



Official FAF Tournament Rules – 2023

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2. FAF Official Rules:

- Any and all games that are played and hosted on FAF services are required to follow the general rule set.
- Please find rule set here: <https://faforever.com/rules>

3. What is an Official Tournament:

- A tournament is considered official if FAF is offering prizes for the participants, including avatars, public funds, and other prizes.
- These tournaments will typically be hosted by an Official FAF Tournament Director.
- In the case that a tournament is hosted where FAF is not providing funding or rewards these will be considered unofficial tournaments and are not subject to the following rule set.

4. Official Tournament Rule Set:

- Tournament Directors have the final say. In any official tournament there will be at least one official tournament director. This director is in charge of the tournament and their decision is final.

- All Official FAF General Rules must be obeyed while participating. Rules linked here: <https://faforever.com/rules> this also includes not carrying out any exploits linked here: <https://forum.faforever.com/topic/203/list-of-banned-exploits-updated-22-03-2022>. Failure to follow these the Tournament Director will alert the Moderation Team to the failures.
- The Tournament Team reserves the right to ban players from entering Official FAF Tournaments however they will need to provide a legitimate reason. This could be due to various reasons. This can be appealed and reviewed by the Tournament Team and likely the Moderation Team.
- Tournament Directors reserve the right to warn and punish players not following these rules.
- Tournament Directors have the right to not provide the states rewards in the case the player may have broken the tournament rules. In this case it will be investigated and a conclusion arrived before any rewards are provided.
- All participants will be allowed a 15-minute wait at the start of a tournament to show up however after this 15 minute wait the Tournament Director has the right to disqualify you from the tournament. In the case where you will be late but do intend to arrive you need to message the Tournament Director preferably via Discord to inform them you will be late but will show up. When doing this please provide an approximate time delay until you arrive, it will then be the Tournament Directors decision whether than delay is too long or acceptable.
- When creating matches please use the following naming format. Tournament Name – Round Number – Game Number – Hosting Player VS Opposing Player. For Example: Fall Invitational – R2 – G1 – Zlo vs Tagada.
This is to help different FAF teams and members find the replays such as the promotions team to publish the matches to the Official FAF YouTube.
- Players have the right to withdraw from a tournament at any time. To do this message the Tournament Director and inform them you are withdrawing, you DO NOT need to provide reason for this.
Deliberately losing matches instead of withdrawing will be punished.
- Any match resulting in an end before 3 minutes due to technical reasons will be replayed if both players can still play the game. This includes desync's, disconnects due to internet issues or power failures, or other technical issues. THIS DOES NOT HOWEVER INCLUDE BROKEN HOTKEYS.
- Any match that results in a DRAW must be replayed.
- Where matches are replayed two scenarios exist.
Tournaments where faction veto's are carried out both players must play the same factions that were assigned to them.
Tournaments that do not include faction veto's players do have the ability to change their faction on the rematch.

In both cases the map and players must remain the same.

- Any matches ending after 3 minutes (for example Minute 28) due to technical issues then the Tournament Director will make a final decision whether to replay the match or take the current score as the final score.
- When reporting scores to a Tournament Director the player who has won the match/matches/set reports the final score. For example, if Nexus beats Tagada, then Nexus will message the Tournament Director 1-0/2-0.
The losing player does not report the score.
- Any streams must have a 3 minute delay. Including personal streams.
- All tournament games must be rated.

5. Rules for Tournament Directors:

- Tournament organiser cannot participate in the tournament.
- Tournament directors may participate but only with permission from the tournament organiser.
- Results of Official Tournaments must be posted on the forums by the primary Tournament Organiser.
- A Tournament Organiser is obligated to obey the requests of a private donator to the best of their ability if a tournament has a private cash pool.
This does not apply to a private donator that is participating in the tournament.
- Tournament Organisers are required to obey the Tournament Team leader in regards to decisions made by the FAF Board regarding involvement of Official FAF funds.
- Tournament Organiser/Directors will not influence or manipulate any tournament brackets, rules or decisions in order to give an unfair advantage to a particular player or team.
- In the case the case of wishing to ban a player from Official tournaments please message the Tournament Team discord to discuss this with the team to come to a decision.
- Any Official tournaments must give access to the FAFTD account on challenge to allow these to be posted in the Tournament tab in the client.

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