Rules for Reddit League Season 10

General Rules

Moving is allowed, while any external help is prohibited. Each leg will start on a Wednesday and the **deadline will be on the following Tuesday at 17:00 p.m. CET/CEST (please check your corresponding local time)**. There will be a new post for each leg in the r/geochallenges subreddit and on the International Tournament Hub on Discord.

Changing your Reddit/GeoGuessr name over the course of a season isn't ideal, but not forbidden. However, it is your responsibility to inform me of it.

The maps to be played for the season will be made official with the announcement & sign-up post.

Preseason

The preseason consists of 5 legs being played on 5 different maps (3 country maps, 1 continental and 1 world map). The maps for pre-season are handpicked.

The legs will be played with a 3 min. timer.

For the standings, your score on each map respective to your opponents will be taken into account. You receive one point for every player you beat on every map of preseason. For example, if there are 20 people competing and you get the highest score on a map, you receive 19 points for it. These points will then get added together over the 5 maps to give you your total score for preseason.

The tiebreaker is your highest position on one of the seeds during preseason followed by your second highest, etc. (like a lot of you will be familiar with through sports)

If you have recently competed in Reddit League, it is not possible to get placed in a Division higher than where you competed before. As such, any player who has been relegated from Division 5 or played in Reddit League NXT can't qualify for anything higher than Division 5.

Players who left of their own accord will be placed in an available spot, either in the division they left from, or in the next available spot in a lower division.

Please note that you will have to participate in at least 4 of the 5 legs of the pre-season in order to qualify for the regular season. If you are not able to meet the given deadline, please PM me (u/Calamityx7) at least 2 hours prior to the end of the leg and set yourself a new deadline which lies with-in the next 3 days after the original deadline. If you fail to play a leg with-in the given time frame without notifying me (u/Calamityx7) before the original deadline ends, your score won't be counted (even if you do play it afterwards).

Regular Season

The start of the regular season is set for **Wednesday, the 26th of March 2025**. There will be 9-11 legs for each division, depending on the respective player count. Each leg will start on a Wednesday and

will end on the following Tuesday, 17:00 p.m. CET/CEST (just as in pre-season). The seeds will be generated using different, randomly drawn national, state, continental and worldwide maps. All maps will feature at least 500+ locations and won't contain unofficial coverage. Additionally, hand-picked maps may appear for any given week (which won't include unofficial coverage either). The maps are drawn from a map pool. Once a map has been played in Reddit League it will only go back into said pool once 5 seasons (US/CA state/province + Europe), 4 seasons (Asia + World), 2 seasons (continents) or 3 seasons (rest) have passed without it being played. The time limit will be 3:00 minutes for matches in the 1st division, 3:10 minutes for the 2nd division, 3:20 minutes for the 3rd division, 3:30 minutes for the 4th division and 3:40 minutes for the 5th division. If necessary, the timers may be reduced even further for singular weeks on account of a particularly small country/territory being chosen. There will be a new post for each leg in the r/geochallenges subreddit and on the International Tournament Hub on Discord.

In the regular season, each player will compete in 1v1-matches against every other player in the same division. The fixtures are randomly drawn at the beginning of the season. Each match result will be converted into points: 3 points for a win, 1 point each for a draw and 0 points for a loss. If the difference of both opponents' scores is equal or less than 100, the match will be considered a draw. An extra point will be granted for every perfect score (25000 points), thus a 25k win will be rewarded with 4 points, while a draw with both opponents getting 25k results means *at least* 2 points for each opponent. Another extra point will be granted to those whose score on a certain matchday is among the top 50% within their division, but who didn't win their match. (E.g. if your score is the 3rd best score within your division during week 1 but you lost against the participant who got the highest score of all players in the division, you will be granted 1 point instead of 0 points; Or if you drew but got the 4th highest score in your division you will receive 2 points instead of only 1).

The match outcomes and current standings will be updated every week and will be posted together with the next challenge.

In case of players having the same amount of points at the end of the regular season, we will use tiebreakers in the following order: Total Score, No. of 25k's, Score difference, Total matches won, decider match.

Reddit League NXT

Reddit League NXT is the competition for people who have played all of the preseason games but couldn't manage to qualify for one of the spots in the regular five divisions, founded in the wake of Season 4 as a measure to include everyone who wanted to play. It runs alongside the main competition and features the same maps with a 3 minute time limit.

