

GWENT Challenger #5: The 1st Qualifier

The Official Ruleset

GWENT Challenger #5: The 1st Qualifier is a special tournament for the top 50 players with the biggest amount of crown points accumulated during "The Wolf", "The Wild Hunt" ranked seasons and July 2018 / August 2018 Pro Ladder season. The winner of this tournament will be invited to play in GWENT Challenger #5 (its date and location will be revealed later). The goal of this tournament is to provide the best pro players with a chance to qualify for one of the most prestigious official GWENT Masters tournaments in 2019.

Tournament page:

https://cdpr.challenge.com/Challenger5_qualifier1A

Schedule:

Swiss stage – 23 March 2019 | **12:00 UTC (13:00 CET)**

Double elimination stage – 24 March 2019 | **12:00 UTC (13:00 CET)**

Tournament entry eligibility:

All players who are in top 50 of [this rating](#) with the most Crown points accumulated towards Challenger #5 on 10:00 CET on January 31st (the end of the Ranked season of The Wolf) are eligible to participate. Only players who haven't yet qualified for the upcoming GWENT Challenger will be able to take part in the qualifier. For the duration of both events only, eligible PS4 and Xbox One players will receive special PC GOG.com accounts.

All other requirements from paragraph 2 of Official GWENT MASTERS ruleset apply.

Tournament registration:

All players eligible for participation in the tournament will receive an email from CD PROJEKT RED within 48 hours after March 6th, to their email addresses associated with relevant GOG accounts. Upon receiving this email players will need to join Discord server specified in the communication and provide tournament Administrators with the following data:

- Active [Challenge](#) nickname (should be identical to the account name on Discord)
- Email associated with [Challenge](#) account
- Gwent nickname
- 3 Leaders each from unique faction that will be used on Day One (Swiss stage) of the Qualifier and **full decklists**. We recommend using the official GWENT Deck Library or it's analogues to generate and share decklists. No registration is needed and decklists can be shared with the tournament admins either as a link or a screenshot.

Check-in and no-shows:

All players have to confirm their participation during a “check-in” phase on Challenge tournament platform. This phase will be active on March 23th from 11:00 to 13:00 CET. No check-in will be required on Day 2 of the qualifier.

Players failing to complete the check-in before start of the tournament will be automatically disqualified from the qualifier.

Players who will complete the check-in, but will be late for a start of any round for more than 10 minutes will automatically receive technical loss in the relevant match. If any player will be late for two matches straight he or she will be automatically disqualified from the tournament.

In case a player is missing his/her opponent after 10 minutes since the beginning of any round, he/she should report it on a **#no-shows** channel on the Discord tournament server and put a score 2-0 as a result of his/her match on the website.

Round length

All players should make reasonable efforts to finish their matches within 60 minutes limit. In case if both players are present online and successfully contacted each other, but for any reason didn't start their first game after 15 min since the beginning of any round - they obliged to notify tournament Administrators on Discord about this situation. Tournament Administrators at their sole discretion can add additional time for players to finish their game or to stop any match that will be unfinished after 60 minutes since the beginning of any round. Players are advised to pay attention to Discord notifications and provide timely updates by the Tournament Administrators requests at all time.

Bans

Before the start of each series players must ban one of their opponent's decks and notify each other about this choice. We recommend using [this tool](#) to perform this action and simultaneously receive the results. Therefore, after the bans will be made, players will remain with:

- 2 decks available to them for any match during Swiss stage;
- 3 decks available to them for any match during Double Elimination stage.

It's not required to report bans and picks in every match to admins but all players are encouraged to save screenshots and/or record videos to present those later in case of any disagreements with the opponent during the tournament.

Turn order

There will be no special rules regulating the turn order, so players should be prepared to play on both sides of the coin in all their matches.

Awarded victories (byes):

If the number of players is odd before any round of Swiss, one of the players with the lowest current score (or random player in case of the 1st round) will receive an awarded victory (bye) that will give him or her 3 points as any other victory with 2-0 score. Such player will have to wait for the beginning of the next round of Swiss to continue playing, no other actions will be required from him or her.

Forfeits:

All players can forfeit the tournament at any given moment by forfeiting the game in progress and notifying their current opponents and tournament Administrators (by leaving a message on the #results channel on the Discord tournament server).

Players will be deemed to immediately and automatically forfeit his/her Match in accordance with paragraph 11 of Official GWENT MASTERS ruleset.

Bugs and disconnects:

In case of permanent disconnect from a game of GWENT for any reason - the disconnected players will automatically lose that game. His/her opponent needs to report this issue to the #results channel on the Discord tournament server and provide a screenshot of the game's end screen.

In case if both players are affected by the same technical issue (disconnect) and the game can't be completed, this game result counts as a technical draw (both players will receive 1 point as per regular draw).

