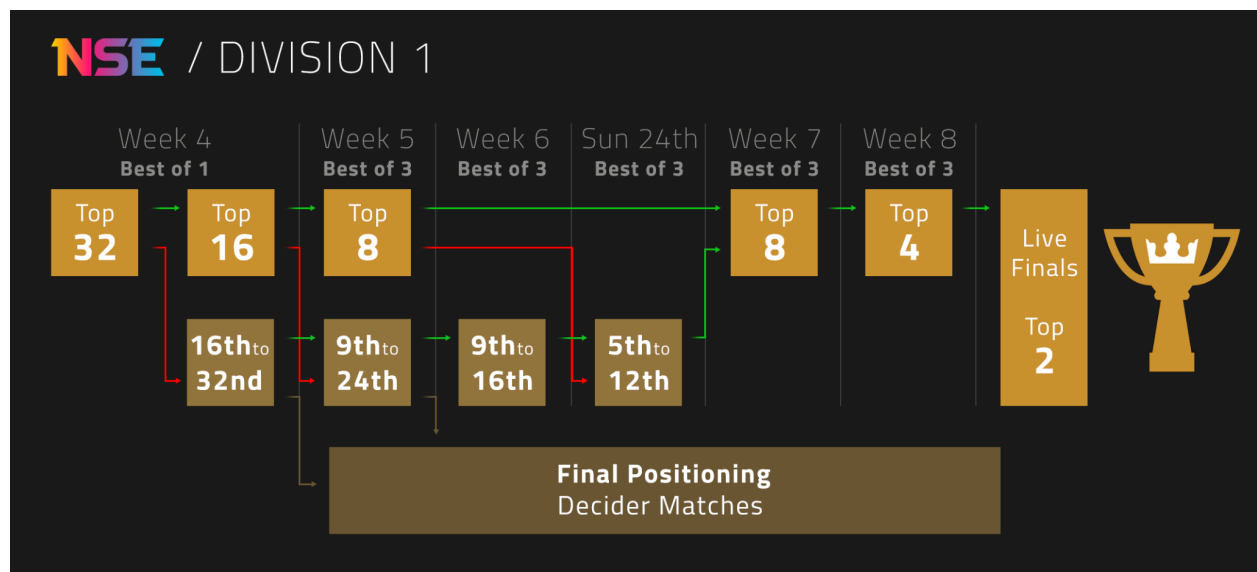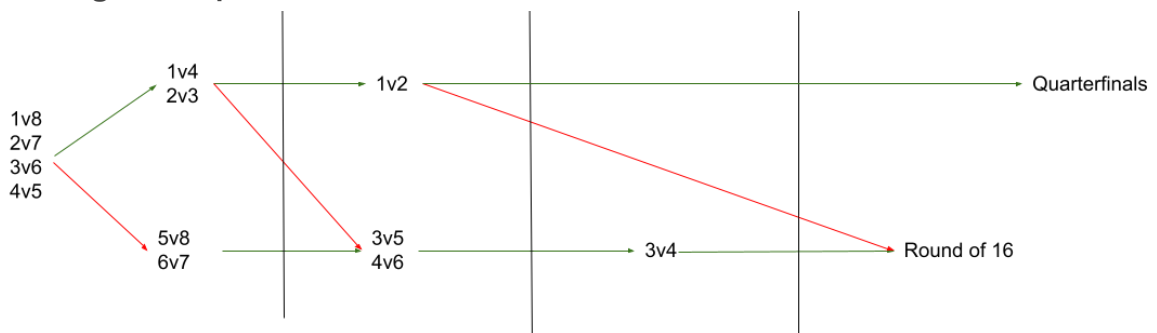
Playoffs

Division 1

Division 1 will be split into 2 stages, Double Elimination Groups and Top 12 Bracket .

