



HEARTHSTONE

CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR



•2018-2019 SEASON•





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Annual Overview



- Consistent four-month long seasons**
- Three Seasons and a World Championship per year**

The Hearthstone Championship Tour is now three four-month long seasons, each with Playoffs and a Championship.

2018 SEASON 1: January, February, March

2018 SEASON 2: April, May, June, July

2018 SEASON 3: August, September, October, November

2019 SEASON 1: December, January, February, March

Hearthstone Competitive Points have been reworked to reflect the new HCT structure.

Hearthstone Masters

The best Hearthstone players can ascend into one of three tiers of Hearthstone Master status

All Hearthstone Masters will be invited to exclusive online tournaments with cash prizes. Top players also receive appearance bonuses for playing in Tour Stops.

Hearthstone Masters tier calculations occur on the first day of each HCT Season, and include points earned in the most recent three HCT Seasons.

Point Target	Hearthstone Masters Tier Benefits
 200 POINT TARGET	3-STAR MASTER <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Invite to Seasonal Playoffs  \$2500 appearance bonus for up to three events per season  Invite to monthly online tournaments with cash prizes  End-of-year commemorative swag
 175 POINT TARGET	2-STAR MASTER <ul style="list-style-type: none">  \$1000 appearance bonus for one event per season  Invite to monthly online tournaments with cash prizes  End-of-year commemorative swag
 150 POINT TARGET	1-STAR MASTER <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Invite to monthly online tournaments with cash prizes  End-of-year commemorative swag

Example of Rolling Three Season Totals

	2018 SEASON 1	2018 SEASON 2	2018 SEASON 3	2019 SEASON 1	
DEC 1 2018	20 POINTS EARNED	45 POINTS EARNED	38 POINTS EARNED	= 103	POINTS EARNED IN 2018 SEASON 1, 2, 3
APR 1 2019	20 POINTS EARNED	45 POINTS EARNED	38 POINTS EARNED	+ 68	= 151 POINTS EARNED IN SEASON 2, 3, 4

Playoffs Updates



Placement	2017 Prizes	2018 Prizes
1st	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP
2nd	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP
3rd	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP
4th	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP	INVITE TO CHAMPIONSHIP
5th	\$5,000	\$6,000
6th	\$5,000	\$5,500
7th	\$5,000	\$5,000
8th	\$5,000	\$4,500
9th	\$100	\$4,250
10th	\$100	\$4,000
11th	\$100	\$3,750
12th	\$100	\$3,500
13th	\$100	\$3,250
14th	\$100	\$3,000
15th	\$100	\$2,750
16th	\$100	\$2,500
17-24th	\$100	\$1,500
25-32nd	\$100	\$1,250
33+	\$100	\$1,000

Points Threshold for Playoffs qualification each season

Increase in Playoffs prizing for all qualified players

Seasonal Playoffs have been completely revamped based on player feedback. All players that meet or exceed the Seasonal Point Threshold will be guaranteed an invite to their regional Playoffs.

Prizes have been increased across the board, and all players are guaranteed \$1,000 for competing.

Playoffs locations will be optimized to provide the best competitive experience for players. More details to come on HCT Playoffs locations.

Pro Team Standings

Top teams will earn rewards each season

Pro Team Standings will recognize the top Hearthstone teams and reward their players with cash prizes.

Approved organizations will select three players to represent them each season, and can select new players each season. Teams will have their logo featured on HCT Tournament broadcasts whenever their players are competing.

At the end of each season, the top 10 teams worldwide will receive a cash prize based on their three team members combined point totals.

Pro Team Standings will begin with Season 2.



Team Standing	Prize per Player
1	\$ 7,500
2	\$ 4,500
3	\$ 3,000
4	\$ 2,500
5	\$ 2,000

Team Standing	Prize per Player
6	\$ 1,750
7	\$ 1,500
8	\$ 1,250
9	\$ 1,000
10	\$ 750

Road to the HCT World Championship



Regional Points Leader

Another way to be invited to the World Championship is by being the Regional Points Leader.

The top point earner per region over the HCT year will be invited to the World Championship.

Top point earners that do not qualify for the World Championship will receive cash prizes.

Standings	Points Leaders
1	\$ 8,000
2	\$ 6,000
3	\$ 4,000
4	\$ 2,000

Qualifying for Playoffs Overview



3-STAR HEARTHSTONE MASTERS TIER

3-STAR HEARTHSTONE MASTERS PLAYERS ARE AUTO-QUALIFIED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASONAL PLAYOFFS IN THEIR REGION.

