

Episode 347

For the Week of July 7th, 2024

Updating Competitive Rules

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On This Episode...

- Additional competitive Halo bans.
- Grassroots tournaments are in full gear as we look towards Atlanta.

News (Competitive)

- [No Atlanta VIP Tickets](#) - by Div
 - No VIP tickets for this event.
- [Native Gaming Booth at Atlanta and SLC?!?!](#) - by Native Gaming
 - Does the Native Gaming booth make a return this season?
- [How about a Dunk Tank for future events?](#) - by Jenn
 - You know what would be fun at one of these Halo events... a dunk tank. Pros, casters, 343 employees > to the tank!
 - From [Ske7ch](#) - ha, true story I've pitched this a few times... pay for balls, money to charity. I'll keep pushing. :)
 - From [SSG](#) - I'll talk to my people.
- Tashi's Tantalizing Tidbits
 - [Ranked Arena Experimental Tunings Continue](#)
 - Included in this update was another backend tweak to our experimental Ranked Arena tunings. This one should help reduce timeouts and improve search times.
 - Later this month we'll share more specifics about what we've been tweaking and why.
 - "Artists Alley"
 - From [Deathman](#) - Asking once again that HCS showcases the fantastic artists in the community at HCS Worlds with an artists alley or gallery of some kind. There are so many unbelievably talented and incredible artists in the Halo community and to be able to support them at the biggest Halo Live event of the year would be utterly fantastic.

- [Tashi](#) - It's something we've talked about and are excited about as well. Might not see it this year but at some point in the future I think you will.
- More Competitive Bans - by many
 - [Piggy](#)
 - Anyone in HCS: All "FlyDigi" controllers have been banned from competition.
 - Just a heads up for Atlanta do not use them.
 - [Nugget](#) (via a post within the official HCS Discord)

Also wanted to announce that coaches will no longer be allowed to use their phone, tablet, or other electronic device during competition.

The reason for the ban on electronic devices for coaches is to further minimize opportunity for teams to gain competitive advantages over opposition.

Coaches will be allowed to use a stop watch, pen & paper, or they can request approval to use another form of tracking timers. Please submit all requests to the hcs@ee.gg inbox, or flag it in your team's channel.

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Saturday, July 13th
 - [Some Like It SWAT](#)
 - [Carolina Gaming Blue Ticket Halo Infinite Tournament](#)
 - Earn your way to HCS Atlanta with our Blue Ticket Tournament featuring \$1,500 in prizes!
 - 1st earns Team Pass & \$1,000 Stipend
 - 2nd/3rd earn AdvancedGG kits
 - Register: <http://bit.ly/blue-ticket-1>
 - Full details: <http://carolina.gg/blue-ticket>
 - From [Sterling Henderson](#), Gaming and Partnerships Manager of Carolina Gaming

- Bare with us through any growing pains we may have on this first go around. We're excited to find a way to give back to the community I've been apart of since 2009, and I'm sure we'll make some mistakes along the way. We're listening though, and we're glad we have the opportunity to do things like this. It won't be the last.
- Sunday, July 14th
 - [Sentinels SENCity Throwdown Invitational](#)
 - OpTic, Sentinels, SSG, FaZe

Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

- [Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive](#)
- LVT High Rollers 4v4 Draft Tournament Results
 - 4th
 - Final Boss
 - Bound, Cykul, Tusk, Huss
 - 3rd
 - Warriors
 - RyaNoob, Snakebite, SoulSnipe, Stellur
 - 2nd
 - GBX
 - Cherished, Suppressed, Druk, Renegade
 - 1st
 - BtH
 - Frosty, Lqgend, Taulek, aPG
 - [VOD](#)
- SWAT Nation Jack of all Trades 2.0 Tournament Results
 - 4th
 - ldk
 - I7948 & dezire
 - 3rd
 - Passion United
 - Mmattie & Bigabalou
 - 2nd
 - Untouchable
 - Infiini & Stickahh
 - 1st
 - Hawk Tuba
 - NapTimez & Tyler
 - [Bracket](#)
 - [VOD](#)
- Forgehub 4v4 Tournament Results
 - 3rd
 - Complexity
 - RyaNoob, Huss, Breakingshot, Rayne
 - 2nd
 - Senstation
 - Bound, Lqgend, Bubu Dubu, Falcated

