

The 2017 Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Series

- I. General Overview
 - A. The Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Series is a tournament series consisting of six different types of events.
 - Championship Trial (CT)
 - Championship Trial Plus (CT+)
 - Team Championship Trial (TeamCT)
 - Super Championship Trial (SuperCT)
 - Championship Event
 - Championship Trial Qualifiers (CTQ)
 - B. All events in the Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Series (except for the Championship Event) award Championship Points.

- II. Events Hosted by Nerd Rage Gaming
 - A. All events hosted by Nerd Rage Gaming will all be run at Competitive Rules Enforcement Level and have at least one certified Magic Judge on staff.
 - B. Championship Trial (CT)
 1. Each CT will be a constructed event and feature either Standard, Modern, or Legacy formats.
 2. The winner of each Championship Trial event earns an invitation to play in the 2017 Championship Event.
 3. Each CT event has at least \$1,000 cash in the prize pool, with cash prizes awarded as shown in Table A.
 4. Each CT event will also award a number of Championship Points to each competitor based on their finish in the event. The breakdown of Points awarded can be found in Table B.

Table A	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Cash Prize Breakdown	
1st Place	\$400
2nd Place	\$200
3rd/4th Place	\$100
5th-8th Place	\$50
Total	\$1,000

Table B	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Championship Points Breakdown	
1st Place	10 Points + Invite
2nd Place	8 Points
3rd/4th Place	6 Points
5th-8th Place	4 Points
9th-16th Place	3 Points
16th-32nd Place	2 Points
33rd+ Place	1 Point

- C. **Championship Trial Plus (CT+)**
1. Championship Trial Plus events will award the same invite, cash and Championship Point breakdown as Championship Trials, as shown in Table A and Table B.
 2. In addition, CT+ Events award additional product to Top 8 and Top 16 competitors as shown in Table C.

Table C	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Plus Additional Product Breakdown	
1st Place	24 Boosters of Modern Masters 2017
2nd Place	24 Boosters of Modern Masters 2017
3rd/4th Place	12 Boosters of Modern Masters 2017
5th-8th Place	6 Boosters of Modern Masters 2017
9th-16th Place	6 Boosters of most recent Standard Set

- D. **Team Championship Trial (Team CT)**
1. Team Championship Trials consist of players registering as 3-player teams to compete with during the event.
 2. Players may compete with different teammates during each Team Championship Trial.
 3. Team CT events will either be Team Sealed or Team Constructed formats.
 4. Team CT events award product to top-finishing teams and Championship Points to all competitors.
- E. **Super Championship Trial (Super CT)**
1. Super CT events will be constructed and feature either Standard, Modern, or Legacy formats.
 2. The winner of the Super Championship Trial will receive an invite to play in the 2017 Championship Event.

3. The Super CT has at least \$5,000 cash in the prize pool, with cash prizes awarded as shown in Table F.
4. Each CT event will also award a number of Championship Points to each competitor based on their finish in the event. The breakdown of points awarded can be found in Table G.

Table F	
Nerd Rage Gaming Super Championship Trial Cash Prize Breakdown	
1st Place	\$1200
2nd Place	\$600
3rd/4th Place	\$400
5th-8th Place	\$200
9th-16th Place	\$100
17th-32nd Place	\$50
Total	\$5,000

Table G	
Nerd Rage Gaming Super Championship Trial Championship Points Breakdown	
1st Place	15 Points + Invite
2nd Place	12 Points
3rd/4th Place	10 Points
5th-8th Place	8 Points
9th-16th Place	6 Points
16th-32nd Place	3 Points
33rd-64th Place	2 Points
65th+ Place	1 Point

F. Championship Event

1. The Championship Event is a 16-player Invitation-only event.
2. Invitations to the event are awarded based on the Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Event Invitation Policy (see below).
3. The Championship event has a unique tournament structure featuring 9 rounds of Constructed play and a Top 8 playoff.
 1. Due to the nature of the tournament structure, unintentional draws will not be allowed in the Swiss portion event. Rounds will be 55 minutes long to attempt to accommodate this.
 - a) In the event that a match goes to time, the following policy will be in place for the event.
 - Should a round go to time, the game will begin a five turn extension, with the active player receiving turns

zero, two, and four, and the inactive player will take turns one, three, and five.

