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# For the Week of August 24th, 2025

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### On This Episode...

- Did you get the joke for the episode title?!
- The LVT Halo Pro League LAN teams have been confirmed.
- The Last Chance Qualifier for Worlds officially returns!
- Teams continue to put in practice ahead of Charlotte.

# News (Competitive)

- A Little Peek Into Halo 5 Development by GH057ayame
  - There were Guardian and Narrows remakes completely finished ready to ship post-launch H5, maybe 2017, but they shelved them for Infinite. The original artist, ACM, worked tirelessly to recreate them, even down to the non-playable spaces like the wheel under Narrows. It was a true Halo fan level of detail that I will never forget. I am still genuinely bitter that no one ever got to see them let alone play them.
  - They were shelved because it didn't make sense to leadership to push out new maps 3
    years after launch, so they instead wanted to save them for Infinite content. They were
    done, yes, but regardless, the QA process is one of the cheaper parts of AAA FPS level
    design.
- <u>LVT Halo Pro League LAN Information</u> by LVT Halo
  - The LVT Halo Pro League in partnership with Shopify Rebellion LAN Finale:
    - September 12-14, 2025
    - LAN in Los Angeles, California
    - \$50,000 Prize Pool
    - 6 Pro Teams in person, on LAN
      - OpTic
      - FaZe

- Shopify
- ENVY
- SSG
- Complexity
- Cast on LVT Halo, by LVT Halo
- This LAN is not open to the general public.
- The Stage is Set for Worlds Qualification by HCS
  - The Charlotte 2025 4v4 tournament format will feature:
    - Open Bracket: 64 teams (Top 4 advance to Pool Play)
    - Pool Play: 16 teams (4th in Pools are eliminated)
    - Champ Bracket: 12 teams (Double-elimination Best-of-5, Grand Finals Best-of-7)
    - HaloWC Last Chance Qualifier: 8 teams (4 winners will qualify for HaloWC)
  - CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
    - The Championship Bracket is where the best of the best will clash for their share of \$250,000 and a paid trip to the \$1,000,000 Halo World Championship!
      - 12-Team Double Elimination
      - Top 8 teams will qualify for the Halo World Championship (Seeds 1-8)
  - o HaloWC Qualification
    - The final 8 HaloWC seeds will be rewarded as follows:
      - Seeds 9-12: Top 4 highest HCS points following HCS Charlotte Major (global points)
      - Seeds 13-16: Last Chance Qualifier winners
  - HaloWC Last Chance Qualifier
    - 8 teams will vie in the Last Chance Qualifier for the final 4 HaloWC seeds live Saturday night in Charlotte. 4 matches win and you're in!
    - The HaloWC LCQ will feature:
      - All Charlotte Pool Play teams that do not qualify for the HaloWC via top 8 placing or being top 4 in Global Points.
      - Remaining seeds will go to the highest placing Charlotte Open Bracket teams.
    - The HaloWC 13-16 seeds will be determined by:
      - Total Points if teams are from the same region, and Global Points if they're from different regions.

#### **Roster Mania!**

- OMiT
  - o Officially sign Sceptify.

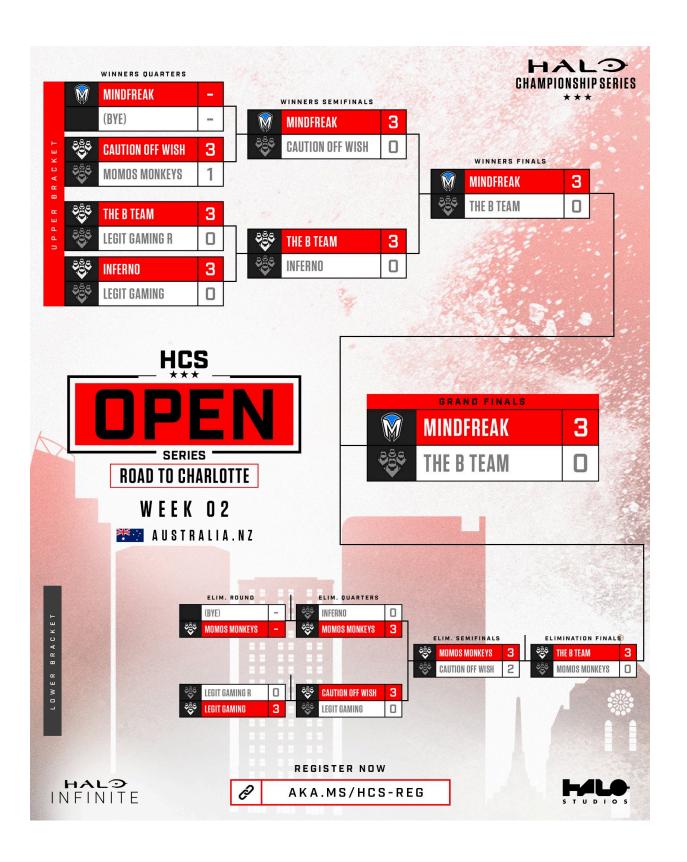
# Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Tuesday, August 26th
  - LVT Halo Pro League Match
    - ENVY vs Complexity
- Wednesday, August 27th
  - LVT Halo Pro League Match
    - Shopify vs FaZe
- Thursday, August 28th
  - o LVT Halo Pro League Match