Double elimination Group weeks 4-6
Division 1 will be split into 4 groups of 8 teams. The Winner of each group will progress to the quarterfinals and 2nd/3rd will advance to the first round of the Playoff Bracket. Teams that are knocked out of the bracket in week 4 or 5 will have additional matches to decide their final positions. If teams miss a match during the final placement matches without giving notice, they will forfeit all future matches.
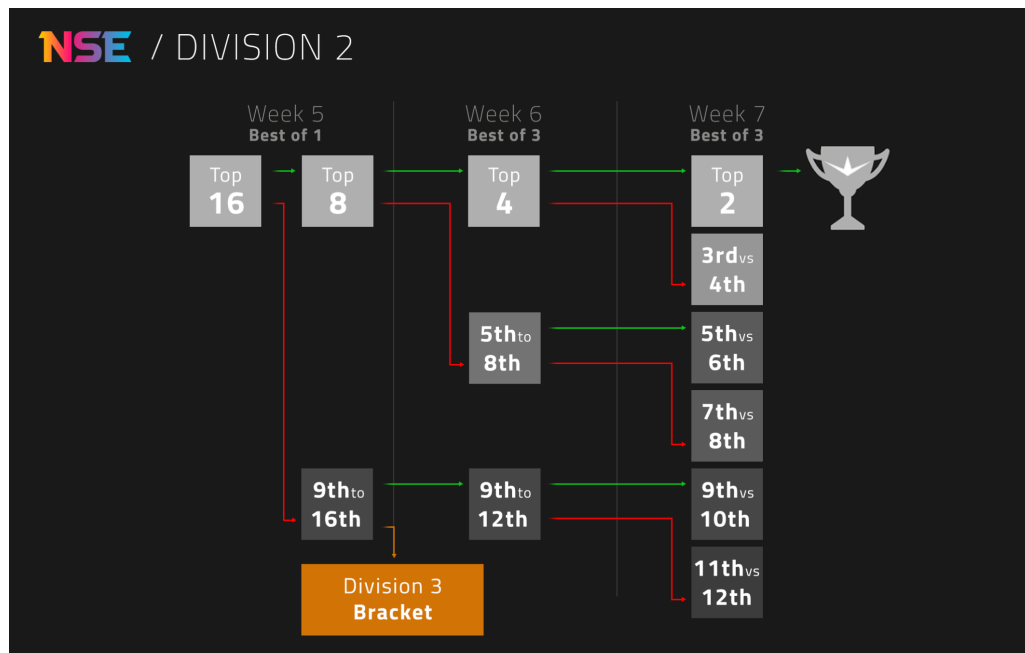

Match Seeding From Top 8

Teams who get knocked out will keep playing for final seeding. For example the 8 teams who lose both games in week 4 will be placed in the 8 team bracket to decide final standings.

Division 2 and 3

Division 2 runs like a conventional elimination bracket with extra games for the final standings. Division 2 games will be bo1 in week 5 and bo3 in weeks 6 and 7. **GRAPHIC OUT OF DATE – There will be no demotion to Division 3, Instead we will be taking 32 teams and there will be no demotion.**

The Division 3 bracket will use the same format as Division 2, but games will be bo1.

4. On the night information (Tournament system, contacting admins)

Schedule

6:30pm   Check-in closes
~6:45pm   Round 1 fixtures published
7pm   Team Captains meeting
7.15pm   Round 1
8.15pm   Round 2

Logging in to the tournament site.

To login to the tournament site use the email and password you used to sign up for www.nse.gg.

