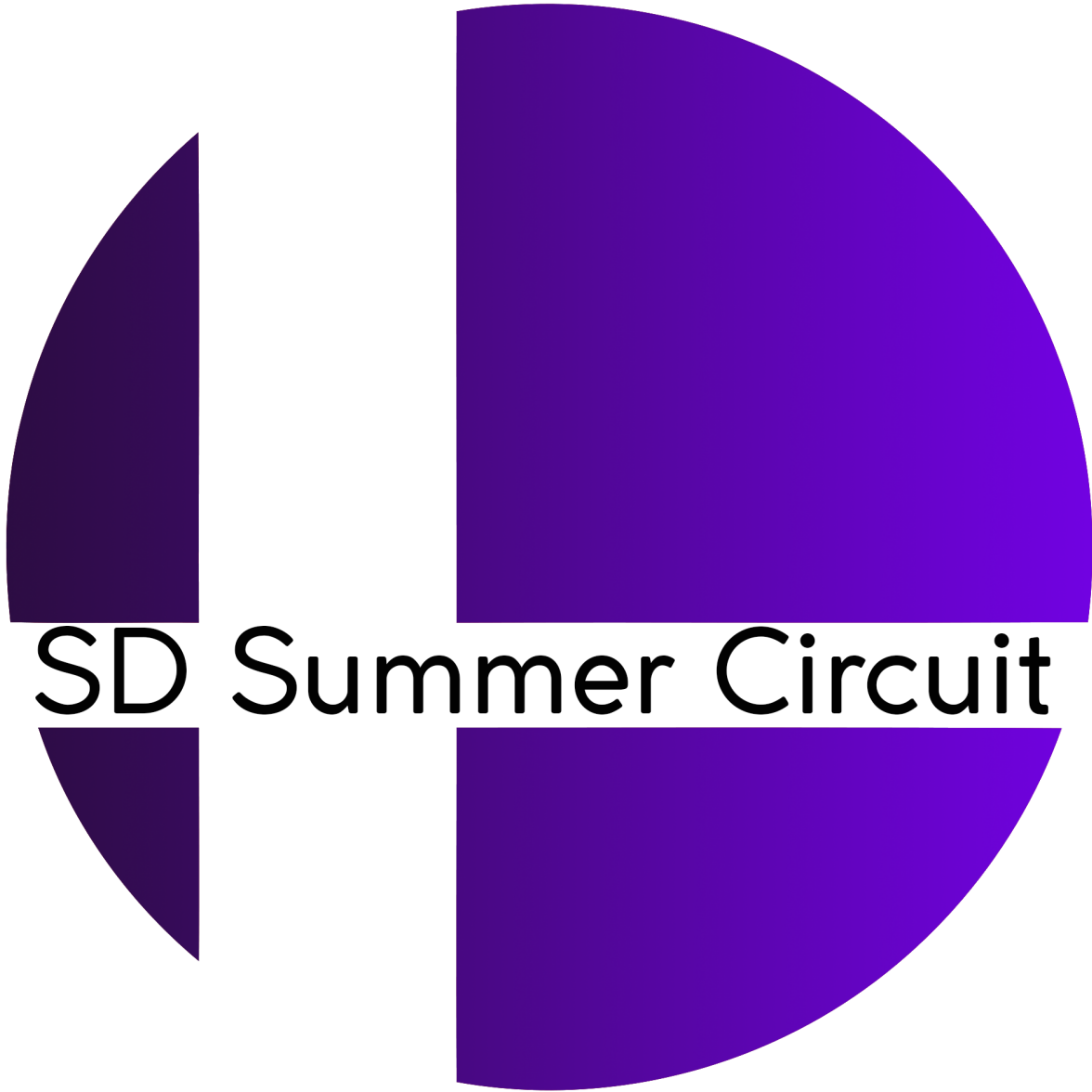


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Sudden Death Summer Circuit

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[A.1] - Brief Description of the SDSC

The Sudden Death Summer Circuit (or SDSC which will be used for the rest of the document) is a series of 9 tournaments (8 qualifying tournaments) leading up to an invitational with 16 players participating. The final will have a grand prize to be announced in the coming weeks.

Depending on the scale of each qualifier, points or an automatic qualification to the invitational will be granted to players participating in the qualifier. Seeding for the tournament will also be determined by points granted at qualifiers.

Qualifiers for the invitational will be weekly Sudden Death tournaments #25 - 32, with a 1 week break after #29 to host a special bracket commemorating Sudden Death for 30 tournaments.

[A.2] - The Points System and How to Qualify

A player participating in a qualifier can gain either one or two rewards (aside from 1 month of sub) for placing highly and or winning said qualifier. These two rewards are:

- Points which are used to qualify to the invitational
- An automatic invitation to the final tournament

Each week, both of those rewards can be given out depending on the entrant count of each qualifier. For each entrant in the qualifier, 10 points total will be added and distributed at the end of the tournament to players who top the event. The exact distribution of points to each player is shown below:

	Placement	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th (x2)	7th (x2)
Total Entrants							
8 - 9		60%	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10 - 15		60%	30%	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A
16 - 25		AQ (50%)	25%	15%	10%	N/A	N/A
26 - 35		AQ (40%)	25%	15%	10%	5%	N/A
35+		AQ (35%)	25%	15%	10%	5%	2.5%

AQ stands for Automatic Qualification (though the winner still gains points for seeding purposes).

The 16 players with the most points and automatic qualifications will be invited to the final tournament, with seeding based on points. The number of players invited based only on the number of points they have will be determined by the number of automatic qualifications. So if, for example, there are 4 automatic qualifications, 12 players will be invited based on the number of points they gained in the duration of the circuit.

[A.3] - How to Participate in Qualifiers

Participating in qualifiers is easy. There are two requirements you have to meet first before anything else though;

- Have a Smashladder account
- Have a Challonge account

Once you have both of these, make sure you're in the [#suddendeathtournament](#) on Anther's Ladder and that you're signed up for the qualifier for this week on Challonge. For Anther's Ladder you can join by clicking the link [here](#) and for Challonge you can find our latest brackets [here](#).

Lastly, make sure you press the check-in button at the top of the Challonge bracket within 30 minutes or less before the bracket starts. Reminders will be posted on the Anther's chat, so if you're online on Anther's Ladder you should be fine!

Other rules relating to the tournament can be found on the bracket.

[B.1] - Rules of the Invitational

The rules of the invitational will be fairly similar to the qualifier. However, there will be some differences. The entire bracket will be best of 5 and all of top 8 will be streamed. In addition, the date and time of the invitational will most likely differ from the qualifiers (most likely Saturday at 8 PM EDT instead of Friday at 8 PM EDT).

More details and rules will be updated here as the circuit progresses.

[B.2] - Grand Prize

The grand prize will be a \$20 or less Steam game of the winner's choice; bonuses to this pot are planned (\$30+ or less is planned but not confirmed) so stay tuned!