

A Farewell To Free Agents

By IonicWind

Here at Knight Gaming , within the League of Legends Branch, we strive for a fun/chill and competitive/exciting gaming environment. As the head of KnT's League of Legends branch I have tried for years to achieve that harmony of both worlds within League of Legends gaming community. I have always took polls or votes, while asking around for opinions and ideas to find the optimal solution or answer to increase the community's strengthen, foundation, communication, and overall fun experiences and so on etc... I also took it upon myself before the community was super large and moved from Teamspeak to discord to ask which way we should take league of legends and what should we do to grow. This question lead to the answer of hosting tournaments. I saw the income and future community population it could bring to KnT to replace the missing members from before, when I was just a mere member and it was packed. So I found Battlefy became the Owner/head organizer and began our Knight Gaming Tournament scene, with the hope of reaching the 8 team minimum from Riot to get Triumphant Ryze and RP to fund tournaments, sadly that goal was stolen away from us.

With this history in mind and our goal still being to have fun while being competitive, and to create that chill hang out in a voice program for gamers from all skills and walks of life, while giving them things to do as community members like in-houses and tournaments with a challenge in mind. I have to regrettable say we have fallen far from our goal as it stands. I will be taking drastic measures to defend the community's goals and low elo players who are being hurt by a current tournament format. As most of you are aware as of June 23rd's Free Agents tournament we have had a rise in smurfs turning up to ruin the balancing and fairness of the Free Agents tournament. With help of some more staff we banned out alot of toxic players, smurfs, cheaters, and trolls. But this did not weaken the assault upon our beloved Free Agents tournament. To simply explain it was Diamond players that were messaging other high elo players to come and smurf in our Free Agent tournaments to win free RP/cash which is wrong and Disgusts me

to my core as not only the creator, owner, funder, and rule maker. This was going against the core reason Free Agents tournament was made.. Which is FREE AGENT TOURNAMENTS are to provide a skilled balanced gaming environment during a tournament for low elo players to train and practice on getting better at league so that one day they could form a team for the premade tournament or rank up and become not only better players but better community members. But players in high elo don't care about having fun during a tournament or enjoying the competitiveness of the environments they just want money for FREE... which is sad that most people take something for free for granted which can easily be taken away!

I'll admit that another goal of mine has been getting more people to sign up on battlefy to increase sponsorship money for each new player signed up for the tournament we get 0.75 cents and for recurring we get 0.05 cents, which the total is given to us at the end of the month, which if you passed math is not enough funds to fund the 2 tournaments of \$120 dollars total for 1st place team and mvp \$60.00 individually. It is usually 70 bucks at the end of the month compared to the \$600 dollars we give out FOR FREE to ungrateful players or smurfs(yes I found out recently a smurf has won some of our Free Agent tournaments). The goal of sponsorship is to just increase the funding and prizing for the tournaments and to pay the hard working staff that help or manage it.

I have had it with Free Agent tournaments and this is the end of Free Agent Tournaments. It taxes and stresses my staff, makes low elo players feel like shit and disrespected as fellow human beings, the people voting to play it and keep it are the smurfs trying steal money from honest players that just want to get better at the game. The line in the sand has to be drawn. No more Free Agents Tournaments ever from Knight Gaming we will be finding a new format or better way to fund and help low elo players so that smurfs cannot and will not screw up any fairness and balancing we set in place for our tournaments. To show I mean business, because the cost of 10,000 dollars in tournament RP prizing over the 2 years of hosting tournaments, doesn't have you worried the future tournaments will require you to be members: no if's, no but's, you will be removed from the tournament if

you are not signed up on battlefy. Check-ins will not affect this as long as you sign up with your ACTUAL SUMMONER NAME OF YOUR HIGHEST RANKED ACCOUNT. If you know you are having issues with signing up or have had issues in the past tell us to fix it in advance: days before preferably, we can manually add summoner names that will connect with league to show current accurate rank.

In closing there is nothing you can say or do to stop the removal of Free Agent tournaments, if you defend it I will consider a smurf trying to steal from me, Knight Gaming, and Low elo players. The tournaments are made for a greater purpose: to help players; increase community size and strength; to help players get better at league of legends and as better people that are respected; to communicate and grow; to HAVE FUN and NOT TO BE A DICK!! I just wanted a tournament for low elo players to have fun and experience the competitive scene to inspire them to get better, not just for the rp which is meaningless, but for their own skills sake, so they could grow and learn to help out as many players as they can to get better at the game and have a fun competitively.

Sincerely, the Head of League of Legends here at Knight Gaming
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P.S. Premades are unaffected by this GJ teams.

We also beat our highest turnout rate for premade teams with 57 teams and Free Agents newest high was 28 teams.

I would like to first say thank you for having us and letting us live here, and for all the help you have provided over the years. My first impression of the Heritage Park apartments was great and it fit within our budget, but after some close inspecting I noticed little issues within the unit, which didn't bother us, I just

thought I would let the staff know from the start in case any issues arose after we left, for the next tenants. Another issue I personally had was not wanting to bother or pester the busy maintenance workers too much. I didn't want to be an annoying unit that would just seem like I was complaining or didn't have real maintenances issues. I avoided sending in maintenance requests until the problem on a daily level became too annoying to deal with, or I couldn't fix it myself. I have noticed since we first signed our lease, that each year we would lose good management or maintenance workers, and the rent would go up each time we renewed. To me increasing the rent each year for renewal seems like bad business for your returning and committed customers, it also makes it hard to save up for a house and move to a house if you keep increasing the rent each year for returning tenants. I have had some concerns about the new tenants and quality of the apartment as a whole demising into a ghetto of sorts, and have a suspicion they are offered lower starting rents, just to trap them in the apartment increasing rents cycle. As for us we grew up in an area like a ghetto so, we get along just fine with the old and new tenants, the majority of the concern for this was for keeping good staff, since they may have to deal with some major issues due to quality decreasing. My hope is that the quality doesn't diminish and everything works out for everyone living and working here at Heritage Park Apartments, and that all of the tenants can save up and move into a house, if they want to. I understand property tax increases each year, but something has to be said and done about this vicious cycle, that may ultimately force people to be homeless and doom oklahoma.