

# MICROSOFT HALOWC FFA QUALIFIER (SPECIAL EVENTS) SWEEPSTAKES OFFICIAL RULES

## 1. SPONSOR

These Official Rules (“Rules”) govern the operation of the Microsoft HaloWC FFA Qualifier (Special Events) Sweepstakes (“Sweepstakes”). Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA, 98052, USA, is the Sweepstakes sponsor (“Sponsor”).

## 2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, “Microsoft,” “we,” “our,” and “us” refer to Sponsor and “you” and “yourself” refers to a Sweepstakes participant, or the parent/legal guardian of any Sweepstakes entrant who has not reached the age of majority to contractually obligate themselves in their legal place of residence. “Event” refers to the Halo World Championship Tournament, held in Seattle, Washington on October 13, 2023. By entering you (your parent/legal guardian if you are not the age of majority in your legal place of residence) agree to be bound by these Rules.

## 3. ENTRY PERIOD

The Sweepstakes starts at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) on September 19, 2023, and ends at 11:59 p.m. PT on September 26, 2023 (“Entry Period”) and consists of two (2) separate entry pools as set forth below. Entrants with one-thousand five hundred (1,500) CSR Points or more associated with their Xbox Live account at the end of the Entry Period will be entered into a prize pool with other such entrants (the “Onyx Prize Pool”). Entrants with fewer than one-thousand five hundred (1,500) CSR points associated with their account at the end of the Entry Period will be entered into a prize pool with other such entrants (the “Standard Prize Pool”). The Onyx Prize Pool and Standard Prize Pool are collectively referred to as the “Prize Pools”.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

To enter, you must be a legal resident of any Xbox Console supported country or region (<http://www.xbox.com/en-US/regions>), and be sixteen (16) years of age or older. If you are sixteen (16) years of age or older but have not reached the age of majority in your legal place of residence, then you must have consent of a parent/legal guardian.

Employees and directors of Microsoft Corporation and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising agencies, and Sweepstakes Parties are not eligible, nor are persons involved in the execution or administration of this promotion, or the family members of each above (parents, children, siblings, spouse/domestic partners, or individuals residing in the same household). Void in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, Region of Crimea, Russia, and where otherwise prohibited by law.

## 5. HOW TO ENTER

No Purchase Necessary. To participate you must play at least ten (10) multiplayer matches in the “HaloWC FFA Qualifier” playlist on either the Xbox or PC version of Halo Infinite during the Entry Period. All participants must comply with all match rules, as well as the League Handbook available at [https://wpassets.halowaypoint.com/wp-content/2023/02/HCS\\_2023\\_Program\\_Handbook\\_v1.0-1.pdf](https://wpassets.halowaypoint.com/wp-content/2023/02/HCS_2023_Program_Handbook_v1.0-1.pdf).

For doing this you will receive one (1) Sweepstakes Entry. The entry limit is one (1) per person overall. Any attempt by you to obtain more than the stated number of entries by using multiple/different

accounts, email addresses, identities, registrations, logins, or any other methods will void your entries and you may be disqualified. Use of any automated system to participate is prohibited.

We are not responsible for excess, lost, late, or incomplete entries. If disputed, entries will be deemed submitted by the “authorized account holder” of the email address, social media account, or other method used to enter. The “authorized account holder” is the natural person assigned to an email address by an internet or online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning email addresses.

## 6. WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Pending confirmation of eligibility, potential prize winners will be selected by Microsoft or their Agent in a random drawing within seven (7) days following the Entry Period from among all eligible entries received in each Prize Pool.

Winners will be notified via the email address associated with their Xbox Live account no more than seven (7) days following the drawing with prize claim instructions, including submission deadlines. If a selected winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim a prize or fails to return any forms, the selected winner will forfeit their prize and an alternate winner will be selected time allowing. If you are a potential winner and you are sixteen (16) or older but have not reached the age of majority in your legal place of residence, we may require your parent/legal guardian to sign all required forms on your behalf. Only three (3) alternate winners will be selected, after which unclaimed prizes will remain unawarded.