Reporting results:

Players are responsible for updating the tournament page on Challonge with the results of any finished series. Possible results include the following scores: 2-0, 0-2, 2-1, 1-2, 1-1 and 0-0.

In case of disputes between participants, screenshots of game results are always required when contacting Tournament Administrators (#results channel on Discord).

Tournament Administrators:

Administrators will settle potential disputes according to this Ruleset and the Official GWENT MASTERS ruleset, as well as sense of sportsmanship. The decision of administrators in case of a dispute is final and binding.

Conduct:

All relevant rules from paragraph 14 of Official GWENT MASTERS ruleset will be applied accordingly to this tournament.

Rules and format:

On the first day of the qualifier (March 23th), participants will compete by playing games in a **Swiss-system** format over the course of **6** rounds. **In case if there will be less than 33 registered participants, only 5 rounds will be held.**

After the final round 8 best players will advance to Day 2, while the others will be eliminated.

- Each participant must build 3 decks before the tournament;
- No two decks can be of the same faction;
- All matches will be played in a best-of-three format;
- Players will be able to ban, in secret, a chosen enemy deck at the beginning of each match (see "Bans" paragraph for more details);
- Ties won't be replayed and will be registered as a normal match result;

- Winning decks can't be used to play another game, while losing ones may be used again or be swapped out for another;
- In each match (Bo3 series) players are limited in using only the decks submitted to the tournament admin earlier. All players will be able to check the contents of their opponents deck at any point of the tournament (the link to the folder with all decklists available will be published on the official Discord tournament channel **before beginning of the Round 1**);
- In case of a tie, the same deck can be used again in Bo3 (tie doesn't count as victory)
- By winning a match player will receive **3 points**, by losing - **0 points**. For any match that will end with a tie both players will receive **1 point**;
- Players will be eliminated from the tournament after **4 losses**;
- The following tiebreakers will be used to determine the final standings:
 - Match points
 - Median-Bucholz system (the value it shows is the sum of a player's opponents' scores, with the best and worst scores discarded).
 - Wins vs Tied Participants
 - Game Win %
- **Intentional draws (ID) aren't allowed**. In the event of a tie in the final (6th) round of Swiss, the entire game will be **restarted** from the beginning with the same decks;

On the second day of the qualifier (March 24), the top 8 players determined during day 1 will compete in a **double-elimination** format.

- All matches will be played in a best-of-five format;
- Opponents will be able to ban, in secret, a chosen enemy deck at the beginning of each match;
- Seeding will be based on results from day 1 of the qualifier;
- Each participant must build 4 decks from 4 different factions;
- In the event of a tie, the entire game will be **restarted** from the beginning with the same decks;
- Winning decks can't be used to play another game, while losing ones may be used again or be swapped out for another;
- Decks **cannot be modified** between games and/or matches and must be submitted to the tournament administrator using the special form no later than 2 hours before the tournament (by 11:59 UTC (12:59 CET) 24.03.2019. A link to this form will be provided by the tournament admins on Discord in #top16 room. **In the Grand final (a final match of the tournament between the winners of both lower and higher brackets) will be played using following rules:**
-winners bracket finalist has to be defeated twice by losers bracket finalist (in bo5 format)
-loser bracket finalist has to be defeated only once in order to be eliminated from the tournament (in bo5 format)

Players are allowed to use trackers during the entirety of the tournament.

Prizes:

The winner of the double-elimination bracket (i.e. winner of the grand-final) will be invited to participate in Challenger #5, where he or she will have a chance to compete for a share of a \$100

000 prize pool, Crown Points and invitation to World Masters. More information about this is available [here](#).

Communication:

All eligible players need to join Discord channel sent by CDPR to the email associated with their GOG account. Discord will be used as the main communication tool for a duration of the tournament, however in order to communicate with their opponents players can use private messages on Discord or GOG. Please be respectful towards the administrators and other participants of the tournament alike.

Administrators:

Main Administrator of the tournament will be Erik Kalmykov, Discord name *Snake#5888*.

Assistant administrators:

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Participants must comply with all instructions from an Administrator and the Administrator's decision on any issues relating to this tournament will be final and binding.

Streaming:

Every player is allowed to stream and/or post their games online.

General:

To all matters not settled in this Ruleset, the respective provisions of Official GWENT MASTERS ruleset shall be applied. In case of conflict of this Ruleset and respective rules of official GWENT MASTERS ruleset, this Ruleset shall prevail.

CD PROJEKT RED reserves the right to edit, change, delete or add to this Ruleset in its sole and absolute discretion at any time and will use reasonable efforts to inform participants when it does so. If any participant do not agree to those changes, then he or she must not participate in the tournament.

Feedback and questions:

Feedback and questions regarding the tournament can be submitted to tournaments@cdprojektred.com.