

Dreamhack Open Birmingham featuring Halo – Official Rules

ESL FACEIT Group (“EFG”) (the “Administration”) will be hosting the Dreamhack Open Birmingham featuring Halo taking place between **March 27th to March 29th** at the National Exhibition Centre – Pendigo Way, Marston Green, Birmingham B40 1NT, United Kingdom (the “Tournament” or “Event”). The Tournament will be governed by the following: (i) these official tournament rules (the “Official Rules”); (ii) the Halo Program Handbook 2026 (the “Handbook”); and (iii) the Halo Code of Conduct 2026 (the “Code of Conduct”); (iii) Microsoft’s Services Agreement; and (iv) Microsoft’s Privacy Statement. If there is an inconsistency between any of these documents, then these Official Rules shall control. Defined terms in these Official Rules shall have the meanings and definitions ascribed to them in the Halo Program Handbook 2026, unless otherwise noted herein. By participating in the Tournament, each participant agrees to abide by the Handbook, these Official Rules, the decisions of the Administration (which shall be final and binding in all respects) and to be contacted by the Administration or their agents by email, mail and/or telephone regarding the Tournament. The current versions of Microsoft’s Services Agreement and Privacy Statement are available at:

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THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE, UPDATE AND MODIFY THESE OFFICIAL RULES AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON. CHANGES TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU OR POSTED ON THE EVENT BEFORE THE EVENT IN WHICH THE CHANGED RULES WILL APPLY. RULINGS MAY BE MADE OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE FAIR PLAY AND TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY. PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT CONSTITUTES YOUR FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL AGREEMENT TO THE HANDBOOK, CODE OF CONDUCT, THE ADMINISTRATION’S TERMS OF SERVICE, THE ADMINISTRATION’S PRIVACY POLICY, THESE OFFICIAL RULES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION’S DECISIONS, WHICH ARE FINAL AND BINDING IN ALL MATTERS AND IN ALL RESPECTS. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DECIDE ANY MATTERS NOT HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR AND SUCH DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING ON PARTICIPANTS. WINNING A PRIZE IS CONTINGENT UPON FULFILLING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE HANDBOOK AND THESE OFFICIAL RULES.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Eligibility for the Tournament is as set forth in the Handbook.
- 1.2. Key terms from the Handbook used in these Official Rules that will retain the definitions prescribed to them in Section II of the Handbook include but are not limited to Participant, Player, Coach, Team, Game, and Match.

2. Registration Information

- 2.1. The Tournament begins on March 27th, at approximately 12:30 PM GMT. The tournament will take place at the National Exhibition Centre – Pendigo Way, Marston Green, Birmingham B40 1NT, United Kingdom.
- 2.2. Information about the venue and check-in times will be conveyed to each Player before the start date.
- 2.3. Participants must purchase a team pass through Dreamhack in order to participate in the Tournament. A limited quantity of team passes for the Tournament are available for purchase until 11:00 GMT on Monday, March 23rd for 299.00 USD.
- 2.4. In order to purchase a team pass, Players must affirmatively accept the Handbook, these Official Rules, and any other applicable eligibility agreements as prescribed in the Handbook or these Official Rules. Participation in any competitive aspect of the Tournament signifies acceptance of the Official Rules.
- 2.5. Coaches must register with their team, but Coaches do not pay any entry fees and are not eligible to win any prizes.
- 2.6. Online registration for the Tournament will open at 19:00 GMT on February 2nd.

- 2.7. All team pass sales are considered final. Refunds may be granted only at the discretion of the Administration. Transfers of a team pass to another person or another event is not permitted. Limit one registration/entry per person. No other methods of entry will be accepted.
- 2.8. All Players must submit their rosters to complete their registration via a Google Form that will be sent to the team pass owner.
- 2.9. Any Team earning Administration sponsored travel coverage to Dreamhack Open Birmingham featuring Halo via placement at the Dreamhack Open Birmingham Qualifier will be required to use the same roster that was used to earn placement at the Dreamhack Open Birmingham Qualifier. Should a Team break this roster requirement, the Team will still be eligible to participate in this Tournament but will be ineligible for Administration sponsored travel coverage and will lose their seed. These roster declarations must occur by the travel coverage roster lock deadline of March 1st.
- 2.10. In the event of a travel coverage slot obtained from the Dreamhack Open Birmingham Qualifier placement being revoked due to inability to field the roster requirements as listed above, the following modifications to competition will occur:
 - 2.10.1. The team losing their seed may participate in the Open Bracket.
 - 2.10.2. The next highest placing Team in the Dreamhack Open Birmingham Qualifier will inherit the forfeited seed.
 - 2.10.2.1. Tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points
- 2.11. Roster lock is at Monday, March 23rd, 11:00 GMT
- 2.12. Roster questions and requests regarding team passes must be emailed to Dreamhack_Halo@efg.gg by 11:00 GMT on Monday, March 23rd
- 2.13. Roster substitutions that occur after the applicable Roster Lock ("Emergency Substitutions") may be granted by Administration, in their sole discretion.

3. General

- 3.1. Any violation of the rules set forth in the Handbook, Code of Conduct, or in these Official Rules, including, without limitation, any form of cheating, may result in a forfeit of the Game/Match and/or disqualification from the Tournament.
- 3.2. Participants must comply with the reasonable requests of Administration staff (the "Referee" or "Tournament Official"). Failure to comply with instructions given by Tournament Officials may result in a forfeit of the Game/Match and/or disqualification from the Tournament.
- 3.3. The physical competition area designated for an individual match of tournament play is defined as the competition station (the "Station"). These Stations include (a) the Featured Station (primary broadcast stage that may be on elevated platforms for marquee matches) and (b) Bracket Stations (Stations primarily used for OB, ST & FFA competition competition).
- 3.4. Players/Teams that are disqualified prior to the start of a Game will not be allowed to play in the Game. Players/Teams that are disqualified during a Game must quit out of the Game. Players/Teams that are disqualified from the Tournament won't receive any benefits (Prize, Pro Points, etc.) for their ranking in the Tournament. Such Players/Teams may also be subject to a temporary ban from future tournament(s).
- 3.5. All Player and Coach apparel must be approved by the Administration. The Administration reserves the right to require the removal of unapproved apparel as well as the right to disqualify a Player or Team for wearing unapproved apparel.
- 3.6. A Match's Scheduled Start Time is the official start time for a Match, and will be communicated by Administration through visual displays, audio announcements, and/or directly to players by Tournament Official(s). Scheduled Start Times are subject to change, and Administration's communication of a new Scheduled Start Time will replace any previously communicated Scheduled Start Time(s).
- 3.7. Teams must have all four (4) Player's present (within the immediate physical proximity of their assigned Station) to start a Game. A Team will forfeit Game 1 if all four Players are not present by five (5) minutes (the "Grace Period") after a matches scheduled start time. If a Team forfeits Game 1, they will Forfeit the Match if all four

- players are not present within 15 minutes after the Match's Scheduled Start Time. Teams that played a previous Game(s) in a Match will Forfeit a Game 2, 3, etc. if all four Players are not present by five minutes after the conclusion of the previous Game. If a Match hasn't begun by 15 minutes after the Scheduled Start Time and neither Team has all four Players present, the Match win may be awarded to the higher seeded Team.
- 3.8. If their Match has not been completed, Players may ask their Referee for permission to leave their Station. Referees may set a time limit by the end of which the Player must return to their Station, or they may deny the Player's request. Teams may forfeit a Game(s) if a Player(s) hasn't returned by the end of their Referee's set time limit. Teams may forfeit a Game(s) if a Player(s) leaves their Station without their Referee's permission or is otherwise unable to play.
 - 3.9. Teams may ask their Tournament Official for an extended break between Matches. The Tournament Official may set a time limit by the end of which the Team must report to their upcoming Match's Station, or they may also deny the Team's request. Teams may forfeit a Game(s) if they haven't reported to their upcoming Match's Station by the end of their Tournament Official's set time limit.
 - 3.10. Coaches may speak with their Players during and between Games. Coaches are permitted inside the competition area during competitive play. Coaches will be permitted to use a personally provided headset for the use of live communication with their Players via an Administration provided audio solution.
 - 3.11. In order to dispute Game results, Players/Teams must notify their Referee that they would like to protest the Game before a new Game has begun. In order to dispute Match results, Players/Teams must notify their Referee that they would like to protest the Match within five (5) minutes of the completion of the Match. The Administration reserves the right to deny the dispute or otherwise decide in the best interest of the Tournament.
 - 3.12. Teams may request that they be allowed to concede an Administration awarded victory of a Game. Teams may request that their opponent not receive a forfeit penalty, or a penalty associated with receiving a Technical Foul.
 - 3.13. Language used in Team communication will be governed by the Code of Conduct.
 - 3.14. Players/Teams are expected to put forth their best effort in all Games. The Administration reserves the right to forfeit Games/Matches and/or remove Players/Teams from the Tournament should this rule be violated.
 - 3.15. Players and Coaches are expected to treat all members of the Administration with respect. Failure to abide by this stipulation may result in disciplinary action.