How to check in

Before 6:30pm for the first week and each week for the Swiss league you will need to check in by clicking the "CHECK IN" button while on the tournament site. This lets us know you are here for games this week and minimizes the number of byes we have to give. Only 1 member of a team needs to check in for the whole team to be checked in.
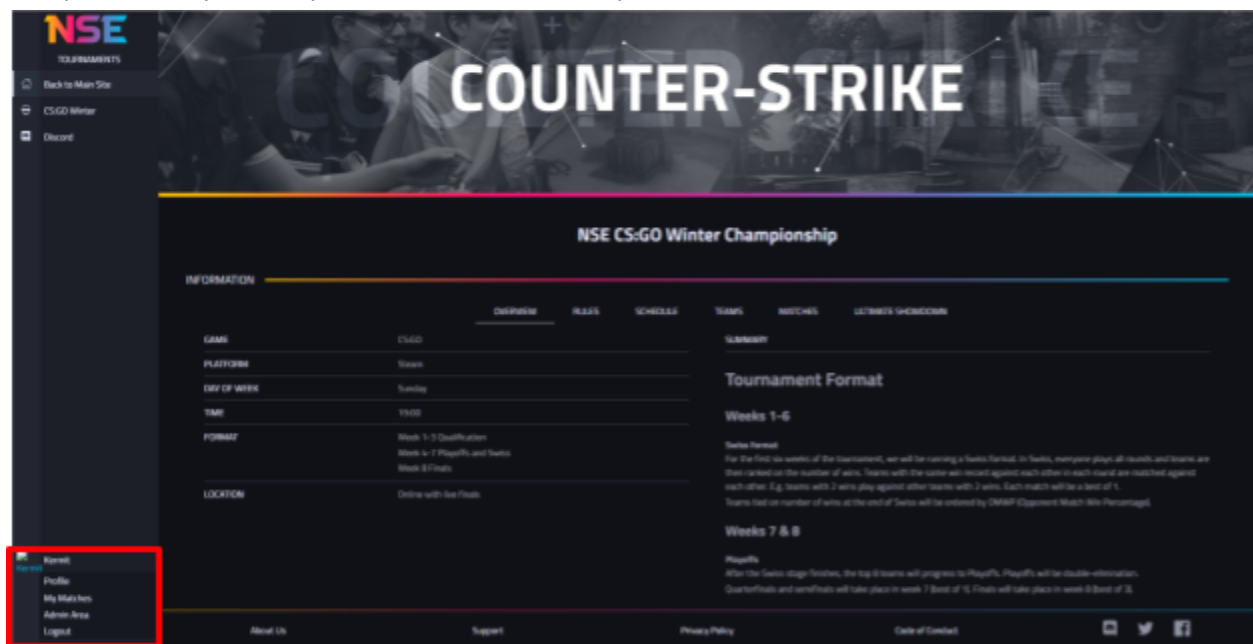
Captains Meeting

Every week we run a team captains meeting on Discord. During the captain's meeting, admins will recap important information for that week's games, including any rules changes. To join the captain's meeting
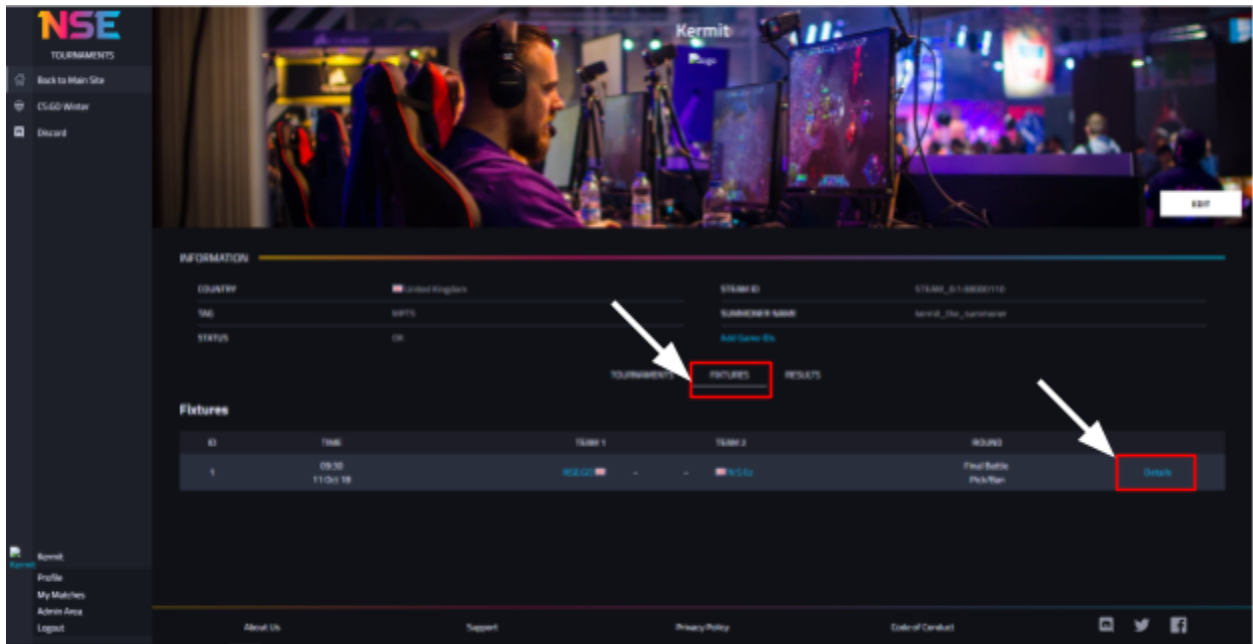
1. Join https://discord.gg/jNqA9qG

