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Introduction and Updates

Hello everyone! NECC Staff have been working hard to bring Nationals to the point that it is currently at. We have announced a couple pieces of this document in waves, but here is the full document.

NECC Nationals this year has a couple new key features. Specifically the addition of an LCQ format, and removal of Nationals points. More information on the specifics of how this will work this year will be provided in the following pages.

Finally, the NECC is incredibly aware of how late information of this magnitude is coming out. Next year's National format has a deadline of June 30th, 2024 so that teams know how to qualify for any competition long before they sign up for the season.

Nationals Qualification and Team Volumes

Unlike previous years with the NECC there are no longer points to qualify for nationals. In order to qualify this year your team will need to accomplish one of the following:

- **First Place in Conference Playoffs in the Fall or Spring**
- **Second Place in Conference Playoffs in the Fall or Spring***
 - ***Limited Places Available Through LCQ**

This format will not impact CS2, College Halo, College COD, Big Esports Conference, or the Missouri Valley Conference.

Valorant

Legends: 8 teams

Champions: 16 teams

Challengers: 16 teams

Emergents: 16 teams

Navigators: 16 teams

Rainbow Six

Legends: 8 teams

Champions: 8 teams

Challengers: 8 teams

Emergents: 4 teams

Navigators: 4 teams

SSBU Crews

Total: 24 teams

League of Legends

Legends: 4 teams

Champions: 8 teams

Challengers: 16 teams

Emergents: 16 teams

Navigators: 16 teams

Overwatch

Legends: 4 teams

Champions: 16 teams

Challengers: 16 teams

Emergents: 16 teams

Navigators: 16 teams

Rocket League

Legends: 4 teams

Champions: 16 teams

Challengers: 16 teams

Emergents: 16 teams

Navigators: 16 teams

Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ)

The LCQ is new to the NECC this year. Voted in by the NECC, this will help us fill brackets out to their sizes. Bids through the LCQ will vary based on team acceptance of their nationals and the volume of teams deemed for divisional change through reseeding.

In the event any tiebreakers for additional placements are added (5th place matches+) teams will be notified of bracket changes in their respective announcements.

The Dates, Format and Schedule for each game impacted can be found below:

Valorant LCQ

The LCQ will be a single-elimination tournament with a maximum of 16 teams. All matches are Best of 1. At the current moment spots available from LCQ are as follows:

Champions: 2 spots

Challengers: 3 spots

Emergents: 4 spots

Navigators 6 spots

Valorant Dates And Times

Round of 16 – Friday, April 12th 7PM ET

Round of 8 – Friday April 12th, 8PM ET

Round of 4 / Losers of Round of 8 – Friday April 12th, 9PM ET

Finals / 3rd Place / 5th Place* / 7th Place* – Saturday April 13th, 6PM ET

* If needed

Rainbow Six LCQ

The LCQ will be a single-elimination tournament with a maximum of 4 teams. All matches are Best of 1.

Rainbow Six Dates And Times

Round of 4 – Friday April 12th, 7PM ET

Finals and 3rd Place – Saturday April 13th, 6PM ET

SSBU Crews LCQ

The LCQ will be a double-elimination tournament with a maximum of 24 teams. All matches are Best of 3.

SSBU Crews Dates And Times

Uppers Round 1 – Friday April 12th, 6PM ET

Uppers Round 2/Lowers Round 1 – Friday April 12th, 7PM ET

Uppers Round 3/Lowers Round 2 – Friday April 12th, 8PM ET

Uppers Round 4/Lowers Round 3 – Saturday April 13th, 5PM ET

Lowers Round 4 – Saturday April 13th, 6PM ET

Uppers Round 5/Lowers Round 5 – Saturday April 13th, 7PM ET

Lowers Round 6 – Saturday April 13th, 8PM ET

Losers Finals – Sunday April 14th, 7PM ET

Grand Finals – Sunday April 14th, 8PM ET

League of Legends LCQ

The LCQ will be a single-elimination tournament with a maximum 16 teams. All matches are Best of 1. The first round will be played on Friday April 12th. The second round will be played on Saturday April 13th and the last two rounds will be played on Sunday April 14th. Teams from day two may need to play a tiebreaker round on Sunday as well.