- OpTic vs TSM
- Saturday, August 30th
  - Obsidian Storm x Velyrian FFA Prep Tournament #1
- Saturday, August 30th & Sunday, August 31st
  - HCS Open Series Road to Charlotte Week 3 NA
- Sunday, August 31st
  - HCS Open Series Road to Charlotte Week 3 ANZ
  - o HCS Open Series Road to Charlotte Week 3 MX
  - o HCS Open Series Road to Charlotte Week 3 EU

### Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

- Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive
- LVT Pro League Match Results
  - FaZe 4-0 Complexity
    - Stats
    - VOD
    - Shopify 4-0 ENVY
      - Stats
      - VOD
    - o SSG 4-1 TSM
      - Stats
      - VOD
        - With this result, TSM is officially eliminated from LAN qualification.
    - OpTic 4-0 Complexity
      - Stats
      - VOD
    - SSG 4-2 OMiT
      - Stats
      - VOD
        - Game 3 Strongholds on Recharge
          - o SSG 250-0 OMiT
    - FaZe 4-3 ENVY
      - Stats
      - VOD
        - Game 3 Strongholds on Recharge
          - o ENVY 250-1 FaZe
        - Game 5 Slayer on Origin
          - ENVY 50-28 FaZe
- HCS Open Series Road to Charlotte Week 2 Results
  - o ANZ





AUSTRALIA.NZ / WEEK 02

1		MINDFREAK Barcode / Scoobmeistr / Swayz / Wryce	\$750 8000 pts
2	200	THE B TEAM Cheezen / Chef / Dxvinity / Plasma	\$250 4800 pts
3	999	MOMOS MONKEYS Empathete / Fauthom / Illuminatedz / Pxndorable	<b>3520</b> pts
4	200	CAUTION OFF WISH CR Al3jo / Lolleey / Shrekmin / Vaampt	<b>2880</b> pts
TOP 6	989	INFERNO Billzii / Chasings / Fleabus / Reaver	<b>2560</b> PTS
	999	LEGIT GAMING Activebult / Chronic / SpartanO2 / Yanderxe	<b>2560</b> pts
TOP 8	999	LEGIT GAMING R Computurtle / Gammalord / GoldyGuns / Joey	<b>2240</b> PTS

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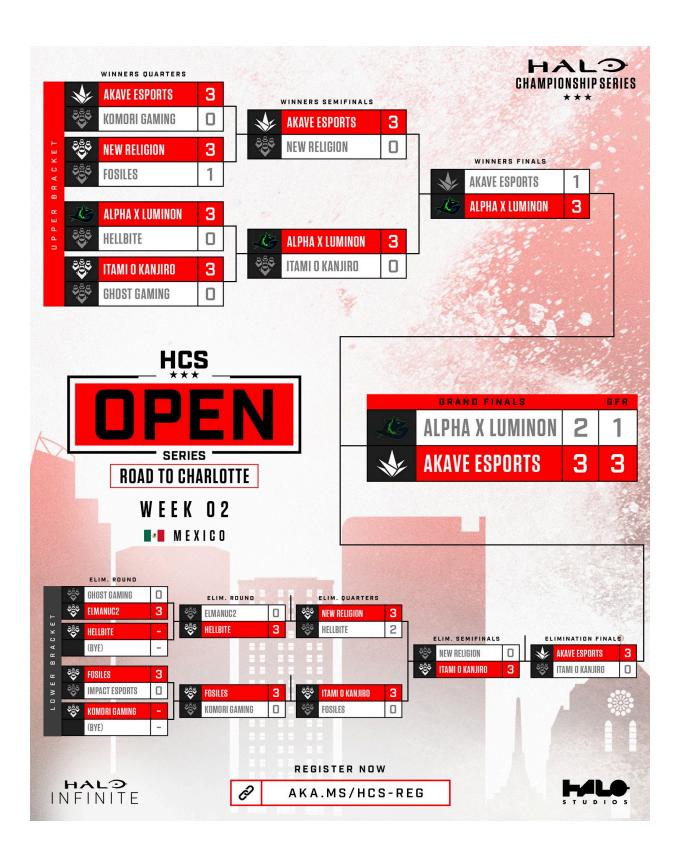
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HALD INFINITE