HEARTHSTONE COMPETITIVE POINTS

ALL PLAYERS WHO MEET THE SEASONAL POINT THRESHOLD QUALIFY FOR THE SEASONAL PLAYOFFS IN THEIR REGION.

HCT CHALLENGERS

WINNERS OF CUPS AND QUALIFIERS INVITED TO FINALS. TOP 8 OF CHALLENGER FINALS QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS.

Players can qualify for the Seasonal Playoffs by earning Hearthstone Competitive Points, winning an invite through HCT Challengers, or being one of the elite 3-Star Masters Players.

Starting in 2018, players will qualify for Playoffs by reaching a **Points Threshold** announced before each season. The Points Threshold for Season 1 is 45 points for all regions. All players that meet that season's Point Threshold will be qualified for their region's Seasonal Playoffs.

Players will be invited to the **Challenger Finals** by winning a **Tavern Hero Qualifier** or an online **Challenger Cup**. The top eight players at each Challenger Finals will qualify for Playoffs. The Hearthstone Challengers program is only open to players who have not qualified for Playoffs for the last three consecutive HCT seasons.

Qualifying for Playoffs is only one of the benefits awarded to the elite Hearthstone Masters.

Hearthstone Competitive Points

Seasonal HC Points Schedule

STANDING	POINTS
Ranked Play	
1	16
2 - 25	15
26 - 50	12
51 - 100	9
101 - 200	6
201 - 500	4
501 - 1000	2
1000+	1

STANDING	POINTS
Seasonal Playoffs/Champs	
1	30
2	25
3 - 4	20
5 - 8	15
9 - 16	12
5*	11
6*	10
7*	9
8*	8
9 - 16*	7
17 - 32*	6

STANDING	POINTS
Tour Stops	
1	15
2	12
3 - 4	10
5 - 8	8
9 - 16	6
17 - 32	4

STANDING	POINTS
World Championship	
1	20
2	15
3 - 4	10
5 - 8	6
9 - 16	4

*The top four players at a Seasonal Playoff will play at the Season Championship, and earn a minimum of 12 points for placing 9th through 16th.



Ranked Play

Players earn HC Points based on their Ranked Play finish at the end of each month. A player's top three ladder finishes each HCT season will count towards their seasonal point total.

HCT Tour Stops

HCT Tour Stops are in-person tournaments held around the world where players earn HC Points and prizes based on their performance.

Seasonal Playoffs & Championship

Players who qualify for Seasonal Playoffs and Championship will earn HC Points based on their performance. Points earned from these events are attributed to the season in which the tournament took place.

HCT Challengers

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HCT Challengers is a tournament series that will qualify eight players to regional Playoffs each season. Designed to minimize both time and effort required, participants in HCT Challengers need to compete and win either an in-person Tavern Hero Qualifier or an online Challenger Cup to secure an invite to their regional HCT Challengers Finals at the end of each season.



The top eight players from each HCT Challengers Finals advance to the Seasonal Playoffs in their respective region. Players are only eligible for the HCT Challengers path if they have not qualified for a Seasonal Playoff for the past three consecutive HCT Seasons.

HCT Challengers is the official proving grounds of all aspiring competitive Hearthstone players. Let's see what you've got!



Tavern Hero Qualifiers

Tavern Hero Qualifiers are in-person tournaments managed by local Innkeepers and officially approved by Blizzard. Look for one near you at firesidegatherings.com

Challenger Cups

Challenger Cups are online tournaments held on Blizzard-approved tournament platforms.

HCT Challenger Finals

HCT Challenger Finals take place at the end of each season for players that have won a Challenger Cup or Tavern Hero Qualifier. The top eight from each region qualify for their Season Playoffs.

Hearthstone Masters



3-Star Hearthstone Masters Players

Besides prizing and other benefits from Blizzard, HCT players who have attained the status of a 3-Star Hearthstone Masters player (the pinnacle of the program) auto-qualify for their region's Seasonal Playoff as long as they maintain their 3-Star Master title.



3-STAR MASTERS TIER

ALL 3-STAR HEARTHSTONE MASTERS PLAYERS AUTO-QUALIFY FOR SEASONAL PLAYOFFS.