2. Click the Valorant logo in the #get-role channel to get the Valorant role

3. Join Captains meeting room

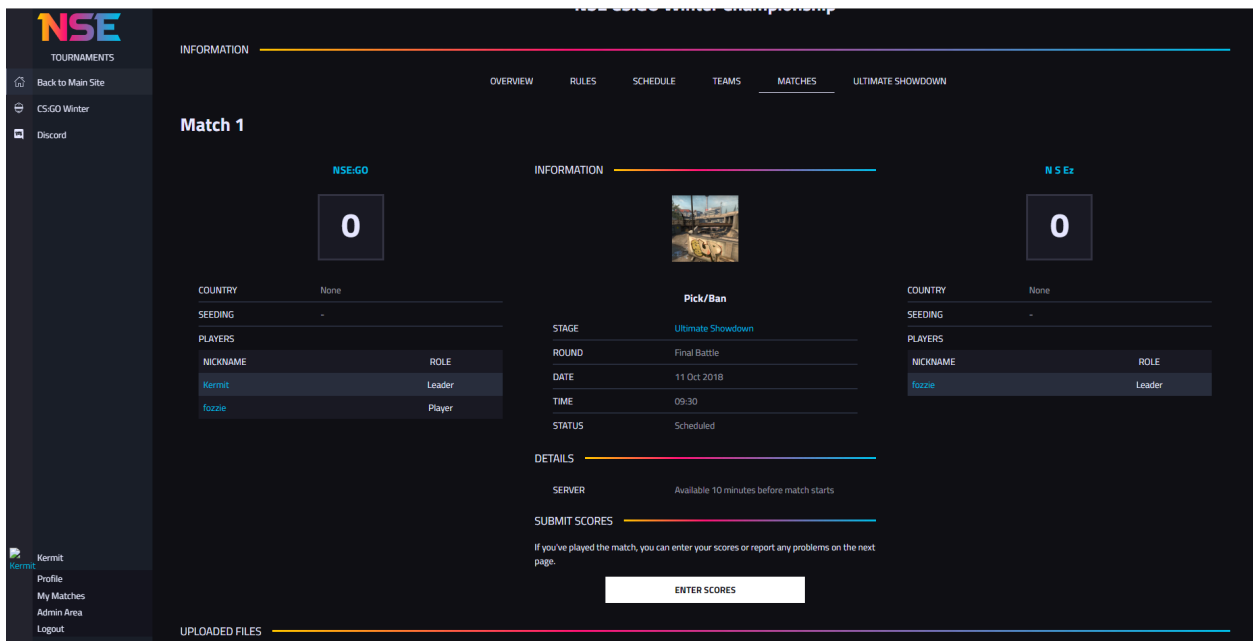## How to find fixtures and submit results.

