ROG SHOWDOWN: TEKKEN 8 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER I – GENERAL FRAMEWORK

Article 1 – Purpose

- 1.1 This document defines the official competitive regulations governing the *Tekken 8* Tournament under the **ROG Showdown Esports Championship**, organized by **iPlay.LK**.
- 1.2 Its objective is to ensure uniformity, integrity, and professionalism consistent with international Tekken World Tour standards.
- 1.3 These regulations are binding upon all registered players, referees, officials, and staff.

Article 2 – Governance and Authority

- 2.1 The tournament is operated under the supervision of the **iPlay.LK Esports Operations Committee (EOC)**.
- 2.2 The **Tournament Director**, **Head Referee**, and appointed **Match Officials** possess full authority to interpret and enforce all provisions herein.
- 2.3 All decisions rendered by the Head Referee or Tournament Director are final and not subject to appeal.

Article 3 – Concurrent Title Participation

- 3.1 ROG Showdown concurrently hosts *Tekken 8*, *Street Fighter 6*, and *Mortal Kombat 1*.
- 3.2 Players may compete across multiple titles; however, the master schedule shall take

precedence.

- 3.3 If match times conflict between titles:
- a. Referees shall issue a **walk-over** for absent players if a delay would disrupt event timing.
 - b. No rescheduling, postponement, or rematch shall be permitted.
- 3.4 Players must self-manage timing and attendance across titles.

Article 4 – Prize Structure

- 4.1 Total Prize Pool LKR 25,000.
- 4.2 Distribution:
 - a. Champion (1st Place): LKR 15,000
 - b. Runner-Up (2nd Place): LKR 10,000
- 4.3 No award shall be issued for third place.
- 4.4 All prizes are subject to verification of eligibility and rule compliance.

CHAPTER II – TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND OPERATION

Article 5 - Format

- 5.1 Structure: Single Elimination (1v1 Knock-Out).
- 5.2 Match Format:
 - a. All rounds (except Grand Final): Best-of-Three (Bo3).
 - b. Grand Final: Best-of-Five (Bo5).
- 5.3 No lower bracket or third-place match exists.
- 5.4 Eliminated players exit the tournament immediately.

Article 6 – Scheduling and Punctuality

- 6.1 All matches adhere strictly to the published schedule.
- 6.2 Players must report within five (5) minutes of call time; failure results in forfeiture.
- 6.3 No extensions or replays will be granted for lateness or multi-title conflicts.
- 6.4 Only verified technical issues confirmed by the Head Referee justify a restart or delay.

Article 7 – Match Station Setup

- 7.1 Each match station is equipped with an ASUS ROG system configured to uniform standards.
- 7.2 Game settings must conform to Article 8.
- 7.3 Unauthorized changes to system options constitute a rules violation.
- 7.4 A Match Referee will oversee all sets to ensure compliance.

CHAPTER III – GAMEPLAY REGULATIONS

Article 8 - Game Version and Settings

- 8.1 **Title:** *Tekken 8* (latest official patch and build on tournament day).
- 8.2 Platform: PC or Console (as announced by iPlay.LK).
- 8.3 **Game Mode:** Versus (1 Player vs 1 Player).
- 8.4 Rounds per Game: Best of 3 Rounds.
- 8.5 **Timer:** 60 seconds per round.
- 8.6 Stage Selection: Random.
- 8.7 Stage Hazards: Enabled (as default).
- 8.8 Camera Settings: Default only.
- 8.9 **Health and Damage Scaling:** Default values.
- 8.10 Accessibility Features: Optional, provided they confer no competitive advantage.
- 8.11 Network Mode: Offline (Local Versus) only.

Article 9 – Match Procedure

- 9.1 Before the first game, players must conduct a brief button check under referee supervision.
- 9.2 After each game:
 - a. The losing player may change character and/or stage.
- b. The winner must retain the same character but may change stage only if the loser opts for a random selection.