- If the game should go beyond five extra turns, the game will continue with a new state-based action:
 - ♦ “If a player has the lowest life total, that player loses the game.”
2. The Swiss portion of the event will be nine (9) rounds in length, featuring three (3) rounds each of Standard, Modern, and Legacy constructed play.
- a) First, the sixteen players will play three (3) rounds of Standard constructed. Each round, the players will play against somebody with the same number of match points as them within the Standard format.
 - The two players with 3-0 records at the end of the Standard Swiss portion of the event will automatically qualify for the Top 8 playoff, but will continue to play in the next six rounds of the Swiss.
 - b) Next, the sixteen players will play three (3) rounds of Modern constructed. Each round, the players will play against somebody with the same number of match points as them within the Modern format.
 - The two players with 3-0 records at the end of the Modern Swiss portion of the event will automatically qualify for the Top 8 playoff, but will continue to play in the next three rounds of the Swiss.
 - c) Finally, the sixteen players will play three (3) rounds of Legacy constructed. Each round, the players will play against somebody with the same number of match points as them within the Legacy format.
 - The two players with 3-0 records at the end of the Legacy Swiss portion of the event will automatically qualify for the Top 8 playoff.
 - d) After the end of the Swiss portion of the event, up to six (6) players may have already received invitations into the Top 8 playoff. However, since players can earn multiple invitations by ending 3-0 in more than one format, there can be as few as two players to have already received invitations. The remaining slots in the Top 8 playoff will be determined as follows:

- The players with the highest overall record as determined by match points at the end of the 9 rounds of the Swiss portion of the event will be awarded an invitation into the Top 8. Should more people have the highest overall record than there are spots available in the Top 8, the tiebreakers shall be as follows:
 1. The players with the highest average Opponent's Match Win Percentage (OMW%) from the three formats of the Championship Event will receive invitations to the Top 8.
 2. Should the players have the same OMW%, the remaining Top 8 invitations will be given to the players that have played in the most Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial events.
 3. In the case that the players have played in the same number of CT events, the tie will be broken by the highest finish in a Championship Trial, then the second-highest finish in a Championship Trial, and so on.
- 3. The Top 8 portion of the event will use a unique tournament structure that rewards the players for the highest overall record in the Swiss portion of the event. The Top 8 will be single-elimination and be paired based on seeding.
 - a) The players will be seeded in the Top 8 based on their overall record as determined by match points at the end of the 9 rounds of the Swiss portion of the event. Tiebreakers shall be determined by the averages of tiebreakers in the tournament software from all three formats.
 - b) The Top 8 portion of the event will not use the Top 8 Play/Draw structure as described in the Magic Tournament Rules.
 - c) The player with the higher seed will get the option to choose either the format or to play/draw for their match.
 - i. The higher seed's choices for formats are Standard, Modern, or Legacy.
 - ii. Both players will have the opportunity to view their opponent's decklists before the higher seed makes their decision.

- iii. Once a player has chosen a format for their match, that player cannot choose that same format for any subsequent matches in the Top 4 or in the Finals.
 - iv. The higher-seeds selection only applies to their match, not the other matches in the Top 8. Therefore, the Top 8 may consist of 2 matches of Standard, 1 match of Modern, and 1 match of Legacy, for example.
 - * For example, in the 1-seed vs. 8 seed match, the 1-seed chooses to play Modern, and the 8-seed chooses to be on the play. The 1-seed wins the match. In the Top 4, the 1-seed can choose to play, draw, or play Standard or Legacy. Since they have already chosen Modern, they cannot make that choice again.
4. The Championship Event has a \$5,000 cash prize pool and the winner of the Championship Event wins an invitation to the 2018 Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Event. The cash prize distribution is shown in Table H.