4. Equipment

- 4.1. Players must provide their own input device (controller or keyboard & mouse), USB cable, headset, and earbuds. Players are responsible for ensuring the proper function of this equipment. Games will not be paused or ended in order to resolve an issue with a Player's equipment or any audio malfunction. Players may bring backup equipment to use in the situation where malfunctions may occur.
- 4.2. Players must use the console, monitor, and network equipment provided by the Administration. The Xbox Series X will be used as the official consoles for the Tournament (the "Console"). Players competing on the main stage must use the headset provided by the Administration. If a Player finds that an issue has occurred with any of the Administration provided equipment, they should notify a Tournament Official immediately. If the Tournament Official can confirm that an issue has occurred, they will determine next steps, which may include a Game restart, Game win being awarded to a Team, continuation of play without action, or other action as deemed by the Tournament Official.
- 4.3. Players are permitted to use either a controller and/or a keyboard and mouse provided that their chosen input device is compatible with the Console and works natively and seamlessly with the Console without the use of external adapters or power supplies.
- 4.4. Players choosing to use a mouse & keyboard input device may be subject to additional stipulations should they advance to Pool Play or the Championship Bracket as prescribed in Section XIII of the Handbook.
- 4.5. If a Game malfunction occurs and the cause can't immediately be identified, a Tournament Official may call for the Game to be ended in order to investigate further.
- 4.6. All Player equipment is subject to approval. The Administration reserves the right to deny the use of anything suspected of providing an unfair competitive advantage.

- 4.7. Players may not use an input device with “turbo” or a button macro feature. A turbo feature allows Players to press a button that results in performing a set of actions that would normally require the Player to press the same button multiple times. A button macro feature allows Players to press a button that results in performing a set of actions that would normally require the Player to press multiple buttons.
 - 4.7.1. Additionally, the following controllers are banned from competition use:
 - 4.7.1.1. All FlyDigi controllers
 - 4.7.1.2. Any controller that has programmable macro buttons that can be utilized without the presence of third-party software
 - 4.7.1.3. Any other controller deemed ineligible based on Administrative discretion
- 4.8. Players may not use an input device that has been modified in such a way that it alters their abilities and/or in game mechanics in such a way that the modification offers an unfair competitive advantage at the determination of the Administration. Players are permitted to make cosmetic changes to their input device
- 4.9. Players may not compete with batteries in their input device. Players must maintain a wired connection with their Console.
- 4.10. Player-provided Headsets must utilize a standard 3.5mm stereo headset jack. Players may not use a wireless headset or a headset that requires an outlet for power.
- 4.11. Coaches can wear earbuds or a headset to connect to their team audio on all Stations.
- 4.12.
- 4.13. Teams found to be in violation of any of these equipment rules may be subject to warnings or penalties in accordance with these Official Rules.

5. Gameplay

- 5.1. Players competing in Side tournaments & FFA will use an Administration provided profile for all Matches.
- 5.2. Players competing on the Feature Station will use their personal Xbox Live Gamertag.
- 5.3. Players will have five (5) minutes before the start of a Match and one minute in between each Game to adjust personal preferences and game settings, and ensure their headset is functioning properly. Five-minute time limits will begin at the Match’s Scheduled Start Time. One-minute time limits will begin at the conclusion of the preceding Game.
- 5.4. No warm-up or practice Games are permitted once the Match’s first Game has begun.
- 5.5. Players and Coaches may not look at an opposing Player’s monitor or projected screen during a Game.
- 5.6. Players and Coaches may not intentionally manipulate a teammate’s input device(s) during a Game. This includes but is not limited to a button, trigger, bumper, D-Pad, joystick, mouse, buttons on a keyboard, etc. Coaches may not touch a teammate’s input device during a Game.
- 5.7. Players may not move their character outside of the normal boundaries of a map. Moving outside of the normal boundaries of a map includes but is not limited to part of the character’s body passing through what should be a non-permeable surface or object or moving into any area from which your character registers shots on an opponent who is not able to register shots on your character. Areas of the map on a “kill timer” (or an area in which the game gives the Player a limited amount of time to return to standard boundaries before auto elimination) are permitted for Player use.
- 5.8. Violation of rules found in this section may result in Game or Match forfeiture at the discretion of the Administration.
- 5.9. If a Game/Match is started without the approval of a Tournament Official, it may be restarted from the beginning.
- 5.10. If a Player, Tournament Official, or game observer fails to load into a Game/Match or loses their connection to the Game during or prior to the start of the Game/Match, the Game/Match may be restarted from the beginning.
- 5.11. If a Tournament Official or game observer disconnects from a Game after the Game/Match has begun, but all Players remain in the Game, the Game will continue.
- 5.12. Players are not permitted to voluntarily disconnect from a Game before it has ended without explicit permission from a Tournament Official. Voluntarily disconnecting from a Game without permission may result in

penalties, including forfeit of the Game. Players who are involuntarily disconnected from a Game will be allowed to rejoin the Game.

- 5.13. Players who end a Game without a Tournament Official's permission may forfeit the Game/Match. If a Player disconnects after the Game/Match has begun, ending the Game without a Tournament Official's permission will result in a forfeit of the Game/Match.

6. Spectator Guidelines

- 6.1. A Spectator is defined as anyone who is not currently competing in a Match. Therefore, Players and Coaches shall be considered Spectators when they are not competing in a Match. The start of a Match is marked by all Players seated at the Station prior to the start of the first Game and the end of a Match is marked by a Team winning a sufficient number of Games to be determined as the winner.
- 6.2. Spectators may not stand within two feet of a seated Player.
- 6.3. Spectators may not taunt, "trash talk", or disparage Teams that are competing in a Match.
- 6.4. Spectators may not touch a Player.
- 6.5. Spectators may not interfere with a Referee's ability to preside over a Match.
- 6.6. Spectators may not touch or get on a Main Stage, Feature Station, or inside the ropes of a Station in the Side tournament & FFA area.
- 6.7. Spectators may not attempt to coach or directly communicate with a Player/Team.
- 6.8. Spectators must heed all warnings and follow all instructions given by Administration staff.
- 6.9. Spectators may be made to move, made to leave an area, or removed from the venue, at any time, for any reason.

7. Main Competition Tournament Overview

7.1. Main Competition (4v4)

- 7.1.1. The Main Competition is defined as the 4v4 elements of the Tournament including the Open Bracket, Pool Play, and the Championship Bracket.

7.2. Open Bracket

7.2.1. Format

- 7.2.1.1. The Open Bracket will allow for up to thirty-two (32) Teams.
- 7.2.1.2. The Open Bracket will be Double Elimination. After losing a Match in the Winners Bracket, Teams will enter the Elimination Bracket. A Match loss in the Elimination Bracket will result in elimination from the Tournament.
- 7.2.1.3. All rounds in the Open Bracket will be Best of 3 with the exception of Matches that result in qualification of Teams into the Championship Bracket. Those Matches will be Best of 5. Administration may choose to expand Best of 5 matches at their discretion and with time permitting.
- 7.2.1.4. Four (4) Teams that win their Match in Winner's Round 3 will advance to Pool Play as seeds 1-4, tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points.
- 7.2.1.5. Four (4) Teams that win their Match in Loser's Round 4 will advance to Pool Play as seeds 5-8, tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points.
- 7.2.1.6. Four (4) Teams that lose their Match in Loser's Round 4 will be placed into the Last Chance Qualifier ("LCQ").

7.2.2. Seeding

- 7.2.2.1. The first through fourth seeds will be hard locked and populated by four Teams qualified via the Dreamhack Birmingham Open Qualifier. These Teams will be ordered by the following method:
 - 7.2.2.1.1. First seed: First place Team from the Dreamhack Birmingham Open Qualifier.
 - 7.2.2.1.2. Second seed: Second place Team from the Dreamhack Birmingham Open Qualifier.
 - 7.2.2.1.3. Third seed: Third place Team from the Dreamhack Birmingham Open Qualifier.

