



Gamers for Giving 2017 Hearthstone Tournament

General Information & Tournament Registration

The Gamers for Giving 2017 Hearthstone tournament will be a 1 vs 1 tournament for the latest version of Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft. The tournament will be open to all PC gamers of the BYOC LAN party at Gamers for Giving.

The tournament will begin on Sunday, April 2nd at approximately 12:00 PM Eastern Time.

While the tournament begins on *Sunday*, all LAN attendees will be able to gain access to the venue beginning on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 AM. After checking into the event and obtaining credentials, attendees will be able to find their respective seat in the LAN and begin setting up their equipment.

Once inside the venue, individuals who wish to participate in the Hearthstone tournament will need to register themselves by visiting the "PC Tournament Desk," located at the NOC in the center of the arena floor. Players will be able to sign up at any time on Saturday, April 1st – or from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Sunday, April 2nd. Hearthstone admins will construct and publish the tournament bracket once the registration period has closed on Sunday.

Tournament Format

- The tournament will take place only on Sunday, April 2nd, and will follow the "Conquest" format established by Blizzard.

- All players will be seeded in the tournament bracket based on their in-game Hearthstone ranks, with higher seeds given to players of higher rank.
- Players will engage in a best of five, double elimination tournament. The semifinals and finals will also follow a best of five win/loss format. Players must lose two matches to be eliminated from the tournament.
- Players will submit deck lists from three unique classes prior to the start of each match. New decks are allowed to be submitted before each new match.
- A player must win one game with each of three decks to win the match.
- When a player wins a game, the deck used by the winning player cannot be used for the remainder of the match.
- The losing player can keep the same deck used or switch to a different deck of choice.

Equipment & Miscellaneous

The Hearthstone tournament is a BYOC event. Players will need to bring their own computers / laptops, as well as necessary peripherals to compete in the tournament. Gamers Outreach will provide tables, chairs, 2 electrical outlets, networking equipment and internet access to facilitate the tournament.

Please reference the LAN Party event information page for a handy check list of things you'll need to bring to the LAN (<http://gamersforgiving.org/lan-party/>).

Players will connect to Battle.net and compete with designated opponents. In the event that internet access becomes unavailable, Battle.net is down, or anything happens at the venue that causes the tournament to become inoperable, the tournament will take place online after Gamers for Giving on a newly designated date, or may be cancelled at the discretion of tournament moderators.

Additional Rules

- Any attempt to tamper with the tournament network in such a way that hinders the competition will result in disqualification and removal from the event.
- Players are welcome to play warm-up games with other players during periods of down time.
- The latest official patch will be used throughout the event.
- Should a player be less than 15 minutes late for the start of a tournament match, the player will forfeit the first game of the match.
- Should a player be more than 15 minutes late for the start of a tournament match, the player will forfeit the entire match.
- Administrators reserve the right to change any tournament timings listed above if circumstances require.
- No macro functions on keyboards / mice are allowed to be used in any tournament game.
- No observers are allowed in any tournament games, except for approved streamers and administrators.
- Players may not watch or listen to any streams of the tournament while playing.

- Players must demonstrate respect and politeness to all fellow competitors, and general event attendees.
- Players must respect the final decisions of tournament administrators and event staff. Failure to abide by administrative directives could result in removal from the event.
- Administrators reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. A best effort will be made to notify players of such changes.