## 7. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

**Two (2) Grand Prizes.** One (1) winner from each Prize Pool will receive:

A trip for winner and one (1) guest to the Event. Trip includes:

- Round trip coach airfare from major airport closest to winner’s home;
- Four (4) nights standard hotel accommodations; and
- Admission for two (2) to attend the Event;
  - If the event is cancelled for any reason, Sponsor shall have no further obligation to the winner other than to provide the travel portion of the prize minus the opportunity to attend event.
- An invitation for the winner to compete in the Event.

The Approximate Retail Value (ARV) of this trip is \$10,000.00 USD.

Travel subject to availability and must be completed on dates specified by the Sponsor or prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Some restrictions and blackout dates may apply. Any expenses not described above are the responsibility of the traveler(s) including but not limited to taxes, ground transportation, gratuities, and room charges. Winner and any guests must travel on same itinerary. If included, winner’s travel companion must execute a Liability/Publicity Release prior to issuance of travel documents. If included, travel companion must be the age of majority in their legal place of residence, or the parent/legal guardian of the winner. Winner and any guests are responsible for providing all required travel documents, including, but not limited to government issued ID, Visa, or Passport. Once made, no cancellation or change of reservation allowed. If winner lives within three hundred (300) miles of travel destination, Sponsor reserves the right to provide alternative

transportation. Actual value depends on date/time/destination, and difference between actual value and stated value will not be awarded.

The ARV of electronic prizes is subject to price fluctuations in the consumer marketplace based on, among other things, any gap in time between the date the ARV is estimated for purposes of these Official Rules and the date the prize is awarded or redeemed. We will determine the value of the prize to be the fair market value at the time of prize award.

The total Approximate Retail Value (ARV) of all prizes: **\$20,000.00 USD**.

We will only award one (1) prize per person during the Entry Period. No more than the stated number of prizes will be awarded. No substitution, transfer, or assignment of prize permitted, except that Microsoft reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. Except for applicable manufacturer's limited warranties and any rights you may have under your local laws, prizes are awarded "AS IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, express or implied (including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose); you assume the entire risk of quality and performance, and should the prizes prove defective, you assume the entire cost of all necessary servicing or repair. Microsoft's limited warranty terms can be found at <https://support.microsoft.com/warranty>, and specifically the U.S. warranty is [here](#). Prizes will be sent no later than twenty-eight (28) days after winner selection. Prize winners may be required to complete and return prize claim and/or tax forms ("Forms") within the deadline stated in the winner notification. Taxes on the prize, if any, are the sole responsibility of the winner, who is advised to seek independent counsel regarding the tax implications of accepting a prize. By accepting a prize, you agree that Microsoft may use your entry, name, image and hometown online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this Sweepstakes without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

## **8. ODDS**

The odds of winning are based on the number of eligible entries received.

## **9. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

To the extent allowed by law, by entering you agree to release and hold harmless Microsoft and its respective parents, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents from any and all liability or any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising in connection with this Sweepstakes or any prize won.

All local laws apply. The decisions of Microsoft are final and binding.

We reserve the right to cancel, change, or suspend this Sweepstakes for any reason, including cheating, technology failure, catastrophe, war, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that affects the integrity of this Sweepstakes, whether human or mechanical. If the integrity of the Sweepstakes cannot be restored, we may select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Sweepstakes.

If you attempt or we have strong reason to believe that you have compromised the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Sweepstakes by cheating, hacking, creating a bot or other automated program, or by committing fraud in any way, we may seek damages from you to the full extent of the law and you may be banned from participation in future Microsoft promotions.

## **10. PRIVACY**

Personal data you provide while entering this Sweepstakes will be used by Microsoft and/or its agents and prize fulfillers acting on Microsoft's behalf only for the administration and operation of this Sweepstakes and in accordance with the [Microsoft Privacy Statement](#).

## **11. GOVERNING LAW**

This Sweepstakes will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of Washington for any disputes arising out of this Sweepstakes.

## **12. WINNERS LIST**

Send an email to [tashi@343industries.com](mailto:tashi@343industries.com) with the subject line "HaloWC FFA Qualifier (Special Events) Sweepstakes winners" within thirty (30) days of September 26, 2023 to receive a list of winners that received a prize worth \$25.00 USD or more.