- 7.2.2.1.4. Fourth seed: Fourth place Team from the Dreamhack Birmingham Open Qualifier.
- 7.2.2.1.5. Registered Teams will be seeded for the Open Bracket by their aggregate 2026 Halo 4v4 Points.
- 7.2.2.1.6. Team with zero (0) 2026 Halo 4v4 Points will be seeded randomly and after any Team that has 2026 Halo 4v4 Points.
- 7.2.2.1.7. Teams that are completed after the Open Bracket is seeded will be seeded last, regardless of their 2026 Halo 4v4 Points.
- 7.2.2.1.8. In the event an Emergency Substitution is approved by Administration after the applicable Roster Lock date, added Players points will not contribute to the Team Points.

7.3. Last Chance Qualifier

7.3.1. Format

- 7.3.1.1. The Last Chance Qualifier will have the four (4) Teams that lose in Losers Round 4 (9th-12th place in the Open Bracket).
- 7.3.1.2. All LCQ Matches will be single Elimination
- 7.3.1.3. All Matches will be Best of 5
- 7.3.1.4. Matches will occur on Saturday, March 28th, 2026.
- 7.3.1.5. A single match will be played between four (4) qualified teams
 - 7.3.1.5.1. LCQ Team #1 will play LCQ Team #4
 - 7.3.1.5.2. LCQ Team #2 will play LCQ Team #3

7.3.2. Seeding

- 7.3.2.1. Seeding in the LCQ will be determined by the Teams' original seeds in the Open Bracket.

7.3.2.2. Pool Play

7.3.3. Format

- 7.3.3.1. Pool Play will have two (2) Pools of five (5) Teams.
- 7.3.3.2. All Matches will be Best of 5.
- 7.3.3.3. Teams will play one Match against each of the other Teams in their Pool.
- 7.3.3.4. Teams finishing their Pool in 1st will be placed in the Championship Winners Bracket Round 1.
- 7.3.3.5. Teams finishing their Pool in 2nd place will be placed in Championship Winners Bracket Round 1.
- 7.3.3.6. Teams finishing their Pool in 3rd place will be placed in Championship Winners Bracket Round 1.
- 7.3.3.7. Teams finishing their Pool in 4th place will be placed in Championship Winners Bracket Round 1.
- 7.3.3.8. Teams finishing their Pool in 5th place will be eliminated from the Tournament.

7.3.4. Seeding

- 7.3.4.1. Pools will consist of:
 - 7.3.4.1.1. Eight (8) Teams qualified via placement in the Dreamhack Open Birmingham featuring Halo Open Bracket.
 - 7.3.4.1.2.
 - 7.3.4.1.3. Two (2) Teams qualified via placement in the Last Chance Qualifier held at the Dreamhack Open Birmingham featuring Halo.
 - 7.3.4.1.4. The Teams outlined above will be entered into Pool Play in accordance with the following prescriptions:
 - 7.3.4.1.5. The top eight (8) Teams qualified via placement in the Dreamhack Open Birmingham Open Bracket will be Snake Seeded into Pools A and B.

7.3.4.1.5.1. The four (4) Teams that qualify through the Winners Bracket will be tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points, and Snake Seeded 1-4 via the following method:

- 7.3.4.1.5.1.1. 1st Seed: Pool A
- 7.3.4.1.5.1.2. 2nd Seed: Pool B
- 7.3.4.1.5.1.3. 3rd Seed: Pool B
- 7.3.4.1.5.1.4. 4th Seed: Pool A

7.3.4.1.5.2. The four (4) Teams that qualify through the Losers Bracket will be tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points, and Snake Seeded 5-8 via the following method:

- 7.3.4.1.5.2.1. 5th Seed: Pool A
- 7.3.4.1.5.2.2. 6th Seed: Pool B
- 7.3.4.1.5.2.3. 7th Seed: Pool B
- 7.3.4.1.5.2.4. 8th Seed: Pool A

7.3.4.1.5.3. The two (2) Teams that qualify via the Last Chance Qualifier will be tiebroken by 2026 Halo Points, and Snake Seeded 9-10 via the following method:

- 7.3.4.1.5.3.1. 9th Seed: Pool A
- 7.3.4.1.5.3.2. 10th Seed: Pool B

A Pool Play Team's Seed is used to govern Side Choices during Tournament Matches

7.3.4.2. Rankings & Tiebreakers

7.3.4.2.1. Pool Play Ranking (1st - 5th) will be determined using each Team's record of Matches won and lost ("Match Record").

7.3.4.2.2. If two or more teams have the same Match Record (Tied Teams), Ranking will be determined by Head-to-Head Match Winning Percentage (Pool Play Matches Won vs. Tied Teams / Pool Play Matches Played vs. Tied Teams)

7.3.4.2.3. If two or more teams have the same Head-to-Head Match Winning Percentage, Ranking will be determined by Head-to-Head Game Winning Percentage (Pool Play Games Won vs. Tied Teams / Pool Play Games Played vs. Tied Teams).

7.3.4.2.4. If two or more teams have the same Head-to-Head Game Winning Percentage, Ranking will be determined by Overall Game Winning Percentage (Pool Play Games Won / Pool Play Games Played).

7.3.4.2.5. The higher number will win all the aforementioned tiebreakers.

7.3.4.2.6. If the aforementioned Tiebreakers can't break a tie between 1st or 2nd place, the tie will be broken by Pool Play Seed with the higher seed winning the Tiebreaker. The highest seed is 1.

7.3.4.2.7. If the aforementioned Tiebreakers can't break a tie for 3rd or 4th place, the tied Teams will be scheduled to play a Best of 1 Game Round Robin tiebreaker. The Tiebreaker Game Mode will be Team Slayer. Map will be chosen at random and side choice will be given to the higher seed. After each Team has played all other tied Teams on the Tiebreaker Map, their records of Games Won and Games Lost will be used to break the tie. If there is still a tie that can't be broken by the aforementioned tiebreakers, an additional Best of 1 Game Round Robin Tiebreaker(s) will be played until the tie can be broken.

7.3.4.2.8. If there is a tie involving more than two teams and a Tiebreaker resolves the tie for a Team(s), but leaves at least two Teams tied, the tie(s) that remains will be broken by starting over with the Head-to-Head Match Winning Percentage Tiebreaker.

7.4. Championship Bracket

7.4.1. Format

7.4.1.1. Championship Bracket will be a Double Elimination style bracket.

7.4.1.1.1. All Matches will be Best of 5 with the exception of both matches (if applicable) in the Grand Finals which will be Best of 7.

7.4.1.1.1.1. The 1st placed Teams in each Pool will be placed in the Championship Winner's Bracket Round 1

7.4.1.2. The 2nd place Team in each Pool will be placed in the Championship Winner's Bracket Round 1

7.4.1.3. The 3rd place Team in each Pool will be placed in the Championship Winner's Bracket Round 1

7.4.1.4. The 4th placed Team in each Pool will be placed in the Championship Winner's Bracket.

7.4.1.5. The 5th placed Team in each Pool will be eliminated from the Tournament.

7.4.1.6. After Losing a Match in the Championship Winners Bracket, Teams will enter the Championship Elimination Bracket. A Match loss in the Championship Elimination Bracket will result in elimination from the Tournament.

7.4.1.7. When one Team remains in both the Championship Winners Bracket and the Championship Elimination Bracket those Teams will compete against each other in the Grand Final.

7.4.1.8. The Grand Final will begin with an initial Match. If the Winners Bracket Team wins the initial match, they will win the Tournament.

7.4.1.9. If the Elimination Bracket Team wins the initial match of the Grand Final, a second match must be played. The winner of the second match will win the Tournament.

7.4.1.10. Seeding

7.4.1.11. Pool Play Teams will keep their Pool Play Seed in the Championship Bracket, including both matches (if applicable) of the Grand Finals

7.5. Free For All

7.5.1. Format

7.5.1.1. The Free for All Tournament (the "FFA Tournament" or "FFA")

7.5.1.2. All heats in the FFA Tournament will be best of one (1).

7.5.1.3. Aquarius is the only FFA Map

7.5.1.4. Players will be seeded using 2025 Halo FFA Points

7.5.1.5. A single "heat" or game lobby consists of eight (8) players. Some heats at the beginning of the tournament may have less than eight players. The goal of the Administration is to get teams to eight players as soon as possible.