- 9.3 If a controller malfunction occurs, the player must pause immediately and signal the referee. Unauthorized pauses incur a round forfeit.
- 9.4 If disconnection or interruption occurs mid-match, the Head Referee will determine replay conditions.
- 9.5 Results must be verified and signed by both players and referee before leaving the station.

Article 10 – Character and Stage Regulations

- 10.1 All base and DLC characters officially released by Bandai Namco seven (7) days or more before the event are eligible.
- 10.2 The following restrictions apply:
 - a. Unreleased or early-access characters are prohibited.
- b. Custom costumes that modify hitboxes, visibility, or add distracting visual effects are banned.
 - c. Players must select official preset outfits (1P or 2P) only.
 - d. Training Stage and modded stages are prohibited.
- 10.3 Mirror matches are allowed.
- 10.4 Banned character selection results in immediate game forfeiture and warning; a second offense results in disqualification.

Article 11 – Heat System and Gameplay Rules

- 11.1 The Tekken 8 Heat System, Rage Arts, and Rage Drives are enabled as per default rules.
- 11.2 Macro inputs or turbo controllers to automate these functions are strictly forbidden.
- 11.3 Intentional stalling (e.g., not engaging to delay round timeout) may result in warning or round loss.
- 11.4 Players must maintain neutral positions until "FIGHT" appears on-screen; premature inputs before the start signal may void the round.

Article 12 - In-Game Conduct

- 12.1 Players must refrain from verbal abuse, taunting, or unsportsmanlike gestures during play.
- 12.2 Obstructing an opponent's view or interfering with equipment constitutes misconduct.
- 12.3 Persistent misbehavior may result in expulsion from the venue at the Head Referee's discretion.

CHAPTER IV – EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Article 13 – Controller Policy

- 13.1 Permitted Devices: Standard fight sticks and gamepads.
- 13.2 Wireless controllers must be desynchronized after use.
- 13.3 Unapproved adapters or converters are not allowed.
- 13.4 Hardware alterations providing mechanical advantage will lead to disqualification.

Article 14 – Technical Interruptions

- 14.1 If technical failure occurs, the referee shall attempt to restore the exact score and round state.
- 14.2 If impossible, a round replay or match restart will be ordered.
- 14.3 Any player proven to have caused disruption intentionally will be disqualified.

CHAPTER V - DISCIPLINE AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Article 15 – Behavior and Integrity

- 15.1 All competitors must conduct themselves professionally at all times.
- 15.2 Harassment, discrimination, or verbal aggression is strictly prohibited.
- 15.3 Breaking equipment or engaging in hostile acts toward staff or spectators will result in permanent ban from iPlay.LK events.
- 15.4 All participants are bound by the **iPlay.LK Fair Play and Integrity Policy**.

Article 16 - Dispute Resolution

- 16.1 Protests must be submitted within five (5) minutes of match completion.
- 16.2 Evidence (screenshots or video) is required.
- 16.3 Head Referee's judgment is final and binding.

CHAPTER VI – MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

Article 17 - Media Rights

- 17.1 All match footage, photos, and recordings become the property of iPlay.LK and ASUS ROG.
- 17.2 By participating, players grant permission for their names, handles, and likeness to be used in promotional materials without compensation.
- 17.3 Unauthorized streaming or broadcasting of official matches is prohibited.

CHAPTER VII – LIABILITY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18 - Liability

- 18.1 iPlay.LK and ASUS ROG bear no responsibility for personal injury or property loss during the event, except as required by law.
- 18.2 Players compete at their own risk and must ensure their equipment meets event standards.

Article 19 – Amendments and Interpretation

- 19.1 The organizers reserve the right to modify these regulations to reflect patch updates or logistical requirements.
- 19.2 Amendments take effect immediately upon official announcement.
- 19.3 The English edition is the sole authoritative text for interpretation.

Article 20 – Acceptance of Regulations

- 20.1 By registering for the Tekken 8 Tournament, each player acknowledges and accepts these rules in their entirety.
- 20.2 Violation of any provision may result in forfeiture, disqualification, or exclusion from future iPlay.LK events.