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2023 College League of Legends Season  
Open Divisional Playoffs Rules

## **1. Team Management and Roster Rules**

### **1.1. Roster Size**

Teams will be required to have at least five and no more than ten eligible players on its roster at all times. There are no restrictions on position or designation of starter or substitute. The roster must be composed of players on the Season Active Roster before the end of Conference play.

### **1.2. Team Positions**

Team staff and managers will be carried over from the College Season and fulfill the same roles and responsibilities.

### **1.3. Substitutions**

Teams may freely field any five players from their active roster for the start of the match. Teams may freely substitute players between games, but their opponents must be allowed at least 5 minutes between notification of substitution and start of the next game. For avoidance of doubt, 5 minutes starts from when the substituting team notifies their opponent of the change in writing.

### **1.4. Roster Changes**

Open Divisional Playoffs teams may not change their rosters for any reason.

## **2. Qualification and Seeding**

### **2.1. Conference Ranking**

Each team that participates in the Open Divisional Playoffs will earn their conference Ranking Points. Points are assigned based on how far schools from the conference advance in the Open Divisional Playoffs. No more than two schools may count towards a conference's ranking each year. Conferences will then be given an Open Conference Ranking based on total points accumulated over the last two years, when possible.

#### **2.1.1. Conference Tiebreakers**

Any ties in points will be broken by highest finish in the most recent year.

If that does not break the tie, the second highest finish of the most recent year will be considered, then highest finish from two years prior, then second highest finish from two years prior. If two conferences remain tied at this point, ties will be broken at random.

**2.1.2. Conference Transfers**

If a school that previously earned Ranking Points transfers to a different conference for any reason, that school's past results are considered as part of their new conference only.

**2.1.3. Ranking Point Values**

<b>Championship Finish</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>
Champion	8
Finals	5
Semifinals	3
Quarterfinals	2
Round of 16	1

**2.1.4. Conference Ranking**

For the first year, the Conference Rankings will use the Championship Conference Rankings. Please refer to the College Championship Rules for more information.

Rank	Conference	Points	2022	2021
1	South	19	Champion (8) Quarters (2)	Champion (8) Ro16 (1)
2	North	13	Semis (3) Quarters (2)	Finals (5) Semis (3)
3	East	8	Quarters (2) Ro16 (1)	Semis (3) Quarters (2)
4	West	5	Quarters (2) Ro16 (1)	Ro16 (1) Ro16 (1)

**2.2. Conference Qualification.** All Open Division conferences will send at least their top two teams to the Open Divisional Playoffs.

**2.2.1. Additional Qualification.** If more than four conferences participate, additional teams may qualify for the Open Divisional Playoffs to fill out any remaining spots in the bracket. A third team will be taken from the highest-ranked conference, then the next highest-ranked conference, and so on, until the bracket is full or every conference has three teams competing. If more teams are needed, a fourth team will be taken from the top conference, and so on, until the bracket reaches 16 or 32 total teams.

**2.3. Seeding.** Teams will be seeded first by conference finish, then by conference ranking. Seeding will be adjusted to ensure that the top 2 teams from each conference are placed on opposite sides of the bracket. Additional teams from the same conference may be reseeded to avoid other teams from their conference when possible, at the sole discretion of College Season Officials.

**2.4. Side Choice.** Side choice for the first game of each round will be given to the higher seeded team.

### 3. Championship Structure & Schedule

**3.1. Bracket Format.** The Open Divisional Playoffs consists of a best-of-five, single elimination tournament. The size of the bracket and dates will be determined in January, after conference sizes are confirmed and Open Division regional conference schedules are locked.

#### 3.2. Schedule

**3.2.1. Dates.** TBD

**3.2.2. Match Scheduling.** College Season officials may make reasonable attempts to schedule individual matches at times convenient for schools based on time zones or other factors. All Open Divisional Playoffs match dates and times are fixed and cannot be rescheduled by teams for any reason.

**3.2.3. Changes to Schedule.** College Season officials may, at their sole discretion, re-order the schedule of matches within a given day and/or change the date of a College Season match to a different date or otherwise modify the schedule of matches. In the event that the match schedule is modified, officials will notify all teams at the earliest convenience.

### 4. Prizes

#### 4.1. Prize Breakdown

Prizes will be distributed to teams based on their finishing position in the Open Divisional Playoffs as follows:

Place	RP Per Player
1st	10,000
2nd	6,000
3rd - 4th	3,000
5th - 8th	2,000
9th - 16th	1,000

**4.2. Prize Distribution.** All prizes are delivered as RP to the eligible League of Legends account that is registered to a team roster. Prizes are non-transferrable. Player prizes are given to all players listed on the team's Active Roster as of the team's final match in the Open Divisional Playoffs. Prizes are not given to any player who was dropped, removed, or disqualified before the team's last match

**4.3. Staff Prizes.** Teams will receive an additional player's share of RP prizing to be distributed to staff members per request. Staff prize recipients must have valid League of Legends accounts in good standing. The prize share may be divided into multiple smaller shares per the teams' request. All staff prizing requests are subject to approval by College Season officials.

**4.3.1. Statute of Limitations**

If a team does not submit an official request to claim staff prizes by July 1, 2022 at 11:59pm Pacific Time, they lose the right to claim those prizes.