League of Legends Dates And Times

Round of 16 – Friday, April 12th 7PM ET

Round of 8 – Saturday April 13th, 7PM ET

Round of 4 – Sunday April 14th, 7PM ET

Finals and 3rd Place – Sunday April 14th, 8PM ET

Overwatch LCQ

The LCQ will be a single-elimination tournament with a maximum of 16 teams. All matches are First to 2. The first 3 rounds will be played on Sunday April 14th. The final round will be played on Monday April 15th. Teams from day one may need to play a tiebreaker round on Monday as well.

Overwatch Dates And Times

Round of 16 – Sunday April 14th 6PM ET

Round of 8 – Sunday April 14th, 7PM ET

Round of 4 – Sunday April 14th, 8PM ET

Finals and 3rd Place – Monday April 15th, 7PM ET

Rocket League LCQ

The LCQ will be a single-elimination tournament with a maximum of 16 teams. All matches are Best of 5. The first 3 rounds will be played on Sunday April 14th. The final round will be played on Monday April 15th. Teams from day one may need to play a tiebreaker round on Monday as well.

Rocket League Dates And Times

Round of 16 – Sunday April 14th 6PM ET

Round of 8 – Sunday April 14th, 7PM ET

Round of 4 – Sunday April 14th, 8PM ET

Finals and 3rd Place – Monday April 15th, 7PM ET

Nationals Reseeding

Also voted into this year's format is Nationals Reseeding. This is to take into consideration teams that were improperly placed in the fall semester as a result of the change from Google Sheets to LeagueOS. The process for this is as follows:

NECC Staff will first review all teams eligible for nationals and determine if they need to be flagged for reseeding as a result of their current division, where they qualified and if their game had high volatility in fall placements.

The Competition Committee will review all NECC staff submissions about reseeding in game specific sub committees. Each sub committee will consist of 3 members and an NECC staff. In the event there is any bias towards a team the NECC staff will vote on behalf of the subcommittee member.

The Full Competition committee will review all documentation about the teams at this point and ask the sub committees any specific questions, in the event of a revote the full committee will vote on it here.

The Advisory Committee will do a quick review of all documentation, challenging any specific teams that should be reviewed. Once all teams are approved, reseeded teams will play in the LCQ for their new division.

Nationals Dates and Format

Valorant

Champions, Challengers, Emergents, and Navigators

Nationals will have 16 spots total in each of the NECC Divisions. First place teams will auto-qualify, for all additional spots see [Valorant LCQ](#). These teams will play in single elimination brackets.

Valorant Nationals Schedule

Round of 16 – Monday April 15th

Round of 8 – Monday April 22nd

Round of 4 – Sunday April 28th

Finals – Monday April 29th

Rainbow Six

Legends

The top four teams from each semester will auto-qualify to NECC Nationals. Teams will play in a single elimination 8 team bracket.

Champions and Challengers

Nationals will be an 8 team single elim bracket. First and second place teams from each semester will auto-qualify to nationals, for additional spots see [Rainbow Six LCQ](#).

Emergents and Navigators

Nationals will be a 4 team single elim bracket. Each champion from the fall and spring semester will automatically qualify, for additional spots see [Rainbow Six LCQ](#).

Rainbow Six Nationals Schedule

Legends, Champions, Challengers

Round of 8 – Tuesday April 16th

Round of 4 – Tuesday April 23rd

Finals – Tuesday April 30th

Emergents, Navigators

Round of 4 – Tuesday April 16th

Finals – Tuesday April 23rd

SSBU Crews

Nationals will be a 24 team double elim bracket. All conference champions from the fall and spring semester will auto-qualify for Nationals. All additional spots are available through [SSBU Crews LCQ](#).