Bracket





■ MEXICO / WEEK 02

1		AKAVE ESPORTS Acid / Drift / Magico / Noble	\$750 8000 pts
2	J.	ALPHA X LUMINON Leuor / Rorzeh / Strikey / Tapping Buttons	\$250 4800 pts
3	<b>2</b> 00	ITAMI O KANJIRO Dolan / Goriloco <mark>/ Lunatix / Tab</mark> vo	<b>3520</b> PTS
4	<b>989</b>	NEW RELIGION Acendrado / H3roAztk / Kiten / MikuGhoul	<b>2880</b> PTS
TOP 6	<b>9</b> 99	HELLBITE Bravo / Destroy1s / Sauskii / Varavs	<b>2560</b> PTS
	2 <u>8</u> 8	FOSILES Blodreina / Hrymgel / Naamex / Regulvz	<b>2560</b> PTS
TOP 8	9 <u>8</u> 9	ELMANUC2 Rysyck / Snxckys / Spartan100J / Venator	<b>2240</b> PTS
	<b>888</b>	KOMORI GAMING AirborneVanessa / Etternitty / MGHDUCK / Revenant	<b>2240</b> PTS

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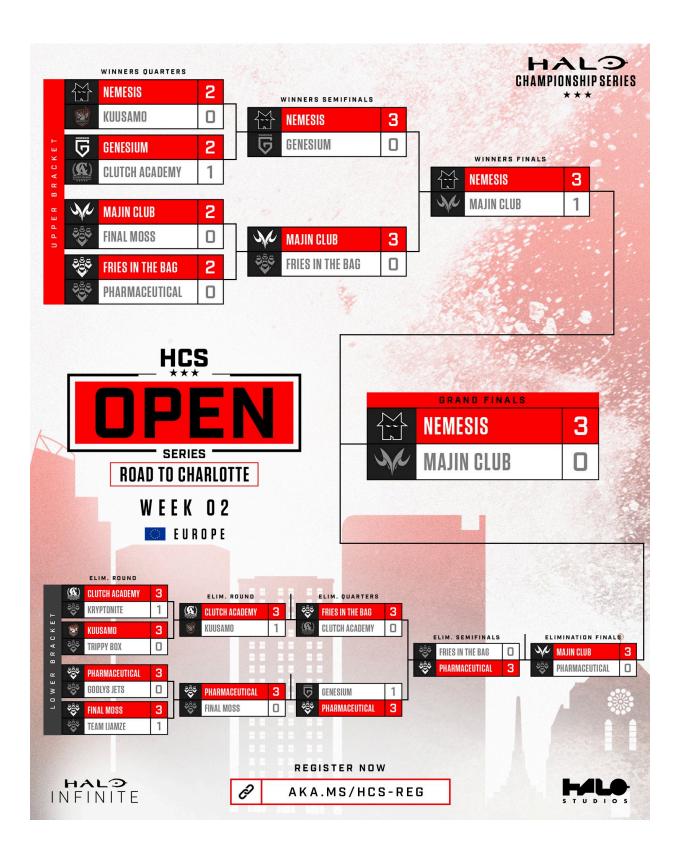
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- **Bracket**
- <u>VOD</u>





EUROPE / WEEK 02

1		NEMESIS Glory / SLG / Snipedrone / WuTum	\$1,125 8000 pts
2	V	MAJIN CLUB Bastoss / Mighty / Septiq / Tchik	\$375 4800 pts
3	989	PHARMACEUTICAL Boxter / Franklin / Hybrid / Ninj	<b>3520</b> PTS
4	98	FRIES IN THE BAG DeZire / Mqse / Pantho / Respectful	2880 PTS
TOP 6	GLUTCH ACADEMY	CLUTCH ACADEMY EU Finn / Niksenii / Outgast / Suspense	<b>2560</b> PTS
	GENESIUM	GENESIUM Cali / Geriko / New Brainiak / Voeti	<b>2560</b> PTS
TOP 8	KUISAMO	KUUSAMO CrossMan / Marvies / Tuckzy / Systematic	<b>2240</b> pts
	989	FINAL MOSS Assault / Jyon / Moss / Perkvshon	<b>2240</b> PTS