7.5.1.6. FFA Format will follow a traditional FFA Heat system in which the Top four players from each Match will advance to the following round.

7.5.1.7. Scoring Criteria

7.5.1.8. At the end of each Match, The Players placement will be determined by the number of points scored (Points scored = number of kills – number of suicides).

7.5.1.9. If there is a tie in points scored, the following waterfall will be used to break ties:

7.5.1.9.1. Number of Deaths (lowest to highest)

7.5.1.9.2. Total Damage Dealt (highest to lowest)

7.5.1.9.3. Number of Assists (highest to lowest)

7.5.1.9.4. Damage Taken (lowest to highest)

7.5.1.9.5. In the event none of the above criteria is able to break a tie, Administration reserves the right to select a new criterion, or randomly break the tie.

7.6. Side Tournament Overview

7.6.1. Format

7.6.1.1. Halo 3 2v2

7.6.1.1.1. This competition will be conducted on the Master Chief Collection - Halo 3.

7.6.1.1.2. This competition will be conducted with sign-ups prior to the tournament.

7.6.1.1.3. A maximum of sixteen (16) Teams will be filled on a first come first served basis and at the discretion of the Administration. All Matches will be best of three, with the Finals being best of five.

7.6.1.1.4. The Administration will only admit Teams (i.e. two Players queueing together). The Administration cannot assist in locating potential teammates.

7.6.1.1.5. Game one host will be determined by coinflip. The Administration will select a representative from one Team to select the first coin side choice. The winner of the coinflip will have host for Game 1. Each subsequent Game loser will choose between having host or not.

7.6.1.1.6. Specific maps played within each Match are determined by the Administration.

7.6.1.1.7. The winning Team of the competition will be awarded a prize based on the distribution listed in Section 7.6.1.4.

7.6.1.2. Halo 5 2v2

7.6.1.2.1. This competition will be conducted on Halo 5: Guardians.

7.6.1.2.2. This competition will be conducted with sign-ups prior to the tournament.

7.6.1.2.3. A maximum of eight (8) Teams will be filled on a first come first served basis and at the discretion of the Administration. All Matches will be best of three, with the Finals being best of five.

7.6.1.2.4. All Matches will be best of three.

7.6.1.2.5. The Administration will only admit Teams (i.e. two Players queueing together). The Administration will not assist in locating potential teammates.

7.6.1.2.6. Game one host will be determined by coinflip. The Administration will select a representative from one Team to select the first coin side choice. The winner of the coinflip will have host for Game 1. Each subsequent Game loser will choose between having host or not.

7.6.1.2.7. Specific maps played within each Match are determined by the Administration.

7.6.1.2.8. winning Team of the competition will be awarded a prize based on the distribution listed in Section 7.6.1.4.

7.6.1.3. Halo Infinite 2v2

7.6.1.3.1. This competition will be conducted on Halo Infinite.

7.6.1.3.2. This competition will be conducted with sign-ups prior to the tournament.

7.6.1.3.3. A maximum of thirty two (32) Teams will be filled on a first come first served basis and at the discretion of the Administration. All Matches will be best of three, with the Finals being best of five.

7.6.1.3.4. This competition will be single elimination. Losing a Match will result in elimination from the competition.

7.6.1.3.5. All Matches will be best of three and will be played on the Slayer game mode.

7.6.1.3.6. Vacancy, Live Fire, Origin, Recharge, Solitude, and Streets will be the only available maps. Specific maps played within each Match are determined by the Administration.

- 7.6.1.3.7. Registered Teams will be randomly seeded for this competition.
- 7.6.1.3.8. The winning Team of the competition will be awarded a prize based on the distribution listed in Section 7.6.1.4.

7.6.1.4. Side Tournament Prizing

- 7.6.1.4.1. For more information on side tournament prizing, please visit <https://www.halowaypoint.com/news/halowc2025>

8. Map Pool

- 8.1. All 4v4 Games will be played using the in-game “Ranked” settings. These settings are detailed as the Tournament Settings in Section 12 of these Official Rules.
- 8.2. **4v4 Maps and Game Mode Combinations** (*round-by-round schedule of map and game modes will be provided prior to Tournament start*)

Slayer	CTF	King of the Hill	Oddball	Strongholds
Vacancy - Ranked	Aquarius - Ranked	Live Fire - Ranked	Live Fire - Ranked	Live Fire - Ranked
Live Fire - Ranked	Empyrean - Ranked	Vacancy - Ranked	Recharge - Ranked	Recharge - Ranked
Recharge - Ranked	Origin - Ranked	Lattice - Ranked	Lattice - Ranked	
Solitude - Ranked				
Streets - Ranked				
Origin - Ranked				

***This map pool may be subject to change prior to the Event.**

9. Prizing Information

9.1. Cash Prizes

*Please see the Handbook for prize distribution details. Additionally, some prizing information can be found on the event splash page).

- 9.2. HCS 4v4 Point Awards (Points below reflect the amount of HCS 4v4 Points awarded to each player according to their Team’s placement)
 - 9.2.1. 1st: 25,000
 - 9.2.2. 2nd: 15,000
 - 9.2.3. 3rd: 11,000
 - 9.2.4. 4th: 9,000
 - 9.2.5. 5th – 6th: 8,000
 - 9.2.6. 7th – 8th: 7,000
 - 9.2.7. 9th – 10th: 5,500
 - 9.2.8. 11th – 12th: 5,000

9.2.9. 13th – 16th: 4,500

9.2.10. 17th – 18th: 3,600

9.2.11. 19th – 20th: 3,300

9.2.12. 21st – 24th: 2,700

10. Common Infractions

- 10.1. This section describes common infractions that are prohibited during the Tournament. The Administration reserves the right to act on the infractions listed in this section and in these Official Rules as a whole, in addition to the stipulations laid forth in the Handbook and the official Code of Conduct. Participants found to be in violation of these rules, or any rule laid forth in these Official Rules may be subject to penalties as prescribed in section 11 of these Official Rules.
- 10.2. Participants may not intentionally eject a disc from a console, use an unapproved memory card or USB flash drive, unplug anything from a monitor, console, or audio equipment, or touch power units without a Tournament Official's permission.
- 10.3. Participants may not move any Administration provided equipment without a Tournament Official's permission.
- 10.4. Participants may not adjust monitor settings, other than volume, without a Tournament Official's permission.
- 10.5. Players may not communicate with a Spectator, or a Player other than a teammate or an opponent(s) during Tournament play.
- 10.6. Participants may not use vulgar language in excess. The Administration reserves the right to determine what is considered excessive vulgar language.
- 10.7. Coaches may not taunt an opposing Player or Coach. Taunting of an opposing Player or Coach is defined as derogatory language or gestures, aimed at an opponent, which is audible and/or visible to the opponent.
- 10.8. Participants may not use a match's designated Station for warm-up games during, or prior to the start of, a Match without a Tournament Official's permission.
- 10.9. Participants may not stand on chairs, tables, or other Administration provided equipment.
- 10.10. Participants may not verbally abuse a Tournament Official. Verbal abuse of a Tournament Official includes, but is not limited to, the use of vulgar language directed at a Tournament Official, the use of insulting words or gestures directed at a Tournament Official, and excessive argument with a Tournament Official that results in a delay of a Match. The Administration reserves the right to determine what is considered excessive vulgar language.
- 10.11. Participants may not direct vulgar language towards Player, Coach, or Spectator. The Administration reserves the right to determine what is considered direct vulgar language.
- 10.12. Participants may not incite Spectators into taunting a Player, Coach, or Spectator.
- 10.13. Participants may not engage in unsportsmanlike physical contact.
- 10.14. Participants may not throw anything in the direction of an opponent.
- 10.15. Participants may not throw anything into the audience that could cause injury.