SSBU Crews Dates And Times

Uppers Round 1 – Tuesday April 16th, 6PM ET

Uppers Round 2/Lowers Round 1 – Tuesday April 16th, 7PM ET

Uppers Round 3/Lowers Round 2 – Tuesday April 16th, 8PM ET

Uppers Round 4/Lowers Round 3 – Tuesday April 23rd, 5PM ET

Lowers Round 4 – Tuesday April 23rd, 6PM ET

Uppers Round 5/Lowers Round 5 – Tuesday April 23rd 7PM ET

Lowers Round 6 – Tuesday April 23rd, 8PM ET

Losers Finals – Tuesday April 30th, 7PM ET

Grand Finals – Tuesday April 30th, 8PM ET

League of Legends***Champions***

Nationals will be an 8 team single elim bracket. All conference champions will automatically qualify, any additional spots are available through [League of Legends LCQ](#).

Challengers, Emergents, and Navigators

Nationals will be a 16 team single elim bracket. All conference champions will automatically qualify, any additional spots are available through [League of Legends LCQ](#).

League of Legends National Schedule**Champions Division**

Round of 8 – Wednesday April 17th

Round of 4 – Wednesday April 24th

Finals – Wednesday May 1st

Challengers, Emergents and Navigators

Round of 16 – Wednesday April 17th

Round of 8 – Wednesday April 24th

Round of 4 – Tuesday April 30th

Finals – Wednesday May 1st

Overwatch

Champions, Challengers, Emergents, and Navigators

Nationals will be a 16 team single elim bracket. All conference champions will automatically qualify, any additional spots are available through the [Overwatch LCQ](#).

Overwatch Nationals Schedule

Round of 16 – Thursday April 18th

Round of 8 – Thursday April 25th

Round of 4 – Wednesday May 1st

Finals – Thursday May 2nd

Rocket League

Champions, Challengers, Emergents, and Navigators

Nationals will be a 16 team single elim bracket. All conference champions will automatically qualify, any additional spots are available through the [Rocket League LCQ](#).

Rocket League Nationals Schedule

Round of 16 – Friday April 19th

Round of 8 – Friday April 26th

Round of 4 – Thursday May 2nd

Finals – Friday May 3rd

Legends Division

Rainbow Six Legends division is not included in the following

Valorant

Due to the increased number of teams, there will be an LCQ for Legends Nationals. The top 2 teams from each conference in each semester will be seeded into two GSL groups. Teams will play in best of 1 matches and the top 2 from each group will qualify for the Nationals LAN event (4 teams total). The LAN will be at the Esports Stadium in Arlington. The 4 teams will play a single elim bracket of best of 3 matches (an alternate format may be voted upon if scheduling allows for it). Finals will be a best of 5 and the winner will be our Valorant National Champion.

Legends LAN Qualifier Dates And Times

Round 1 – Friday, April 12th 7PM ET

Round 2 – Friday April 12th, 8PM ET

Round 3 – Friday April 12th, 9PM ET

League of Legends

Top 2 teams from the fall and spring semesters automatically qualify for the Legends division LAN. The LAN will be at the Esports Stadium in Arlington. The 4 teams will play a round robin group of best of 3 matches and the top 2 teams will make it to the finals. Finals will be a best of 5 and the winner will be our League of Legends National Champion.

Overwatch

Top 2 teams from the fall and spring semesters automatically qualify for the Legends division LAN. The LAN will be at the Esports Stadium in Arlington. The 4 teams will play a round robin group of first to 3 matches and the top 2 teams will make it to the finals. Finals will be a first to 5 and the winner will be our Overwatch 2 National Champion.

Rocket League

Top 2 teams from the fall and spring semesters automatically qualify for the Legends division LAN. The LAN will be at the Esports Stadium in Arlington. The 4 teams will play a round robin group of best of 5 matches and the top 2 teams will make it to the finals. Finals will be a best of 7 and the winner will be our Rocket League National Champion.

Prizing

Prizing is currently in a total format, divisional splits are currently to be determined.

Valorant: 7K

Rainbow Six: 2K

Smash Bros: 2K

Counter Strike 2: 1K

League of Legends: 6K

Overwatch 2: 6K

Rocket League: 6K