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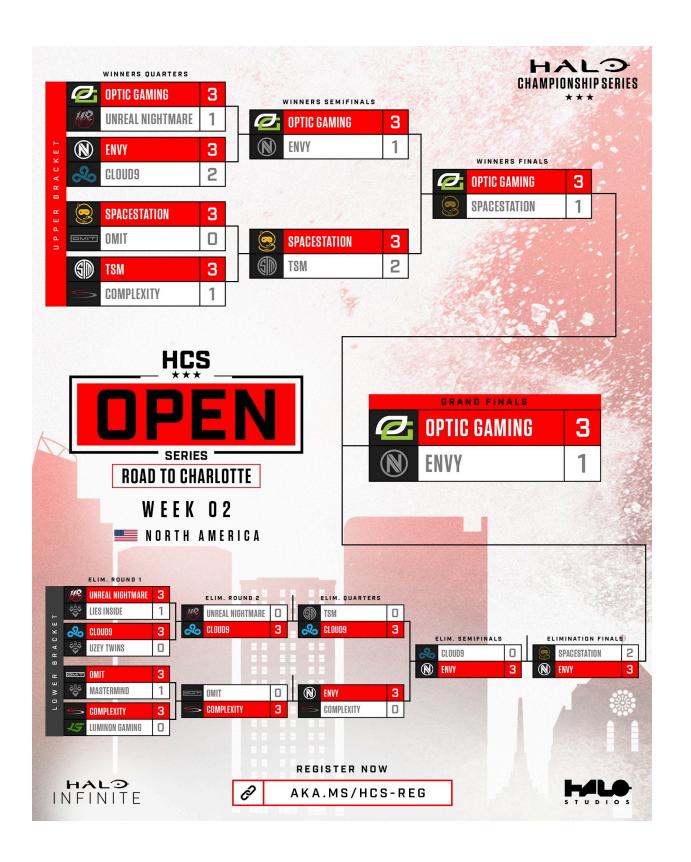
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HALD INFINITE

- Bracket
- <u>VOD</u>





NORTH AMERICA / WEEK 02

1		OPTIC GAMING Bound / Formal / Lagend / SnakeBite (Sub)	\$1,500 8000 pts
2		<b>ENVY</b> Descendant / Piggy / Precision / Yakzn	\$500 4800 pts
3		SPACESTATION Eco / Falcated / Stellur / Suppressed	<b>3520</b> PTS
4	2	CLOUD9 Avucy / Bubu dubu / Kuhlect / Sab	2880 PTS
TOP 6		<b>TSM</b> Druk / Manny / Soul Snipe / Taulek	<b>2560</b> PTS
	5	COMPLEXITY Cherished / King Nick / Mental / RyaNoob	<b>2560</b> PTS
TOP 8	MR	UNREAL NIGHTMARE BreakingShot / Cearion / Common / Envore	<b>2240</b> PTS
	□МІТ	OMIT Huss / LethuL / Sceptify / Spartan	<b>2240</b> PTS

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- Bracket
- VODs
  - Day 1
  - Day 2

#### News - Regular

- Halo Infinite Playlist Update by Halo Support
  - The Ranked Arena playlist was updated to increase the appearance of non-Slayer modes.
  - The map Lattice was updated to reduce instances of players leaving the intended playable area.