11. Penalties

- 11.1. The Administration reserves the right to consider or enforce penalties on a case-by-case basis. The Administration will consider the totality of the infraction, including the severity, circumstances, history, consequences/impact, or other relevant factor of the infraction in order to decide or enforce a penalty in the best interest of the integrity of the Tournament.
- 11.2. The Administration reserves the right to enforce any of the following penalties against Participants found to be in violation of any rules or stipulations set forth in these Official Rules, the Handbook, or the official code of conduct:
 - 11.2.1. Forfeiture of Game
 - 11.2.2. Forfeiture of Match

- 11.2.3. Removal of Participant from Tournament (Disqualification)
- 11.2.4. Forfeiture of prizing
- 11.2.5. Forfeiture of Halo Points
- 11.2.6. Partial or full removal of Halo Points
- 11.2.7. Partial or full removal of travel coverage
- 11.2.8. Enforcement of a fine
- 11.2.9. A ban from participation in the Halo program
- 11.2.10. Temporary or permanent suspension from: Xbox Live, Halo game platforms and services, and/or participation in a HCS, Halo, and/or Microsoft online or live tournament or event
- 11.2.11. Pursue prosecution with the law or authoritative bodies for any illegal activities.

12. 4v4 Tournament Settings

12.1. SANDBOX

12.1.1. LOADOUT

- 12.1.1.1. PRIMARY WEAPON: BANDIT EVO
- 12.1.1.2. PRIMARY WEAPON AMMO: Default
- 12.1.1.3. SECONDARY WEAPON: None
- 12.1.1.4. SECONDARY WEAPON AMMO: Default
- 12.1.1.5. FRAG GRENADES: 2
- 12.1.1.6. PLASMA GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.1.7. DYNAMO GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.1.8. SPIKE GRENADES: 0

12.1.2. WEAPONS

- 12.1.2.1. WEAPON RACKS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 12.1.2.2. POWER WEAPON PADS: On
- 12.1.2.3. WEAPON PICKUP: On
- 12.1.2.4. WEAPON DROPPING: On
- 12.1.2.5. WEAPON DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 12.1.2.6. INFINITE AMMO: Off
- 12.1.2.7. BOTTOMLESS CLIP: Off
- 12.1.2.8. TACTICAL RELOAD TIME SCALER: Default
- 12.1.2.9. EMPTY RELOAD TIME SCALER: Default

12.1.3. GRENADES

- 12.1.3.1. MAX FRAG GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.3.2. MAX PLASMA GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.3.3. MAX DYNAMO GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.3.4. MAX SPIKE GRENADES: 0
- 12.1.3.5. GRENADE PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 12.1.3.6. GRENADE PICKUP: On
- 12.1.3.7. GRENADE DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 12.1.3.8. GRENADE THROW TIME SCALER: Default
- 12.1.3.9. GRENADE DETONATION RADIUS SCALE: Default
- 12.1.3.10. GRENADE IMPULSE SCALER: Default

12.1.4. MELEE

- 12.1.4.1. MELEE DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 12.1.4.2. MELEE IMPULSE SCALER: Default

12.1.5. EQUIPMENT

- 12.1.5.1. EQUIPMENT PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 12.1.5.2. POWER EQUIPMENT PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 12.1.5.3. EQUIPMENT PICKUP: On
- 12.1.5.4. ACTIVE CAMO INTENSITY SCALER: Off
- 12.1.5.5. HOLDING OBJECTIVE DISABLES EQUIPMENT: On

12.1.6. CLEANUP

- 12.1.6.1. WEAPON CLEANUP TIMER: Off
- 12.1.6.2. VEHICLE CLEANUP TIME: Off

12.1.7. HUD

- 12.1.7.1. SHIELDS & HEALTH
- 12.1.7.2. SHIELDS & HEALTH BAR HUD: On
- 12.1.7.3. SHIELDS & HEALTH BAR EFFECTS: On
- 12.1.7.4. HUD DAMAGE INDICATORS: On

12.1.8. MOTION TRACKER

- 12.1.8.1. MOTION TRACKER: Off
- 12.1.8.2. SMART-LINK MOTION TRACKER: Off
- 12.1.8.3. MOTION TRACKER INNER-RING SCALER: Default
- 12.1.8.4. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (FAST-MOVEMENT): On
- 12.1.8.5. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (SPRINT): On
- 12.1.8.6. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (CLAMBER): On
- 12.1.8.7. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (SHOOTING): On
- 12.1.8.8. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (MELEE): Off

12.1.9. HEALTH & DAMAGE

- 12.1.9.1. DAMAGE
- 12.1.9.2. DAMAGE RESISTANCE RATIO: Default
- 12.1.9.3. HEADSHOT BONUS DAMAGE PROTECTION: Off
- 12.1.9.4. DEATHLESS: Off

12.1.10. TEAM

- 12.1.10.1. TEAM DAMAGE RESISTANCE: On
- 12.1.10.2. TEAM DAMAGE RESISTANCE RATIO: 100%

12.1.11. SHIELDS

- 12.1.11.1. MAX SHIELD SCALER: Default
- 12.1.11.2. SHIELD RECHARGE TIME SCALER: Default
- 12.1.11.3. SHIELD RECHARGE DELAY SCALER: Default
- 12.1.11.4. SHIELD VAMPIRISM RATIO: 0%

12.1.12. HEALTH

- 12.1.12.1. MAX HEALTH SCALER: Default
- 12.1.12.2. HEALTH RECHARGE TIME SCALER: Default
- 12.1.12.3. HEALTH RECHARGE DELAY SCALER: Default
- 12.1.12.4. HEALTH RECHARGE VAMPIRISM RATIO: 0%

12.1.13. MOVEMENT

- 12.1.13.1. BASE MOVEMENT

- 12.1.13.2. MOVEMENT SPEED SCALER: Default
- 12.1.13.3. GRAVITY SCALER: Default
- 12.1.13.4. FORWARD/BACK SPEED SCALER: Default
- 12.1.13.5. FORWARD/BACK ACCELERATION SCALER: Default
- 12.1.13.6. STRAFE SPEED SCALER: Default
- 12.1.13.7. STRAFE ACCELERATION SCALER: Default

12.1.14. SPRINT

- 12.1.14.1. SPRINTING: On
- 12.1.14.2. SPRINT SPEED SCALER: Default
- 12.1.14.3. TIME TO SPRINT SCALER: Default
- 12.1.14.4. SLIDE SPEED SCALER: Default
- 12.1.14.5. SLIDE DISTANCE SCALER: Default
- 12.1.14.6. RELOAD WHILE SPRINTING: Off
- 12.1.14.7. SPRINT RESETS SHIELD RECHARGE DELAY: On
- 12.1.14.8. DAMAGE INTERRUPTS SPRINT: On

12.1.15. JUMP

- 12.1.15.1. JUMP HEIGHT SCALER: Default

12.1.16. CLAMBER

- 12.1.16.1. CLAMBERING: On
- 12.1.16.2. CLAMBER SPEED SCALER: Default

12.2. Team Slayer Settings

12.2.1. ROUND

- 12.2.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: 50
- 12.2.1.2. TIME LIMIT: 12 min
- 12.2.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 1
- 12.2.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: Off
- 12.2.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

12.2.2. EXTENSIONS

- 12.2.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 12.2.2.2. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 3 min

12.2.3. SPAWNING

- 12.2.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 8 s
- 12.2.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 12.2.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 12.2.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

12.2.4. CONTROLS

- 12.2.4.1. FIXED FOLLOW CAMERA: Off
- 12.2.4.2. MACHINIMA CONTROLS: Off

12.2.5. SLAYER

- 12.2.5.1. POINTS PER SLAY: 1
- 12.2.5.2. POINTS PER SELF-DESTRUCTION: -1
- 12.2.5.3. POINTS PER BETRAYAL: -1

- 12.2.5.4. POINTS PER ASSISTS: 0
- 12.2.5.5. POINTS PER DEATH: 0
- 12.2.5.6. HEADSHOT BONUS: 0
- 12.2.5.7. MELEE BONUS: 0
- 12.2.5.8. SPLATTER BONUS: 0
- 12.2.5.9. STICKY BONUS: 0

12.3. Oddball Settings

12.3.1. ROUND

- 12.3.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: 100
- 12.3.1.2. TIME LIMIT: 5 min
- 12.3.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 3
- 12.3.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: 2
- 12.3.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

12.3.2. EXTENSIONS

- 12.3.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 12.3.2.2. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 3 min

12.3.3. SPAWNING

- 12.3.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 10 s
- 12.3.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 12.3.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 12.3.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

