

Thunderpick Path to the Pros Tournament Rulebook

Tournament Format

- Online Tournament
 - Game Mode - 5v5
 - Matches - BO1, MR12, single elimination
 - Map Pool - Dust2, Mirage, Nuke, Vertigo, Ancient, Inferno, Anubis
 - Timeouts Allowed: 3 per team, each 30 seconds + 1 in overtime (with a 3 minute tech pause)
 - Stand-Ins - 1 coach and 2 stand-ins allowed
 - Server Locations: Netherlands, UK, Germany, Sweden, France, Moscow, Finland
 - Settings: ELO disabled, anti-cheat required, players must have a minimum of 20 matches played on their Faceit account
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- We are running 2 Brackets per qualifier.
 - Faceit lvl 8-10
 - Faceit lvl 1-7
 - 1st place in either bracket will advance to the 16-team main tournament

Qualifiers schedule

- Q1 – July 6th
- Q2 – July 20th
- Q3 – August 3rd
- Q4 – August 17th
- Q5 – August 31st
- Q6 – September 14th
- Q7 – September 28th
- Q8 – October 12th

Prize Pools

Qualifiers - For each qualifier, the following prize pools will be up for grabs:

Experienced Players Bracket:

1st Place: \$150
2nd Place: \$75

Amateur Players Bracket:

1st Place: \$65
2nd Place: \$25

16-Team Thunderpick Path to the Pros Main Event - For those who qualify to the main tournament, the following prize pool will be up for grabs:

1st Place: \$7,000

2nd Place: \$4,000

3rd - 4th Places: \$1,000

5th - 8th Places: \$500

Details on how to claim the above prize money are listed under the '**Claiming Prize Money**' clause of the rulebook

How do I register for this tournament?

Select the qualifier you want to participate in and click "Join Tournament" (provided you meet the level requirements). You will instantly be prompted to invite people via a link or select a "Team". When joining, all you need to do is share the link with the players who you want on your squad.

If you don't have a Faceit account

- Sign up with your email address
- Login and click on Game Settings > Add Game > CS2 > Connect Steam
- Click Play and on the left bottom click create a team!

How do I play?

- When the tournament starts a lobby will be created with your opponent where you can chat
- In the lobby you will for vote:
 - o Server
 - o Map
 - o Voting time: 5 min
 - o If a team doesn't vote, Auto vote will pick for them
- After the vote phase click play and Faceit will open your CS2 - make sure to use !ready after joining the server
- If you fail to join the game, it will be considered a dodge, and your team will be disqualified.

IMPORTANT: Before you hit play make sure you are logged in with the same steam account that you used to connect to your Faceit account. Failing to do so, you will not be able to join the match.

How do I report my win?

- After the match is over Faceit will automatically register the score and move you onto the next round

How do I get in contact with an admin?

- During the tournament you will have a 'call admin' function in the lobby

- For any questions before or the tournament starts or after it has finished you can contact us through Discord [here](#).

Coaches & Stand-Ins

Each team is permitted to sign up with a coach and 2 stand-ins. A registered coach will not be able to stand in for a team but will be able to join the spectator slot during games. Stand-ins can only be switched before a match has started or after a game has finished, not mid-match.

Streaming Whilst Participating

You are allowed to stream yourself competing during any qualifier provided you add a delay of at least 120 seconds and use **Thunderpick Path to the Pros** (or the abbreviated version, **Thunderpick P2P**) in your stream title.

You are also able to ask permission for someone to stream/cast your game via CSTV/GOTV, but this must be done in advance and will be approved on a case-by-case basis. The same rules regarding the stream title apply here.

It is forbidden to have another player's stream open whilst you are competing. If you are caught interacting with or receiving information from the stream of another competing team whilst you are in a match yourself, you and your team will be disqualified.