Competitors don't play against each other, but rather try to achieve the highest scores they can over the course of 11 weeks. At the end, people are ranked on their accumulative scores and the best (exact number unspecified) qualify for a guaranteed spot in Division 5 for the next season. The scoring will be done the same way as preseason. Additionally, having the best score in any given week will earn you an additional 3 points on top, with the second highest getting 2 and the third highest getting 1 more point.

Play-offs and relegation matches

At the end of the regular season, the top 4 of the first division will compete in play-offs to identify the championship winner. The semi-finals contain matches between the first and fourth finisher and the second and third finisher of the regular season, played as a best of 3 where each player bans one map and then picks one out of the remaining from a pool of 7 maps chosen from those that were played in the regular season as well as a potentially deciding third map on an AI Generated World. The Final will be played one week after, as a best of 3. Both finalists may choose a map of their choice (subject to a certain standard) which are going to be played first. If each player wins one map, the deciding leg will be held on a worldwide map. In case of a draw (both players scoring the exact same score), time will be used as a tie-breaker (distance if time is equal).

There will also be relegation and promotion matches between the neighbouring divisions. Please be aware that, even if you get relegated to a lower division, it might be possible that you're going to be playing in the same division as before in the next season, if too many participants drop out between seasons.

How many promotion and relegation spots there are will be dependent on division size. In each division, there will be (one or multiple) guaranteed promotion (except for D1) and relegation spots. Additionally, play-offs will be held between the players finishing in the two places above (in the case of relegation) or below (in the case of promotion) the guaranteed spots.

Promotion and relegation finals will also be held as a best of 3, in a format where both players ban two maps out of a map pool of 7. The remaining 3 maps will be played.

If the winner of a promotion/relegation decider or play-off final decides not to participate in the following season, their spot will be given to the loser of the corresponding match.

Recording your playoff games is mandatory and failing to do so will result in an automatic loss!

Mandatory Recordings

If you have previously participated in a season of Reddit League and have sent in a mandatory recording then, you do not need to do this for the regular season (although recordings are always welcomed). Playoff recordings are still mandatory.

Players have to send in a recording of at least one of their games during the regular season. Players may choose which game they do this for themselves.

Livestreaming

I will allow you to stream your games on Tuesday from 17-21 CEST.

You will be required to let me know beforehand every week, on when exactly you plan to stream and then have to finish by 9 PM. Additionally, if there is an extension within your Division, you clearly have to mark the stream as a spoiler.

Missed deadlines, Disqualifications & Bans

If you cannot meet a certain deadline, please make sure to PM me (u/Calamityx7) at least 2 hours prior to the end of the leg and set yourself a new deadline which lies with-in the next 3 days after

the original deadline. In case you do not play and do not inform me in time, the match will be counted as a loss for you with either a -5000 score difference, or the highest point difference from any match of your division on that particular matchday, whichever is greater (but you won't be assigned a score less than 0). Furthermore, you will be booked with a "yellow card". A 2nd yellow card means that you're disqualified for the current season and not allowed to join for the next season as well. All your previous and future matches will be counted with 0 points to your name, granting your opponent a "free win". The opponents of disqualified players do still have to play these legs and have the chance to receive the perfect score bonus point and to increase their score difference. If a player fails to play their bye-week match in time, they will not get yellow- or red-carded for this match, but they will also not receive any points for this match (it will be counted with a score of -101 for them).

Players get a total of 2 "free" extensions a season. If you have already used up those two extensions any further instances of missing the deadline will result in a yellow card.

Play-off games are included and not playing them will also result in a yellow card.

Players who got red-carded because of missing two deadlines and whose disqualification happened in the 2nd half of the season might avoid the one-season-ban, if they provide a good explanation for their infringements and convincingly state that they will be able to stick to the deadline in future seasons (the organisers take the liberty to decide whether those standards have been met). Furthermore, players who decide to retire from the league due to personal reasons will also not get banned for the next season.

In case of confirmed cheating you will be disqualified immediately, all your matches will be counted with 0 points to your name and you will get a lifetime ban for the league.

Receiving a ban from GeoGuessr will automatically result in an exclusion from the competition for 2 seasons on a first offence and in a permanent ban on a second offence. This can only be overturned if you have enough evidence to prove that the ban was unjustified.