12.3.4. CONTROLS

- 12.3.4.1. FIXED FOLLOW CAMERA: Off
- 12.3.4.2. MACHINIMA CONTROLS: Off

12.3.5. ODDBALL

- 12.3.5.1. POINTS FOR CARRYING: 1
- 12.3.5.2. CARRIER POINT FREQUENCY: 1 s
- 12.3.5.3. SKULL SPAWN DELAY: 3 s

12.4. STRONGHOLD SETTINGS

12.4.1. ROUND

- 12.4.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: 250
- 12.4.1.2. TIME LIMIT: Unlimited
- 12.4.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 1
- 12.4.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: 1
- 12.4.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

12.4.2. EXTENSIONS

- 12.4.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 12.4.2.2. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 3 min

12.4.3. SPAWNING

- 12.4.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 10 s

- 12.4.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 12.4.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 12.4.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

12.4.4. CONTROLS

- 12.4.4.1. FIXED FOLLOW CAMERA: Off
- 12.4.4.2. MACHINIMA CONTROLS: Off

12.4.5. STRONGHOLDS

- 12.4.5.1. SCORE PER INTERVAL: 1
- 12.4.5.2. SCORING INTERVAL TIME: 1 s
- 12.4.5.3. SCORING MIN CAPTURED THRESHOLD: Default
- 12.4.5.4. ZONE CAPTURE TIME: 7 s
- 12.4.5.5. TEAM CAPTURE INFLUENCE: Decreasing
- 12.4.5.6. INITIAL STRONGHOLDS OWNERSHIP: Near
- 12.4.5.7. CONTESTING PAUSES SCORING: On
- 12.4.5.8. STRONGHOLD ENEMY CONTESTING INFLUENCE: Any Enemy
- 12.4.5.9. PREVENT PLAYER STRONGHOLD SPAWNING: On
- 12.4.5.10. SUDDEN DEATH SCORE THRESHOLD: Unlimited
- 12.4.5.11. SUDDEN DEATH RESPAWN PENALTY TIME: 1 s

12.5.

12.6. CAPTURE THE FLAG SETTINGS

12.6.1. ROUND

- 12.6.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: 5 OR 3 (depending on map)
- 12.6.1.2. TIME LIMIT: 12 min
- 12.6.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 1
- 12.6.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: Off
- 12.6.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

12.6.2. EXTENSIONS

- 12.6.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 12.6.2.2. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 5 min

12.6.3. SPAWNING

- 12.6.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 10 s
- 12.6.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 12.6.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 12.6.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

12.6.4. CONTROLS

- 12.6.4.1. FIXED FOLLOW CAMERA: Off
- 12.6.4.2. MACHINIMA CONTROLS: Off

12.6.5. CAPTURE THE FLAG

- 12.6.5.1. POINTS PER CAPTURE: 1
- 12.6.5.2. FLAG AT HOME SCORING: False
- 12.6.5.3. ACTIVE FLAGS PER TEAM: 1
- 12.6.5.4. FLAG CARRIER REVEAL: When Spotted

- 12.6.5.5. FLAG CARRIER SPOTTED DURATION: 3 s
- 12.6.5.6. FLAG CARRIER SPOTTED ON DAMAGE: On
- 12.6.5.7. FLAG CARRIER SPOTTED WHILE SPRINTING: Off
- 12.6.5.8. FLAG RETURN TIME: 1 s
- 12.6.5.9. INSTANT FLAG RETURN: False
- 12.6.5.10. FLAG CARRIER SHIELD SCALER: 0%
- 12.6.5.11. FLAG CARRIER HEALTH SCALER: 10%
- 12.6.5.12. FLAG CARRIER MOVEMENT SCALER: 100%
- 12.6.5.13. FLAG CARRIER SPRINTING: On
- 12.6.5.14. FLAG CARRIER GRAVITY SCALER: 100%

12.7. KING OF THE HILL SETTINGS

12.7.1. ROUND

- 12.7.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: 4
- 12.7.1.2. TIME LIMIT: 5 min
- 12.7.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 1
- 12.7.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: Off
- 12.7.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

12.7.2. EXTENSIONS

- 12.7.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 12.7.2.2. OVERTIME MODE: Time Extension
- 12.7.2.3. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 2 min

12.7.3. SPAWNING

- 12.7.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 10 s
- 12.7.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 12.7.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 12.7.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

12.7.4. KING OF THE HILL

- 12.7.4.1. LEGACY SCORING ENABLED: Off
- 12.7.4.2. SCORE PER INTERVAL: 1
- 12.7.4.3. SCORE INTERVAL SECONDS: 1
- 12.7.4.4. HILL TIMER DURATION: 0
- 12.7.4.5. HEALTH MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.6. SHIELD MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.7. WEAPON DAMAGE MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.8. MELEE DAMAGE MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.9. MOVEMENT SPEED MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.10. SPRINT SPEED MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.11. SLIDE SPEED MULTIPLIER: 100%
- 12.7.4.12. SLIDE DURATION MULTIPLIER: 100%

13. FREE FOR ALL SETTINGS

13.1. MATCH

13.1.1. ROUND

- 13.1.1.1. SCORE TO WIN: Unlimited
- 13.1.1.2. TIME LIMIT: 15 min
- 13.1.1.3. ROUND LIMIT: 1

- 13.1.1.4. ROUNDS TO WIN: Off
- 13.1.1.5. ROUNDS TO DRAW: Unlimited

13.1.2. EXTENSIONS

- 13.1.2.1. SUDDEN DEATH TIME EXTENSION: 10 s
- 13.1.2.2. OVERTIME TIME EXTENSION: 3 min

13.1.3. SPAWNING

- 13.1.3.1. RESPAWN DELAY: 6 s
- 13.1.3.2. RESPAWN LINE-OF-SIGHT CHECK: On
- 13.1.3.3. SELF-DESTRUCTION RESPAWN PENALTY: None
- 13.1.3.4. BETRAYAL RESPAWN PENALTY: None

13.2. SANDBOX

13.2.1. LOADOUT

- 13.2.1.1. PRIMARY WEAPON: Bandit Evo
- 13.2.1.2. PRIMARY WEAPON AMMO: Default
- 13.2.1.3. SECONDARY WEAPON: None
- 13.2.1.4. SECONDARY WEAPON AMMO: Default
- 13.2.1.5. FRAG GRENADES: 2
- 13.2.1.6. PLASMA GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.1.7. DYNAMO GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.1.8. SPIKE GRENADES: 0

13.2.2. WEAPONS

- 13.2.2.1. WEAPON RACKS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 13.2.2.2. POWER WEAPON PADS: On
- 13.2.2.3. WEAPON PICKUP: On
- 13.2.2.4. WEAPON DROPPING: On
- 13.2.2.5. WEAPON DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 13.2.2.6. INFINITE AMMO: Off
- 13.2.2.7. BOTTOMLESS CLIP: Off
- 13.2.2.8. TACTICAL RELOAD TIME SCALER: Default
- 13.2.2.9. EMPTY RELOAD TIME SCALER: Default

13.2.3. GRENADES

- 13.2.3.1. MAX FRAG GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.3.2. MAX PLASMA GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.3.3. MAX DYNAMO GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.3.4. MAX SPIKE GRENADES: 0
- 13.2.3.5. GRENADE PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 13.2.3.6. GRENADE PICKUP: On
- 13.2.3.7. GRENADE DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 13.2.3.8. GRENADE THROW TIME SCALER: Default
- 13.2.3.9. GRENADE DETONATION RADIUS SCALE: Default
- 13.2.3.10. GRENADE IMPULSE SCALER: Default

13.2.4. MELEE

- 13.2.4.1. MELEE DAMAGE RATIO: Default
- 13.2.4.2. MELEE IMPULSE SCALER: Default

13.2.5. EQUIPMENT

- 13.2.5.1. EQUIPMENT PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 13.2.5.2. POWER EQUIPMENT PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 13.2.5.3. EQUIPMENT PICKUP: On
- 13.2.5.4. ACTIVE CAMO INTENSITY SCALER: Off
- 13.2.5.5. HOLDING OBJECTIVE DISABLES EQUIPMENT: On

13.2.6. VEHICLES

- 13.2.6.1. VEHICLE PADS/PLACEMENTS: On
- 13.2.6.2. OPERATE VEHICLE TURRETS: On
- 13.2.6.3. INDESTRUCTIBLE VEHICLES: Off

13.2.7. CLEANUP

- 13.2.7.1. WEAPON CLEANUP TIMER: Off
- 13.2.7.2. VEHICLE CLEANUP TIME: Off

13.3. HUD

13.3.1. SHIELDS & HEALTH

- 13.3.1.1. SHIELDS & HEALTH
- 13.3.1.2. SHIELDS & HEALTH BAR HUD: On
- 13.3.1.3. SHIELDS & HEALTH BAR EFFECTS: On
- 13.3.1.4. HUD DAMAGE INDICATORS: On