- 1st
 - Pure
 - Cherished, Druk, Taulek, ItzTheLastShot
- [Bracket](#)
- [VOD](#)

News - Regular

- [Server Maintenance Coming Wednesday](#) - by Halo Support
 - The Halo Infinite team will be performing service maintenance on Wednesday, July 10, between 9am-12pm PT. Matchmaking will remain online during this window, but players may encounter disruptions. Stay tuned as we'll update here when the maintenance is complete.
- [HALO INFINITE ANVIL OPERATION UPDATE](#) - by Halo Support
 - NEW OPERATION: ANVIL
 - The Anvil Operation, which launches alongside this update, features a free 20-tier reward track and Shop bundles inspired by the partnership between the UNSC and the Arbiter's Swords of Sanghelios.
 - NEW ROTATIONAL PLAYLIST: BIG TEAM BATTLE SENTRY DEFENSE
 - The new Big Team Battle (BTB) Sentry Defense playlist features the matchmaking debut of an all-new community-made game mode and map. In BTB Sentry Defense, two teams of 12 players must defend their base's AI-controlled sentry. The two sentries are Sentinel Bosses, also known as Adjutant Resolution in the Halo Infinite Campaign.
 - Each team's sentry starts with 2000 hit points, which is reflected in the match score. Attacking the enemy team's sentry will reduce their score while using the Repair Field equipment on your team's sentry will increase your team's score. The first team whose score is reduced to 0 will lose the match.
 - The BTB Sentry Defense playlist features the following multiplayer maps:
 - Command
 - Deadlock
 - Fragmentation
 - Highpower
 - Oasis
 - Scarr
 - Command, a new community-made map, is also available in the Big Team Battle playlist. For more information on the Big Team Battle playlist and other playlist changes, visit our Halo Infinite Multiplayer Playlists page.
 - The BTB Sentry Defense playlist is currently scheduled to rotate out of matchmaking on July 16th. For more information on the BTB Sentry Defense playlist, visit the "BTB: Sentry Defense" blog on Halo Waypoint.
 - EXCHANGE ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE VIA CUSTOMIZE MENUS
 - Prior to this update, the Exchange shop listed all items made available during the Banished Honor and Tenrai IV Operations. Starting with the release of the Anvil Operation today, these previously released items will now be available via the Customize menu. The Exchange menu will now only feature the items made available in the latest Operation.
 - Regardless of which menu they're purchased in, all items previously listed in the Exchange menu will continue to only be purchasable with Spartan Points.

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Halo Infinite
 - Valorant
 - Rockband 4
- Josh?
 - Dragon Quest 11
 - Pokemon Black
 - Halo Infinite

Shoutouts

- Happy belated birthday to Eco, Druk, JKVii, GuyBlaze, Gaskin, JustSnipes, and GameCrazyJohn!
- Congratulations to Makowski and his wife on their pregnancy announcement!
- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the community playdate!
 - All-In-Juan
 - Ashaman
 - Ashley
 - BarnabyJones
 - Bart8
 - Danny_OJ
 - HeavyRainfall
 - HiTechRedneck
 - Lumber_Quack
 - Rasta Monkey Jr
 - Rizznak
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
 - Harty
 - Claas
 - Bart
 - Blackout
 - BarnabyJones
 - Remedy Boots
 - HeadHoncho09
 - Wattzzy
 - Dakota
 - Christian
 - dpancakes
 - Ashley
 - Voodooman
 - Rasta Monkey Jr
 - Rikkid3rr
 - Snaggu
 - Raidrhater
 - Peanutmut
 - 1SwoleDaddy
 - Danny OJ

- Rizznak
- Zarnorz
- AubyDamned
- HiTechRedneck
- Goalie Sniper
- TheOnlyN33b
- Heavy Rainfall
- ElatedDartBoard

Community Creations

- [Halo memes every day!](#)
- [HCS Trading Cards](#) - by Runningriot Halocards
- [Shopify Halo Answers YOUR QUESTIONS. \(Q&A\)](#) - by Shopify
- Summer Games Done Quick Halo Runs - by Games Done Quick
 - [Halo 2](#) by Zoo
 - [Halo 3](#) by Chronos, adef, bryonato and NervyDestroyer
 - Congratulations to Games Done Quick on raising [\\$2,546,290](#) for Doctors Without Borders at SGDQ!

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