Title: Call of Duty cold war \$500k major: full viewing guide, format, tournament breakdown

Introduction: The first major of the season is upon us, with all 12 teams fighting for the line share of the prize pool, vital CDL points and bragging rights.



We are now at the end of stage one, and all 12 teams are in with a chance of winning the line share of a staggering \$500k prize pool. Additionally, they will be fighting for important CDL points which will count towards future seeding in events.

We will bring you up to date and ensure you have all the information you need on the current standings, prize pool, bracket, schedule, and how to watch the major. Below is all the information you will need before enjoying five days of elite Call of Duty action.

Stage 1 recap, pool standings and seed placements

Before the major, teams in both groups have played against each other once. Those matches have resulted in teams receiving CDL points, which count for future tournaments and also seeding for Majors. Seeds are awarded through 1-6 with both first seeds from each group having automatic entry into winners round two.

Seeds two and three from each group will battle against each other in winners round 1. Seeds five and six will battle it out for a chance to face seeds four in the elimination side of the bracket.



(Picture: CDL)

Dallas Empire came out on top of group A by the skin of their teeth. In the final day of CDL Super week, Ian "C6" Porter's side ran out 3-0 winners against Matthew "Nadeshot" Haag's LA Thieves. Former Dallas Empire player James "Clayster" Eubanks has been a standout performer and is leading his Subliners outfit into Winners round 1, where they will face Optic Chicago.

One other team that has caught the eye, but for all the wrong reasons has been London Royal Ravens. They enter a first round elimination match with <u>Christopher "Parasite" Duarte still acting as a stand in for Trei "Zer0" Morris</u>

Group B Standings



(Picture: CDL)

Atlanta Faze, out of the entirety of CDL teams, are the only unbeaten side in the league. They have a maximum of 50 CDL points, are first place in overall standings, and are favourites to win the first Major. Additionally, Optic Gaming are the team on the rise after what could easily be described as a poor Modern Warfare year back in 2020.

Prize pool and CDL points distribution

1st place - \$200,000, 75 CDL points 2nd place - \$120,000 - 60 CDL points 3rd place - \$80,000 - 50 CDL points 4th place - \$40,000 - 40 CDL points 5-6th place - \$20,000 - 30 CDL points 7-8th place - \$10,000 - 20 CDL points

9th/10th/11th/12th place - All receive no monetary prize and no CDL points

Bracket, match schedule, where to watch

Full bracket for first Major



(Picture: CDL)

Schedule and how to watch

Wednesday 3rd March: Matchday 1

Losers R1: London Royal Ravens vs Toronto Ultra - 12pm PT/3pm ET/8pm GMT Losers R1: Florida Mutineers vs Seattle Surge - 1:30pm PT/4:30pm ET/9:30pm GMT

Thursday 4th March: Matchday 2

Winners R1: LA Thieves vs LA Guerrillas - 12pm PT/3pm ET/8pm GMT

Winners R1: Optic Chicago vs New York Subliners - 1:30pm PT/4:30pm ET/9:30pm GMT

Losers R2: Paris Legion vs TBD - 3pm PT/6pm ET/11pm GMT

Losers R2: Minnesota ROKKR vs TBD - 4:30pm PT/ 7:30pm ET/ 12:30am GMT

Friday 5th March: Matchday 3

Winners R2: Dallas Empire vs TBD - 12pm PT/3pm ET/8pm GMT

Winners R2: Atlanta Faze vs TBD - 1:30pm PT/ 4:30pm ET/ 9:30pm GMT

Losers R3: TBD vs TBD - 3pm PT/6pm PT/11pm GMT

Losers R3: TBD vs TBD - 4:30pm PT/ 7:30pm ET/ 12:30am GMT

Saturday 6th March: Matchday 4

Losers R4: TBD vs TBD - 12pm PT/ 3pm ET/ 8pm GMT

Losers R4: TBD vs TBD - 1:30pm PT/ 4:30pm ET/ 9:30pm GMT

Losers R5: TBD vs TBD - 3pm PT/ 6pm ET/ 11pm GMT

Sunday 7th March: Matchday 5

Winners final: TBD vs TBD - 12pm PT/ 3pm ET/ 8pm GMT

Losers final: TBD vs TBD - 1:30pm PT/ 4:30pm ET/ 9:30pm GMT

Grand final: TBD vs TBD - 3pm PT/ 6pm ET/ 11pm GMT

• Read more London Royal Ravens replace Alexx for Zed ahead of CDL stage 1 major

The entirety of the major can be watched via Call of Duty League's youtube channel. Will 100 Thieves CEO and former pro Nadeshot witness his side reign supreme? Will C6 further cement his legacy as one of the greatest players to pick up a controller, or can London Royal Ravens turn the tables and make a famous elimination bracket run which made them infamous last year.