13.3.2. MOTION TRACKER

- 13.3.2.1. MOTION TRACKER: Off
- 13.3.2.2. SMART-LINK MOTION TRACKER: Off
- 13.3.2.3. MOTION TRACKER INNER-RING SCALER: Default
- 13.3.2.4. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (FAST-MOVEMENT): On
- 13.3.2.5. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (SPRINT): On
- 13.3.2.6. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (CLAMBER): On
- 13.3.2.7. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (SHOOTING): On
- 13.3.2.8. MOTION TRACKER DETECT (MELEE): Off

13.3.3. HEALTH & DAMAGE

- 13.3.3.1. DAMAGE
- 13.3.3.2. DAMAGE RESISTANCE RATIO: Default
- 13.3.3.3. HEADSHOT BONUS DAMAGE PROTECTION: Off
- 13.3.3.4. DEATHLESS: Off

13.3.4. TEAM

- 13.3.4.1. TEAM DAMAGE RESISTANCE: Off
- 13.3.4.2. TEAM DAMAGE RESISTANCE RATIO: 100%

13.3.5. SHIELDS

- 13.3.5.1. MAX SHIELD SCALER: Default
- 13.3.5.2. SHIELD RECHARGE TIME SCALER: Default
- 13.3.5.3. SHIELD RECHARGE DELAY SCALER: Default
- 13.3.5.4. SHIELD VAMPIRISM RATIO: 0%

13.3.6. HEALTH

- 13.3.6.1. MAX HEALTH SCALER: Default
- 13.3.6.2. HEALTH RECHARGE TIME SCALER: Default
- 13.3.6.3. HEALTH RECHARGE DELAY SCALER: Default
- 13.3.6.4. HEALTH RECHARGE VAMPIRISM RATIO: 0%

13.4. MOVEMENT

13.4.1. BASE MOVEMENT

- 13.4.1.1. MOVEMENT SPEED SCALER: Default
- 13.4.1.2. GRAVITY SCALER: Default
- 13.4.1.3. FORWARD/BACK SPEED SCALER: Default
- 13.4.1.4. FORWARD/BACK ACCELERATION SCALER: Default
- 13.4.1.5. STRAFE SPEED SCALER: Default
- 13.4.1.6. STRAFE ACCELERATION SCALER: Default

13.4.2. SPRINT

- 13.4.2.1. SPRINTING: On
- 13.4.2.2. SPRINT SPEED SCALER: Default
- 13.4.2.3. TIME TO SPRINT SCALER: Default
- 13.4.2.4. SLIDE SPEED SCALER: Default
- 13.4.2.5. SLIDE DISTANCE SCALER: Default
- 13.4.2.6. RELOAD WHILE SPRINTING: Off
- 13.4.2.7. SPRINT RESETS SHIELD RECHARGE DELAY: On
- 13.4.2.8. DAMAGE INTERRUPTS SPRINT: On

13.4.3. JUMP

- 13.4.3.1. JUMP HEIGHT SCALER: Default

13.4.4. CLAMBER

- 13.4.4.1. CLAMBERING: On
- 13.4.4.2. CLAMBER SPEED SCALER: Default

13.5. BOTS

13.5.1. DIFFICULTY

- 13.5.1.1. BOT DIFFICULTY: Recruit

13.5.2. BOT COUNT

- 13.5.2.1. BOT COUNT (TEAM 1: EAGLE): 0
- 13.5.2.2. BOT COUNT (TEAM 2: COBRA): 0
- 13.5.2.3. BOT COUNT (FFA): 0

13.5.3. SLAYER

- 13.5.3.1. POINTS PER SLAY: 0
- 13.5.3.2. POINTS PER SELF-DESTRUCTION: -100
- 13.5.3.3. POINTS PER BETRAYAL: -100
- 13.5.3.4. POINTS PER ASSISTS: 0
- 13.5.3.5. POINTS PER DEATH: -100
- 13.5.3.6. HEADSHOT BONUS: 0
- 13.5.3.7. MELEE BONUS: 0
- 13.5.3.8. SPLATTER BONUS: 0

13.5.3.9. STICKY BONUS: 0

14.

14.1. SANDBOX

14.1.1. GENERAL

- 14.1.1.1. Primary Weapon: Bandit Evo
- 14.1.1.2. Primary Weapon Ammo: Default
- 14.1.1.3. Secondary Weapon: None
- 14.1.1.4. Secondary Weapon Ammo: Default
- 14.1.1.5. Frag Grenades: 1
- 14.1.1.6. Plasma Grenades: 0
- 14.1.1.7. Dynamo Grenades: 0
- 14.1.1.8. Spike Grenades: 0
- 14.1.1.9. Starting Equipment: None
- 14.1.1.10. Infinite Base Equipment Energy: Off
- 14.1.1.11. Infinite Power Equipment Energy: Off

14.1.2. WEAPONS

- 14.1.2.1. Weapon Racks/Placements: On
- 14.1.2.2. Power Weapon Pads: On
- 14.1.2.3. Weapon Pickup: On
- 14.1.2.4. Weapon Dropping: On
- 14.1.2.5. Weapon Damage Ratio: Default
- 14.1.2.6. Infinite Ammo: On
- 14.1.2.7. Bottomless Clip: Off
- 14.1.2.8. Tactical Reload Time Scalar: Default
- 14.1.2.9. Empty Reload Time Scalar: Default

14.1.3. GRENADES

- 14.1.3.1. Max Frag Grenades: 0
- 14.1.3.2. Max Plasma Grenades: 0
- 14.1.3.3. Max Dynamo Grenades: 0
- 14.1.3.4. Max Spike Grenades: 0
- 14.1.3.5. Grenade Pads/Placements: On
- 14.1.3.6. Grenade Pickup: On
- 14.1.3.7. Grenade Damage Ratio: Default
- 14.1.3.8. Grenade Throw Time Scalar: Default
- 14.1.3.9. Grenade Detonation Radius Scalar: Default
- 14.1.3.10. Grenade Impulse Scalar: Default

14.1.4. MELEE

- 14.1.4.1. Melee Damage Ration: Default
- 14.1.4.2. Melee Impulse Scalar: Default

14.1.5. EQUIPMENT

- 14.1.5.1. Equipment Pads/Placements: On
- 14.1.5.2. Power Equipment Pads/Placements: On
- 14.1.5.3. Equipment Pickup: On
- 14.1.5.4. Active Camp Intensity: Off
- 14.1.5.5. Holding Objectives Disables Equipment: On

14.1.6. VEHICLES

- 14.1.6.1. Vehicle Pads/Placements: On
- 14.1.6.2. Operate Vehicle Turrets: On
- 14.1.6.3. Indestructible Vehicles: Off

14.1.7. CLEANUP

- 14.1.7.1. Weapon Cleanup Timer: Off
- 14.1.7.2. Vehicle Cleanup Timer: Off

14.2. HUD

14.2.1. SHIELDS & HEALTH

- 14.2.1.1. Shield Bar HUD: On
- 14.2.1.2. Shields & Health Bar Effects: On
- 14.2.1.3. HUD Damage Indicators: On

14.2.2. MOTION TRACKER

- 14.2.2.1. Motion Tracker: Off
- 14.2.2.2. Smart-Link Motion Tracker: Off
- 14.2.2.3. Motion Tracker Inner-Ring Scalar: Default
- 14.2.2.4. Motion Tracker Detect (Fast-Movement): On
- 14.2.2.5. Motion Tracker Detect (Sprint): On
- 14.2.2.6. Motion Tracker Detect (Clamber): On
- 14.2.2.7. Motion Tracker Detect (Shooting): On
- 14.2.2.8. Motion Tracker Detect (Melee): Off

14.2.3. FRIENDLY/ENEMY OUTLINES

- 14.2.3.1. Friendly Player Outlines: On
- 14.2.3.2. Enemy Player Outlines: On
- 14.2.3.3. Friendly Vehicle Outlines: On
- 14.2.3.4. Enemy Vehicle Outlines: On

14.3. HEALTH & DAMAGE

14.3.1. DAMAGE

- 14.3.1.1. Damage Resistance Ratio: DEFAULT
- 14.3.1.2. Headshot Bonus Damage Protection: OFF
- 14.3.1.3. Deathless: OFF