Competing in Multiple Brackets

You are eligible to compete across all 8 qualifiers with different teammates, even if you have competed in one previously or in a different skill level should your Faceit level change from one qualifier to the next. **There is 1 exception to this rule:**

Competing After Already Qualifying to the Main Event - If you and your team win one of the qualifiers in either the 'experienced' or 'amateur' brackets, you are still allowed to continue competing in the remaining qualifiers but you **must keep playing with the same team** that you qualified for the main event with.

You are welcome to defend your title and can still earn any prize money attached to winning more than once. If you do win more than once, the 2nd-place team will earn the qualification spot instead.

In the event that both the 1st and 2nd place teams have already qualified to the main event, a tie-breaker will be played between the 3rd and 4th placed teams.

Competing with Multiple Teams - As long as you haven't won a qualifier already, you are able to compete in as many different teams as you like, and will be eligible to win prize money in both the 'experienced' or 'amateur' brackets.

Sportsmanship & Proper Behaviour

All players must adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play. Players are expected to respect their opponents, officials, and tournament staff.

Participants may not use language that is obscene, foul, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive, libellous, defamatory, or otherwise offensive or objectionable, in or near the match area under any circumstances. Abuse of Tournament Admins, other participants, or audience members (should matches be live-streamed) will not be tolerated. In the event of such language being used, actions deemed appropriate by Tournament Admins will be carried out against an individual, or if deemed necessary, an offender's entire team.

Discrimination & Denigration - Competitors shall not offend the dignity or integrity of a country, private person, or group of people through contemptuous or discriminatory words or actions based on race, ethnicity, national origin, social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion, financial status, birth status, sexual orientation, or any other reason. Offenders may be immediately disqualified.

Forfeits

If a player fails to show up for their scheduled match within 10 minutes of the start time (before the pre-match warmup countdown timer on the server ends), they will be considered to have forfeited the match.

Players may voluntarily forfeit a match by informing a tournament official before the match begins. In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting player will be declared the winner of the match.

Eligibility for Prizes - Players who forfeit any match, whether by failure to show up or by voluntary forfeit, will not be eligible for any prizes in the tournament.

Disclaimer

Finality of Decisions - All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, player eligibility, scheduling of the tournament, and penalties for misconduct, lie solely with Tournament Admins, the decisions of which are final.

Rule Changes - These rules may be amended, modified or supplemented by the Tournament Admins, to ensure fair play and the integrity of the tournament.

Age Requirements - In line with Faceit's own platform rules, you must be at least 13 years of age to compete in this event.

On a separate note, you must be at least 18 years of age to access the Thunderpick.io website and create an account in order to be eligible for any giveaways held throughout the event in relation to signing up to their site.

By participating in this tournament, players agree to abide by all rules and regulations stated above. Tournament officials reserve the right to interpret and enforce these rules as they see fit to ensure fair play and the smooth operation of the event.

Claiming Prize Money

Teams who finish 1st or 2nd in the 'Experienced' bracket (Faceit levels 8-10) or those who finish 1st in the 'Amateur' bracket (Faceit levels 1-7) across any of the 16 qualifiers will be eligible to claim prize money.

Prize money will be allotted as follows:

Experienced Players Bracket:

1st Place: \$150

2nd Place: \$75

Amateur Players Bracket:

1st Place: \$65

2nd Place: \$25

In order to claim your prize money, you must have access to a valid PayPal account and also be in the [tournament Discord](#) so admins can assist them with the payment process. For purposes of streamlining the payment process, prize money will only be sent to an individual representative of the team. It will then be an individual team's responsibility to divide it amongst themselves as they deem fit.

Prize money will be paid out by HEROIC within 2 weeks of each qualifier finishing, or within 2 weeks of them being provided a valid PayPal email address by an eligible person. We cannot send money to accounts that are registered to countries that are sanctioned by the European Union. If it is found that any rule has been violated by a team attempting to claim prize money, that prize money will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of participants to ensure they are able to accept prize money via PayPal before playing in the tournament.

Due to the increased scale of the amounts, receiving prize money for the 16-team, \$15,000 main tournament will be done through a different method that will be detailed to the relevant teams at a later date.