Table H	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Event Cash Prize Breakdown	
1st Place	\$1200 + Invite
2nd Place	\$800
3rd/4th Place	\$600
5th-8th Place	\$250
9th-16th Place	\$100
Total	\$5,000

- III. Events Hosted by other Tournament Organizers
- A. Starting in 2017, other tournament organizers may choose to host Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Qualifier (CTQ) events.
 - B. Each CTQ event will award either standard-legal booster product or cash to top-finishing players.
 - a) Tournament Organizers will choose whether their event will award product or cash to competitors.
 - b) If the CTQ awards cash, the organizer can choose to distribute prizes based on either Table J or Table K.
 - C. Championship Points are awarded at CTQ events based on attendance and performance.
 - a) If there are 32 or less players at the event, Championship Points are distributed as shown in Table L.
 - b) If there are 33 or more players, Championship Points are awarded as shown in Table M.
 - D. The winner of each CTQ will earn an exclusive playmat and free entry into a CT or CT+ event held within 6 months of the CTQ.
 - E. Tournament Organizers wishing to run an NRGCTQ event should contact info@nerdragegaming.com for more information.

Table J		Table K	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Qualifiers Cash Prize Breakdown		Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Qualifiers Cash Prize Breakdown	
1st Place	\$200	1st Place	\$400
2nd Place	\$100	2nd Place	\$200
3rd/4th Place	\$50	3rd/4th Place	\$100
5th-8th Place	\$25	5th-8th Place	\$50
Total	\$500	Total	\$1000

Table L		Table M	
Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Qualifiers Championship Points Breakdown (32 or less players)		Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Trial Qualifiers Championship Points Breakdown (33 or more players)	
1st Place	5 Points	1st Place	6 Points
2nd Place	4 Points	2nd Place	5 Points
3rd/4th Place	3 Points	3rd/4th Place	4 Points
5th-8th Place	2 Points	5th-8th Place	3 Points
9th+ Place	1 Point	9th-16th Place	2 Points
		17th+ Place	1 Point

IV. Championship Points

- A. Every event in the Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Series (except for the Championship Event) awards Championship Points to all competitors based on their finish in the event. The number of Points awarded depends on the type of event.
 1. If a player is disqualified during an event, they receive zero Championship Points.
 2. Players only receive Championship Points if they play in the event. Players who register for the event but do not play in the event receive zero Championship Points.
- B. Championship Points are tracked by Nerd Rage Gaming Ltd. Players cannot transfer points to other players, nor register under another player's name to earn Championship Points for another player.
- C. The Nerd Rage Gaming MVP is awarded to the player that has earned the most points in 2017 Championship Series events.
 1. The MVP will earn free entry into all Championship Series events hosted by Nerd Rage Gaming in 2018.

V. Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Event Invitation Policy

- A. Invitations to the 2017 Nerd Rage Gaming Championship Event will be awarded as follows:
 - One (1) defending Champion from the 2016 Championship. The winner of the 2016 Championship was Ben Meine.
 - Ten (10) Championship Trial, Championship Trial Plus, or Super Championship Trial winners.

- a. The winner of each of Championship Trial receives an invitation to the Championship Event in addition to other prizes for the event.
 - In the case that the winner is already qualified for the Championship Event, the invitation will be awarded to the second-place finisher.
 - In the case that both finalists have already qualified for the Championship event, the invitation will be awarded to the winner of a best 2-out-of-3 match between the other two semifinalists. The semifinalist with the highest seed going into the Top 8 will choose to play or draw for this match.
 - In the case that all four semifinalists have already qualified for the Championship event, the member of the Top 8 with the highest seed going into the Top 8 who does not already have an invitation to the Championship will earn an invitation to the Championship.
- Five (5) At-Large spots based on highest Championship Point total from all Championship Series events starting on January 1, 2017 and ending with the November Championship Trial.
 - a. In the case that multiple players have the same number of Championship Points, tiebreakers are determined in the following order:
 1. Standing of highest finish at a 2017 CT, CT+, or Super CT Event.
 2. Standing of second-highest finish at a 2017 CT, CT+, or Super CT Event.
 3. In the case that the players have the same standing of highest finish and second-highest finish, continue checking standing of each subsequent finish until the tie is broken.
 - B. In the case that players cannot attend the Championship, more players will be invited using their Championship Point totals until the event contains 16 players. The method and tiebreakers for determining who will be invited is the same as described for the at-large spots.

VII. Additional Information

- A. The information in this document was last revised on March 28th, 2017.

- B. All information in this document is subject to change without warning under the sole discretion of Nerd Rage Gaming Ltd.
- C. Questions about the policies outlined in this document may be addressed to info@nerdragegaming.com