14.3.2. TEAM

- 14.3.2.1. Friendly Fire: Off
- 14.3.2.2. Friendly Fire Resistance Ratio: 100%

14.3.3. SHIELDS

- 14.3.3.1. Max Shield Scalar: Default
- 14.3.3.2. Shield Recharge Time Scalar: Default
- 14.3.3.3. Shield Recharge Delay Scalar: Default
- 14.3.3.4. Shield Vampirism Ratio: 0%
- 14.3.3.5. Overshield Decay Time Scalar: Default

14.3.4. HEALTH

- 14.3.4.1. Max Health Scalar: Default
- 14.3.4.2. Health Recharge Time Scalar: Default
- 14.3.4.3. Health Recharge Decay Scalar: Default
- 14.3.4.4. Health Vampirism Ratio: 0%

14.3.5. LIFEPOOL

- 14.3.5.1. DEFAULT

14.3.6. REVIVE

- 14.3.6.1. DEFAULT

14.4. MOVEMENT

14.4.1. BASE MOVEMENT

- 14.4.1.1. Friendly Player Collision: Off
- 14.4.1.2. Movement Speed Scalar: Default
- 14.4.1.3. Gravity Scalar: Default
- 14.4.1.4. Forward/Back Speed Scalar: Default
- 14.4.1.5. Forward/Back Acceleration Scalar: Default
- 14.4.1.6. Strafe Speed Scalar: Default
- 14.4.1.7. Strafe Acceleration Scalar: Default

14.4.2. SPRINT

- 14.4.2.1. Sprinting: On
- 14.4.2.2. Sprint Speed Scalar: Default
- 14.4.2.3. Time To Sprint Scalar: Default
- 14.4.2.4. Slide Speed Scalar: Default
- 14.4.2.5. Slide Distance Scalar: Default
- 14.4.2.6. Reload While Sprinting: On
- 14.4.2.7. Sprint Resets Shield Recharge: On
- 14.4.2.8. Damage Interrupts Sprint: On

14.4.3. JUMP

- 14.4.3.1. Jump Height Scalar: Default

14.4.4. CLAMBER

- 14.4.4.1. Clambering: On
- 14.4.4.2. Clamber Speed Scalar: Default

14.5. BOTS

14.5.1. DIFFICULTY

- 14.5.1.1. Bot Difficulty: Recruit

14.5.2. COUNTS

- 14.5.2.1. Bot Count (Team 1: Eagle): 0
- 14.5.2.2. Bot Count (Team 2: Cobra): 0
- 14.5.2.3. Bot Count (FFA): 0

14.6. AI

14.6.1. GENERAL SETTINGS

- 14.6.1.1. Allow AI: On
- 14.6.1.2. AI Limit: 32

- 14.6.1.3. Difficulty: Heroic
- 14.6.1.4. Player Count Difficulty Multiplier: Dynam
- 14.6.1.5. Valhalla: Off
- 14.6.1.6. Player Undetectable by AI: Off

14.6.2. OUTLINES

- 14.6.2.1. AI Outlines: On
- 14.6.2.2. AI Vehicle Outlines: On
- 14.6.2.3. AI Outline Occlusion: On

14.6.3. MINIGAME

- 14.6.3.1. Points Per Slay: 100
- 14.6.3.2. Points Per Self-Destruction: -100
- 14.6.3.3. Points Per Betrayal: 0
- 14.6.3.4. Points Per Assists: 0
- 14.6.3.5. Points Per Death: 0
- 14.6.3.6. Headshot Bonus: 0
- 14.6.3.7. Melee Bonus: 0
- 14.6.3.8. Splatter Bonus: 0
- 14.6.3.9. Sticky Bonus: 0
- 14.6.3.10. Use 'Minigame Object 1': Exclude
- 14.6.3.11. Use 'Minigame Object 2': Exclude
- 14.6.3.12. Use 'Minigame Object 3': Exclude
- 14.6.3.13. Use 'Minigame Object 4': Exclude
- 14.6.3.14. Use 'Minigame Object 5': Exclude
- 14.6.3.15. Spawn In Vehicle: None
- 14.6.3.16. Vehicle Creation: Create New Vehicle
- 14.6.3.17. Max Spawn Vehicles Per Team: Unlimited
- 14.6.3.18. Max Players Per Vehicle: 1
- 14.6.3.19. Vehicle Fill: Fill Evenly

15. Side Tournament Settings

16. Halo 3 2v2

16.1.1. Settings

- 16.1.1.1. These Matches will be played on the "Hardcore TS" variant with the following adjustments:
 - 16.1.1.2. Custom Powerup Traits, Duration = 3 Seconds
 - 16.1.1.3. Custom Powerup Traits, Damage Resistance = Invulnerable
 - 16.1.1.4. Custom Powerup Traits, Shield Multiplier = 3X Overshields
 - 16.1.1.5. Custom Powerup Traits, Player Speed = Unchanged
 - 16.1.1.6. Shield Recharge Rate = 90%
 - 16.1.1.7. Damage Modifier = 110%
 - 16.1.1.8. Player Speed = 110%
 - 16.1.1.9. Motion Tracker Mode = Off
 - 16.1.1.10. Suicide Penalty = -1
 - 16.1.1.11. Betrayal Penalty = -1
 - 16.1.1.12. Team Changing = Not Allowed

16.1.2. Mode

- 16.1.2.1. 2v2 Hardcore TS

16.1.3. General Settings

- 16.1.3.1. Number of Rounds: 1
- 16.1.3.2. Time Limit: 12 Minutes

- 16.1.3.3. Friendly Fire: Enabled
- 16.1.3.4. Betrayal Booting: Enabled
- 16.1.4. WEAPONS AND VEHICLES
 - 16.1.4.1. Weapons on Map: Map Default
 - 16.1.4.2. Grenades on Map: Map Default
 - 16.1.4.3. Vehicle Set: Map Default
 - 16.1.4.4. Indestructible Vehicles: Disabled
- 16.1.5. SCORING
 - 16.1.5.1. Team Scoring: Sum of Team
 - 16.1.5.2. Kill Points: 1
 - 16.1.5.3. Assist Points: 0
 - 16.1.5.4. Death Points: 0
 - 16.1.5.5. Suicide Points: -1
 - 16.1.5.6. Betrayal Points: -1
- 16.1.6. TEAMS: Enabled
- 16.1.7. SCORE TO WIN: 25
- 16.2. Halo 5 2v2
 - 16.2.1. These Matches will be played on the “HCS Slayer” variant with the following adjustment:
 - 16.2.2. Score Limit: 25
 - 16.2.3. Motion Sensor: Off
- 16.3. Halo Infinite 2v2
 - 16.3.1. These Matches will be played on the “Ranked Doubles Slayer” variant with the following adjustment:
 - 16.3.2. Score Limit: 25
- 16.4.
- 17. Maps and Modes**
 - 17.1. Halo 3 2v2
 - 17.1.1. A round-based map rotation will be used. The Maps available in this rotation are as follows (round-by-round schedule of map and Game modes will be provided prior to Tournament start):
 - 17.1.1.1. Slayer on Guardian
 - 17.1.1.2. Slayer on Narrows
 - 17.1.1.3. Slayer on Pit
 - 17.1.1.4. Slayer on Construct
 - 17.1.1.5. Slayer on Heretic
 - 17.1.1.6. Slayer on Amplified
 - 17.2. Halo 5 2v2
 - 17.2.1. A round-based map rotation will be used. The Maps available in this rotation are as follows (round-by-round schedule of map and Game modes will be provided prior to Tournament start):
 - 17.2.1.1. Slayer on Truth
 - 17.2.1.2. Slayer on Plaza
 - 17.2.1.3. Slayer on Regret
 - 17.3. Halo Infinite 2v2
 - 17.3.1. A round-based map rotation will be used. The Maps available in this rotation are as follows (round-by-round schedule of map and Game modes will be provided prior to Tournament start):
 - 17.3.1.1. Slayer on Vacancy
 - 17.3.1.2. Slayer on Live Fire
 - 17.3.1.3. Slayer on Recharge
 - 17.3.1.4. Slayer on Solitude
 - 17.3.1.5. Slayer on Streets
 - 17.3.1.6. Slayer on Origin
 - 17.4.

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Name of participant (print): _____

Alias (if applicable): _____

Corporate Entity (if applicable): _____

Team Name: _____

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