

# Rules



## 1. Divisions

Players must be minimum level 50 to be able to enter our Apex Legends tournaments. This is to avoid smurf accounts and cheating.

Duos Tournament Division Breakdowns

**Beginner** - Team Max Combined Total of 2.5 KDR with no single player above a 1.1 KDR (Current Season Stats \*)

**Intermediate** - Team Max Combined Total of 4.25 KDR with no single player above a 1.8 KDR (Current Season Stats \*)

**OPEN** - No Team Max, No Player Max

\*Note: We will be using season stats for all tournaments moving forward. When calculating your team total KDR please use the current season stats. If your current season stats do not have at least 100 games played then please use and report the previous season that has at least 100 games played stats.

## 2. Game Play

All games must be played in Public lobbies.

All players on your team must have a valid ticket for the tournament or your team will be disqualified.

No tickets are required for Free to Enter Events. Only the team leader needs to sign up and advise players playing.

Play as many games as you want in the 3 hour window for the tournament.

You may exit early from games without penalty.

Last game must be queued up 5 min before tournament end time to qualify.

## 3. Tournament Check-in

Check-in via discord. A message will go out to all players in the discord when this link is available to check-in via discord. One member of the team will be required to check in for your any games played before check-in will not be counted. Check-in closes 10 min after tournament start time. We will require screenshots of all members stats pages showing their current level and Season KDR taken at check-in. This will be partly used as a method of weeding out cheaters. You must be checked in before you start running your games. Times will be cross checked and

## 4. Platforms

This is a cross platform game so all available platforms will be eligible for the Apex Legends tournaments

## 5. Streaming Requirements

At least one member from every team must stream the tournament. All members may stream it but at least one member must. If no member streams then that team will be disqualified as no verification of scores can happen. No camera is required for your stream but we will always

give preference to streams with cameras when we are broadcasting the tournament play. \*\*\* All PC players must be streaming or your team will be DQ \*\*\* (This is for cheating verification)

Archive mode must be turned on. This ensures your stream is held for viewing after the tournament in your VODS. Failure to have this turned on will result in a disqualification as we are unable to verify scoring. Search YouTube on how to turn this on for your streaming platform.

Stream Title - Your stream title must include Melanin Gamers Royals Esports in it, if participating in other events at the same time no other event info should be present in the title.

Stream Timing: Please do not start your stream earlier than 5 min before tournament start time and please end your stream by 5 min after your last game. If you are continuing to stream to your viewers please stop the stream and restart it.

Stream Crashes: Any game scores submitted must be streamed in full. If your stream crashes during a game that game will be in-eligible for submission. No extensions or exceptions will be given.

Streaming Platforms: Please use one of the following streaming platforms only - Twitch, Facebook Gaming, YouTube.

## **6. Scoring**

Points will be awarded as follows...

Kills = 1 Point

Placement:

1st = 12 Points

2nd = 9 Points

3rd = 7 Points

4th = 5 Points

5th = 4 Points

6 - 7th = 3 Points

8 - 10th = 2 Points

11 - 15th = 1 Point

## **7. Score Submitting**

All scores must be submitted within 1 hour of the end of the tournament. Scores will be submitted through a Google Form which will be posted in the Score Submission channel on the discord. Additionally we will require NEW stats screenshots for all 3 players after you have finished your last game. This step is once again in place to help with cheating. Report your best 4 games from the tournament gameplay window. To clarify teams will have 1 hour after the tournament has finished to submit their scores.

## **8. Tie Scores**

In the result of a tie the following criteria will be used to pick the winners

Tie-Breaker 1: Single player highest kills from one of the submitted games

Tie-Breaker 2: If still tied then the most damage from the same game used in tie breaker 1

## **9. Winner Announcements**

Winner announcements for the tournament will happen approx 24 hours after the tournament. This is to give us time to tabulate all the scores and confirm them through player streams. This announcement is an unofficial announcement of winners pending full stream review of the participants.

## **10. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded according to the event listing page for the tournament you are signed up. All prize payout will happen within 7 days after the end of the tournament to allow our staff members to review all winning teams streams for any issues or any inconsistencies that might need to be addressed and to ensure the tournament was a fair competition. Team leaders must be present in the Melanin Gamers Royals discord as this is where winners will be contacted.

## **11. Cheating**

Melanin Gamers Royals reserves the right to Disqualify (DQ) or Ban any player or team for suspected cheating or other offenses.

Disqualifications:

- Having a player on the team at less than level 50
- Reporting a game started outside of the stated tournament time
- Reporting after deadline
- Not having "Melanin Gamers Royals Esports" in the stream title. (1 warning will be issued for this per team)
- Having another tournament's name in the stream title.
- Misreporting scores.

Bannable:

- Hacking of any sort (Walls, Aimbots, Etc...)
- Controller scripting.
- Reverse boosting.
- Alt. accounts.
- Server Swapping (Must use your regions home servers)
- Having another person play on your account.
- Teaming

All teams found to have been disqualified or banned will not be subject to any refunds. Cheating will be at the sole discretion of Melanin Gamers Royals. Melanin Gamers Royals is under no obligation to provide proof of cheating to players banned or DQ.