### CoD (and other games) Watch

- Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST The Crossover You've Been Waiting for Arrives August 26 by Joe Skrebels, Xbox Wire Editor-in-Chief
  - Helldivers 2 arrives on Xbox Series X|S next week, August 26 and it's dropping in with a magnificently Xbox-themed surprise. Introducing the Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Legendary Warbond, a collection of equipment you might just recognize.
  - In the world of Helldivers, ODST stands for "Obedient Democracy Support Troopers." As
    every good soldier knows, nothing is more important than complete and total obedience
    in support of Democracy. This set of gear is inspired by storied heroes, and will allow you
    to join the ranks of the best-of-the-best. Of the best.
  - Comprising four weapons, two armor sets, and more, this Warbond will let you outfit yourself like those heroes. Let's dive into what's included:
    - Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Weapons
      - MA5C Assault Rifle An iconic rifle; the definition of reliable and having taken down countless aliens bent on wiping out humanity, it is time to turn its sights on enemies of Managed Democracy. It comes equipped with the convenient ammo counter and a built-in compass – let it guide you to victory.
      - M7S SMG Silent and deadly, with caseless ammo and a non-removable suppressor; this weapon is ready to spread Freedom to every corner of the galaxy.
      - M90A Shotgun This powerful shotgun carries a kick and has a handy flashlight mounted on it so you can see the fear in your enemies' eyes before you teach them a valuable lesson about Liberty.
      - M6C/SOCOM Pistol They say keep your friends close and your sidearm closer. Well, we say that. The standard-issue ODST sidearm is your silent ally in the field – equipped with a built-in laser sight, flashlight, and, for the first time in Helldivers 2, a suppressor to support stealth gameplay. Because sometimes the best way to enforce Peace is quietly...
    - Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Armor
      - A-9 Helljumper Debuted during the New Mombasa Armor Show, this sleek ensemble is sure to turn heads and blow minds.
      - A-35 Recon Made famous by the Ministry of Intelligence's hide-and-seek-and-destroy champion of '52, this armor has been improved by removing excess shoulder protection.
      - Feet First Armor Passive Applied to both the above armor sets, this
        passive allows your Helldiver Helljumper to make less noise when
        moving, become immune to leg injuries, and increases the range of
        discovering points of interest by 30%.

- Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Capes and More
  - Honored Heirloom Cape Should the wearer of this cape perish at the hands of Freedom's enemies, it is customary to pass the cape on to their bravest child during the funeral, inspiring the next generation to take up arms.
  - Eye of the Clandestine Cape Those who serve Liberty from the shadows often elect to stay anonymous, moving like traceless spectres through the night. May they watch over us always.
  - More! The Warbond will also include ODST-themed player cards, a new player title, "Rookie", and new vehicle pattern in a very familiar color known as Mean Green.

#### Legendary Warbonds

- For those who haven't played Helldivers 2 before, Warbonds are optional
  collections of rewards that can be purchased through the in-game
  Acquisitions Center. The content inside is unlocked gradually by playing,
  but you never need to worry about missing your chance Warbonds
  don't expire, meaning you can take as long as you need to get all the
  goodies inside.
- Legendary Warbonds are a brand new tier for the game. The Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Legendary Warbond can be unlocked for 1,500 Super Credits (which can be found in-game, or purchased separately). Be aware, Legendary Warbonds can't be unlocked with the new Premium Warbond Tokens, also launching on August 26.
- Lqgend Potentially Eyeing Call of Duty by many
  - In response to tweets related to SSG wanting a spot within the CDL and eyeing Lqgend for the roster, Tyler of SSG retweeted, stating "Real btw".

#### Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
  - It Takes Two
  - Halo Infinite
- Josh?
  - Sword of the Sea

#### **Shoutouts**

- Happy belated birthday to iSpiteful, RyaNoob, and Renegade!
- Congratulations to Shottzy on winning the Esports Controller Player of the Decade award!
- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the 8's!
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
  - iRowBoats
  - Shio
  - Blackout
  - Dieode
  - dpancakes
  - Voodooman
  - Rasta Monkey Jr

- Snaggu
- Raidrhater
- Peanutmut
- o 1SwoleDaddy
- o Danny OJ
- Rizznak
- Zarnerz
- HiTechRedneck
- Goalie Sniper
- Heavy Rainfall
- ElatedDartBoard

### **Community Creations**

- Halo memes every day!
- Weekly Coaching Videos by Piggy
  - Going to start posting a short weekly coaching video on my youtube called: "5 minutes with Piggy"
  - If you want to gain a deep understanding of the game and improve Halo IQ, subscribe to my youtube and be on the lookout for the first video announcement
    - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@piggyex">https://www.youtube.com/@piggyex</a>
- Community Commendation Nomination Submissions are Now Live by Ranger\_Cali
  - o ITS TIME!! Community Commendations are NOW LIVE!!
  - You can officially submit your nominations for the best in the Halo community starting today. This is your chance to spotlight the people, groups, and creators who make Halo what it is here: <a href="https://tinvurl.com/CommunityCommendations">https://tinvurl.com/CommunityCommendations</a>
  - Get your submissions in by Sep 17th!!
  - This project is about celebrating the community, by the community. I can't wait to see who you all highlight and if you want to be a apart of the process/a committee member for a certain category, please reach out to me so I go over those expectations(Twitter dm or discord).
  - I'll be working with Halo Respawn on housing all related updates/news! Follow them to stay up to date on all stages of this project! Coming soon with Committee Transparency, followed by Finalists Spotlights/Voting. <a href="http://Halorespawn.com">http://Halorespawn.com</a>

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