The quickest way to find you matches is to click my matches

Once you open my matches, click fixtures to see current games. Then details to open match page

Once on the Match page you can see the opponents captain's user name and open profile to see battlenet, add them as a friend and proceed to setup a custom game in Valorant.

5. No Show

If a team does not have 5 members in the lobby 20 minutes after the game is scheduled or 20 minutes after their last game has ended (whichever is later). Please contact admin via discord.

6. Rules

RULES SUMMARY

This is a summary of rules that are the most common.

- All players must be current students from the same university.
- Teams must have at least 5 players.
- If teams are more than 20 minutes late they will forfeit a map.
- Check-in deadline is 18:30pm. Teams who don't check-in will not get games for that evening.
- Offensive player and team names are not allowed.
- Verbal abuse is not allowed. In particular any use of racist, sexist, homophobic or any other discriminatory language will lead to disqualification of players involved.

In addition to NSE rules all players must comply with VALORANT terms of service at all times including, but not limited to, any account sharing policies.

[Click here to download the full rulebook.](#)

Players are expected to uphold the [NSE Code of Conduct](#) whilst competing in this tournament.

GAME SETTINGS

- Mode : Standard
- Cheats : Off
- Competitive/Tournament mode : On
- Win by two: On

PAUSE RULES

- Teams are allowed 2 tactical timeouts each game, 2 per team (1 on each half).
  - This can be done by typing /timeout in the chat, a timeout will be queued for the next buy phase.
- Teams may pause to resolve technical issues during the buy phase to try and fix it.
  - This can be done by using "Pause Match Timer" in the start menu via the cheats tab

- With tournament mode on all cheats will be disabled except Pause Match Timer.
- Using pause during a round is forbidden (freezetime and once a round has been concluded does not count as during).

MAP POOL

- Abyss
- Ascent
- Bind
- Haven
- Sunset
- Icebox
- Lotus

From week 4, the map pool will be adjusted with the following changes: -Icebox -Lotus +Pearl +Split

MAP VETO - BEST OF ONE

The home team (left team) can elect to be Team A or Team B within the following process:

1. Team A bans 1 map
2. Team B bans 2 maps
3. Team A bans 1 map
4. Team B bans 1 map
5. Team A picks map out of 2 remaining maps and Team B has side choice

MAP VETO - BEST OF THREE

The home team (left team) can elect to be Team A or Team B within the following process:

1. Team A bans 1 map
2. Team B bans 1 map
3. Team A picks the map for game 1 and Team B has side choice
4. Team B picks the map for game 2 and Team A has side choice
5. Team B bans 1 map
6. Team A picks the third map and Team B has side choice

SUBSTITUTION RULES

- Teams may add/remove players from the team between weeks.
- Teams may play with any players listed on their roster.
  - In a bo3 match, teams may substitute players between games.
- Players may be added to teams at any point as long as it does not cause a delay to round starting.
- Players may not play for more than one team in a single tournament night.

- If a team does not have a match during a round, the students on that team are not allowed to compete on a different team.
  - For example, if the first team does not have a match but the second team does, no players who would normally represent the first team are eligible to play for the second team.

This competition is not affiliated with or sponsored by Riot Games, Inc. or VALORANT Esports.

All decisions regarding the interpretation and enforcement of these rules are at the sole discretion of the NSE Admin Team, whose decisions are final.
These rules may be amended, changed or supplemented when required by the NSE Admin Team to ensure fair play and competitive integrity.

7. Contact

During week

To contact mid week or before the tournament begins, email Tournaments@nse.gg or message us via [Discord](#). Make sure you go to the #get-role channel to get the Valorant role to see Valorant related channels.

On tournament nights

The tournament system has a built in ticketing system however the quickest way to contact an admin will normally be via Discord. To contact an admin, join the help waiting room channel or an empty help room and an admin will join you as soon as they are available.

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