## **12. Other**

- Leaving Event: Players may leave an event up to 30 min before the scheduled start time and receive a full refund. PM an Admin in Discord to get that taken care of for you.
- Player Substitution: If a player needs to drop from the event the team may bring in a substitute at no extra charge. Once the tournament begins no substitutions can be made. This can be handed when checking in for the tournament.

- Technical Issues: Players and teams that encounter technical issues are not eligible for refunds. Technical issues include but are not limited to: power outages, internet service outages / interruptions, poor weather, broken equipment, Server outages or interruptions, and in game bugs and glitches.
- Age requirements: Must be 13 years or older to receive payout from the tournaments. players under the age of 13 may participate only with parental permission.
- Slander: Participants who are found to be slandering Melanin Gamers Royals before, during, or after the event will be DQ and are not eligible for refunds or prize payment.

## Day of Tournament Breakdown

### Sign-Up

To sign-up for any of our tournaments you can visit the (insert tournament announcement discord link here) room to see all active tourneys and their individual sign-up links. Please ensure you both sign-up and read over the rules which can be found here (insert tournament rules discord link here)

### Day of Tourney

### Check-In

Approx 1 hr before the tournament is due to start we will post a check-in link in the (insert general announcement discord link here) room. This will take you to the check-in form where you will be asked to enter your team players gamer tags again. At this point if you have a substitution you can enter it now. No substitutions can take place once the check-in form is completed. You will be asked for your Season KDR, streaming links, screenshots of each team members stats screen(include the whole screen), and what division you will be playing in. You are now checked in and ready for the tourney.

### Tournament Start

When the tournament starts we will make an announcement in the (insert general announcement discord link here) room. You are free to start your stream (streaming is required for all PC players and if all players are on console then only 1 needs to stream, you can find links on how to do it and turn your VODS on for saving in the (insert how to stream discord link here)room) and start playing your games. You will play in public lobbies (no ranked matches). If there is a LTM takeover on the public matches, we will be playing in that mode. At the end of any game you think you might submit, take a screenshot of the team summary screen so we can see total kills and placement for your team. You have 3 hours to play as many matches as you can.

### Tournament End

We will make another announcement in the (insert general announcement discord link here) room 15 min before the end of the tournament. At this time you have 10 min left to be able to queue into a match. You must be in your final match with 5 min left. After the tournament is over we will again post in the (insert general announcement discord link here) room a link to the Score submit form. Here you will take your best 4 games and submit the total kills and placement for each. You will also be asked for new screenshots of your stats screen. You will also upload your 4 screenshots for the 4 games you are submitting scores for.

### Next Day

The Melanin Gamers Team will review all scores and verify them against your streaming VODS to ensure everything is correct. Once completed and we are secure who the winning teams are we will make an announcement. This is usually late afternoon/early evening on the day after a tournament. We will then post in the (insert general announcement discord link here) room the Top 3 for each division and will post the full results breakdown.

## Welcome to Frequently Asked Questions!

**Do all members of the team need a ticket?**

No. Only the team leader needs to purchase a team ticket. Keep that ticket number as you will need it when you submit your scores. Please note no tickets are required for our Free to Enter events.

### **Do we need to stream our games for these tournaments?**

Yes, all PC players must stream the tournament, if on console then only one member is required to stream.

### **How late can I signup for a tournament?**

You can register for a tournament right up to the start time.

### **What if we don't have enough players to fill our team? What happens?**

You must play with a full squad of registered players.

### **Do I need to be in a certain lobby for this tournament?**

All tournaments are played in public lobbies. No special lobbies will be created for these tournaments.

### **Where do I check-in for the tournament?**

Approx 1 hour before tournament start time we will post the check-in form in the CHECK-IN channel. Also note an announcement will be posted when check-in is open and a link for it.

### **Where do I submit my team scores?**

Once the tournament has ended the Submit Scores channel will be updated with a google form link where your team captain will fill out and submit the scores. Also note an announcement will be posted when score submitting is open and a link for it.

### **The registration and score submitting seems like a lot of work. Can this be streamlined somehow?**

No, unfortunately there are way too many bad apples out there that try to cheat their way through tournaments and take money that should rightfully go to another team. These additional steps we have implemented in our tournaments are a way of weeding out cheaters. This is just one step that we take to make things fair for all players.

### **Can I substitute players before the tournament starts and how?**

Yes, during check-in you will have to list the players playing again and at this time you can substitute a player in.

**What happens if one of my teammates drops out during the tournament. Can we substitute someone then?**

Unfortunately no. Only the games that all team members played in would count for scoring purposes.

**Do I need to have a paypal account if we are one of the Top 3 teams to collect our winnings?**

Yes, all tournament winnings will be paid out to the team leader. Please ensure you have an account and that you have verified your account with Paypal in order to be able to receive money.

**Do I need to put something in my stream title to be eligible for the tournament?**

Yes, all stream titles must include "Melanin Gamers Royals Esports" No other websites can be promoted in the title.

**How do I make sure my Twitch stream is saved for review?**

Please refer to the (How to stream discord link here) room for links on how to set this up. It must be done from a PC or if on Mobile you can set your browser to desktop mode to get the PC version of twitch to do it.

**What streaming platforms can I use to stream the tournament on?**

You can stream to Twitch, Facebook or Youtube. Just ensure your streams are saved for future review so you don't end up getting disqualified.