



Hearthstone Grandmasters Season 1 Rulings (May-July 2019)

During Game 1 of Match 4 - Europe Week 1 Day 3, Casie was in violation of rule "7.4 Wrong Deck Selection". The normal penalty for this infraction is a game loss, however, as both players are required to message their deck picks secretly to the game admins before each game, the penalty was downgraded to a warning. Any further infractions of rule 7.4 Wrong Deck Selection by this player will result in a game loss for the duration of the season.

During Game 2 of Match 5 - Americas Week 2 Day 1, PNC was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect". The penalty for this infraction is a warning.

During Game 1 of Match 3 - Asia-Pacific Week 2 Day 2, FroStee was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect". The penalty for this infraction is a warning.

During Game 1 of Match 3 - Americas Week 2 Day 3, Amnesiac was in violation of rule "7.4 Wrong Deck Selection". The normal penalty for this infraction is a game loss, however, as both players are required to message their deck picks secretly to the game admins before each game, the penalty was downgraded to a warning. Any further infractions of rule 7.4 Wrong Deck Selection by this player will result in a game loss for the duration of the season.

During Game 2 of Match 4 - Americas Week 3 Day 1, FrOzen was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect". The penalty for this infraction is a warning.

During Game 2 of Match 4 - Americas Week 4 Day 1, Monsanto was in violation of rule "7.4 Wrong Deck Selection". The normal penalty for this infraction is a game loss, however, as both players are required to message their deck picks secretly to the game admins before each game, the penalty was downgraded to a warning. Any further infractions of rule 7.4 Wrong Deck Selection by this player will result in a game loss for the duration of the season.

During Game 2 of Match 1 - Americas Week 4 Day 3, PNC was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect". The penalty for this infraction is a warning.

During Asia-Pacific Grandmasters Week 5 Deck submission, Tyler was in violation of rule "7.2 Failure to Submit Deck List" due to submitting their decks late. The penalty for this infraction is a Season 1 prize deduction of \$500 USD.

During Match 5 - Americas Week 5 Day 3, Amnesiac was in violation of rule "7.6 Failure to check in on time" due to not showing up for their scheduled match. The penalty for this infraction is a Season 1 prize deduction of \$1000 USD and a match loss.

During Americas Grandmasters Week 6 Deck submission, Monsanto was in violation of rule "7.2 Failure to Submit Deck List" due to submitting decks in the incorrect order. The penalty for this infraction is a Season 1 prize deduction of \$500 USD.

During Game 1 of Match 3 - Europe Week 6 Day 2, Bunnyhopper was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect" The penalty for this infraction is a warning. While Bunnyhopper was able to reconnect to the game within 5 minutes, instead of allowing the game to proceed from reconnect, the game admins ruled that the game would be replayed. After further review, the game admins determined that this was, in fact, the incorrect ruling. We also want to note that while we believe the regame ruling was not correct, the warning penalty still stands. We are committed to upholding competitive integrity and will ensure that further disconnects are handled according to 5.13 Hardware and Software Failures in the Player Handbook.

During Asia-Pacific Grandmasters Week 7 Deck submission, Zalaе was in violation of rule "7.2 Failure to Submit Deck List" due to submitting their decks late. The penalty for this infraction is a Season 1 prize deduction of \$500 USD.

During the winner's interview of Match 4 - Americas Week 7 Day 2, Nalguidan stated that he prepared his decks with his teammate Rase and that they agreed to play 2 separate classes to maximize their chances to beat a common opponent (Purple). After further review, the Hearthstone Esports team has decided that this is not collusion. Neither Nalguidan nor Rase are doing anything against the rules and are playing to the best of their ability to win their separate matches. Our rules do not prohibit team mates from strategizing with each other on what decks to bring for the week. Our rules also do not prohibit team mates from advising each other on what decks to bring.

During Game 1 of Match 1 - Americas Week 7 Day 3 between Rase and Purple, the game reached the internal turn timer and both players exploded. As such, rule 5.12 Game Ties went into effect and both players received a game win and a game loss resulting in a 1-1 match score before going into the next game.

During Game 3 of Match 1 - Americas Week 7 Day 3, Rase was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect" and remained disconnected for longer than 5 minutes. The penalty for this infraction is a game loss.

During Game 1 of Match 1 - Europe S1 Playoffs, Bunnyhopper was in violation of rule "7.7 Game Disconnect". The penalty for this infraction is a warning.

During Game 1 of Americas Semifinals Season 1, Fr0zen was in violation of "7.4 Wrong deck selection". The penalty for this infraction is a game loss.