Point Target



Hearthstone Masters Tier Benefits

3-STAR MASTER TIER

- Invite to Seasonal Playoffs
- \$2500 appearance bonus for up to three events per season
- Invite to monthly online tournaments with cash prizes
- End-of-year commemorative swag

Season 1 Calendar

2018 Season 1		JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH			
POINTS	Ranked Play	IN-GAME LADDER				IN-GAME LADDER				IN-GAME LADDER			
	Tour Stops												
HCT CHALLENGERS	Challenger Cups	QUALIFYING PERIOD											
	Tavern Hero Qualifiers	QUALIFYING PERIOD											
Regional Playoffs													
Championships													

Dates/events may change.

Season 2 Calendar

2018 Season 2		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
POINTS	Ranked Play	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER
	Tour Stops				
HCT CHALLENGERS	Challenger Cups	QUALIFYING PERIOD			
	Tavern Hero Qualifiers		QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	Regional Playoffs 2018 SEASON 1				
	Championships 2018 SEASON 1				

Dates/events may change.

Season 3 Calendar

2018 Season 3		AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
POINTS	Ranked Play	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER	IN-GAME LADDER
	Tour Stops				
HCT CHALLENGERS	Challenger Cups	QUALIFYING PERIOD			
	Tavern Hero Qualifiers		QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	Regional Playoffs 2018 SEASON 2				
	Championships 2018 SEASON 2				

Dates/events may change.

Glossary

3-STAR MASTER TIER

Hearthstone Master players at the 3-star tier are auto-qualified for the Seasonal Playoffs in their respective region, regardless of whether they hit the seasonal points required to qualify for Playoffs. Players must maintain their 3-star tier over a rolling three-season window, and Master tier status is always calculated on the first day of a new season.

CHALLENGER CUPS

Challenger Cups are online tournaments held on Blizzard-approved tournament platforms. Eligible HCT Challengers participants may attempt to compete in an unlimited number of online cups each season unless they qualify for Playoffs. Visit playhearthstone.com for information on format, rules, and how to host or join an official Challenger Cup.

HCT CHALLENGER FINALS

HCT Challenger Finals take place toward the end of each Season's points-earning period and consists of all Challenger players who have won either a Tavern Hero Qualifier or Challenger Cup. The top eight finalists from each region advance to the HCT Seasonal Playoff in their respective region.

HCT TOUR STOPS

HCT Tour Stops are in-person tournaments held around the world where players earn HC Points and prizing based on their performance.

HCT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The HCT World Championship is the capstone event of the entire HCT year, bringing together 16 of the most elite players in the world to fight for their share of a \$1,000,000 prize pool. 12 of the players qualify through each of the Seasonal Championships, while the remaining four players come through their respective Regional Points Leader race from all four global regions.

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HEARTHSTONE MASTERS

Hearthstone Masters is a rewards program within the HCT designed to recognize consistent player performance over a rolling three-season window. Players attain the title of a Hearthstone Masters player by accumulating their seasonal total HC Points for the most recent three seasons.

RANKED PLAY

Ranked Play refers to the in-game online multiplayer mode within Hearthstone. In the game, standard Ranked Ladder seasons span a month of time, and are reset at the

end of each month. Players can earn HC Points based on their Ranked Ladder finish at the end of each month. Note that only the top three Ladder finishes per HCT season (four months) count towards their seasonal point total.

SEASONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The HCT Seasonal Championship is attended by the top 16 players in the world – four each from Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific, as well as China – as they battle for the title of the HCT Seasonal Champion. The prize pool for a Seasonal Championship is currently set at \$250,000. The top four players from a Seasonal Championship advance to the World Championship.

SEASONAL PLAYOFFS

The HCT Seasonal Playoffs qualify the top four players at each regional Playoffs to the Seasonal Championship. Each region (Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific) will have their own Playoffs event at a series of venues managed and operated by Blizzard. Players can qualify for their Seasonal Championship through Hearthstone Competitive Points, HCT Challengers, and Hearthstone Masters.

SEASONAL POINT THRESHOLD

The seasonal point threshold is the minimum amount of required points a player must have accumulated through a season to qualify for their region's HCT Playoff. The seasonal points threshold may be subject to fine tuning and adjustments on a per-season basis.

TAVERN HERO QUALIFIERS

Tavern Hero Qualifiers are Blizzard approved tournaments held at Fireside Gatherings. Players can find qualifier tournaments by visiting firesidegatherings.com.