Hearthstone Weekly Challenges

Official Rules

1. INTRODUCTION

These Hearthstone Weekly Challenges Official Rules ("Official Rules") govern competitive play of *Hearthstone* in the Hearthstone Weekly Challenges ("Tournament") as of the date of its publication.

These Official Rules, in conjunction with the Hearthstone Tournament Player Handbook (the "Handbook"), establish the rules of Tournament play, including rules governing player eligibility, tournament structure, prize awards, player conduct, etc. The Handbook can be found here: <u>blizz.ly/HSrules</u>

THE TERMS OF THE HANDBOOK CONTAIN A MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION IN SECTION 8 WHICH LIMITS YOUR AND BLIZZARD'S ABILITY TO LITIGATE CLAIMS; AS WELL AS A LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IN SECTION 9 WHICH LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF BLIZZARD AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BLIZZARD GROUP TO YOU FOR ALL HARM, DAMAGES, INJURY OR LOSS.

Please review the terms contained in these Official Rules and the Handbook carefully. In order to participate in the Tournament, you must agree to the terms contained in these Official Rules and the Handbook. If you do not accept these Official Rules and the terms contained in the Handbook, you may not participate in the Tournament or receive any prize.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICIAL RULES

- 2.1 You acknowledge your acceptance of these Official Rules and the Handbook by entering or participating in any game or match that is part of the Tournament.
- 2.2 If you are over the age of 13 but under the age of majority (as described below), your parent or legal guardian must accept these Official Rules and the Handbook on your behalf.
- 2.3 If you (or your parent or legal guardian) do not accept these Official Rules and the Handbook, or you do not meet the player eligibility requirements in Section 3 below, you may not participate in the Tournament.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 <u>Regional Eligibility.</u>

- (a) You may participate in the Tournament if, as of the date of your entry, you are a legal resident of one of the following countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, or Venezuela.
- (b) You may only participate in the Tournament so long as your participation does not violate applicable local laws. You are responsible for ensuring that your participation in the Tournament is compliant with all laws of the jurisdiction(s) in which you are a resident, and you must take all steps necessary to ensure such compliance.
- 3.2 <u>Battle.net Account Requirements</u>. In order to be eligible to participate in the Tournament, you must:
 - (a) have downloaded the Hearthstone game client;
 - (b) have authorized access to a full Blizzard Battle.net account registered on Blizzard's Battle.net service. A Battle.net lite account is not sufficient for participation in the Tournament;
 - (c) have a Battle.net account that is in good standing at the start of the Tournament and remain in good standing throughout the Tournament;
 - (d) have a valid email address associated with your Battle.net Account as Blizzard reserves the right to verify the email address that you provide; and
 - (e) be a natural person (i.e., not a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity) who is the same individual who registered the Battle.net Account, unless you are a minor using a Battle.net Account registered by your parent or legal guardian,

3.3 <u>Minimum Age Requirements</u>.

(a) You may participate in the Tournament if you have reached the age of majority in your country of residence as of the date of your entry into the Tournament. If you are under the legal age of majority in your country of residence, but over the age of 13 as of the date of your entry into the Tournament, you may still enter the Tournament and participate if you otherwise meet all of the eligibility criteria set forth in the Official Rules, otherwise comply with all country and local regulations, and one of your parents or legal guardians reads and acknowledges your acceptance of the Official Rules and the Handbook on your behalf.

- 3.4 <u>Ineligible Participants</u>.
 - (a) Players who have participated in a Hearthstone Masters Tour tournament during either 2019 or 2020 are not eligible to participate in the Tournament or win any prize.
 - (b) The directors, officers and employees of Blizzard, its parent, and any of their respective affiliate companies, subsidiaries, agents, professional advisors, advertising and promotional agencies, and immediate family and household members of each are not eligible to participate in the Tournament, win any prize, or to have any share or interest of any Tournament player's prize.

4. TOURNAMENT COMPETITION

- 4.1 <u>Tournament Structure.</u>
 - (a) The Tournament will consist of eight single-elimination bracket tournaments over the course of four weeks ("Weekly Tournament(s)") followed by a final single-elimination bracket tournament between the winners of each of the eight Weekly Tournaments (the "Finals").
 - (b) Two Weekly Tournaments will be held each week: one of which will be open only to participants who are residents of Brazil, and one of which will be open only to participants who are residents of Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, or Venezuela.
- 4.2 <u>Tournament Schedule.</u> The Tournament will occur between April 13 May 17, 2020 on the following dates:
 - (a) Registration Period for Week 1 Weekly Tournaments: Monday, April 13 Friday, April 17
 - (b) Participation Period for Week 1 Weekly Tournaments: Saturday, April 18 Sunday, April 19
 - (c) Registration Period for Week 2 Weekly Tournaments: Monday, April 20 Friday, April 24
 - (d) Participation Period for Week 2 Weekly Tournaments: Saturday, April 25 Sunday, April 26
 - (e) Registration Period for Week 3 Weekly Tournaments: Monday, April 27 Friday, May 1

- (f) Participation Period for Week 3 Weekly Tournaments: Saturday, May 2 Sunday, May 3
- (g) Registration Period for Week 4 Weekly Tournaments: Monday, May 4 Friday, May 8
- (h) Participation Period for Week 4 Weekly Tournaments: Saturday, May 9 Sunday, May 10
- (i) Participation Period for the Finals: Saturday, May 16 Sunday, May 17

4.3 <u>Tournament Competition.</u>

- (a) For all Tournament matches, player will compete against each other via the internet in headto-head games of Hearthstone.
- (b) The Hearthstone match and deck format rules for each Tournament week will be communicated by Blizzard's Tournament administrators prior to the start of each week. Unless otherwise stated, all Tournament matches will be best-of-3 (BO3) format. Players must register for each match with 3 valid Hearthstone card decks and are subject to a 1-deck ban for each match. Decks must have at least 4 cards different amongst each other to be valid. Only Standard-format Hearthstone cards may be used in the Tournament.
- (c) All Tournament matches will be facilitated via Battlefy.com. Players must sign up for a free account at Battlefy.com in order to participate in Tournament matches.
- (d) Players may sign up to play in Weekly Tournaments using the Battlefy.com platform on a first come, first serve basis. Each Weekly Tournament will be open to the first 128 players who sign up on Battlefy.com.
- (e) Each Weekly Tournament will require a minimum of 8 players to start. If less than 8 players sign up prior to the start of a Weekly Tournament, the Weekly Tournament will not commence, no prizes will be awarded for such Weekly Tournament, and Blizzard will select a player to advance to the Finals in its sole discretion.
- (f) Players may register for multiple Weekly Tournaments but may only qualify for one slot in the Finals. If a player wins more than one Weekly Tournament, the next highest ranked player in such tournament who has not already qualified for the Finals will advance to the Finals.

5. PRIZES

5.1 All players who win four (4) or more matches in each Weekly Tournament will be awarded digital codes redeemable for Battle.net balance and Hearthstone card packs in the following amounts based

on the registered country of residence of the recipient's Battle.net account (each a "Tournament Prize"):

| | Brazil | Mexico | Chile | Argentina | All Other Countries |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Battle.net | | | | | |
| Balance | BRL R\$100 | MXN \$500 | CLP \$15,000 | ARS \$1,000 | USD \$25 |
| Hearthstone | | | | | |
| Card Pack(s) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

- 5.2 The winner of each Weekly Tournament will receive one (1) additional Weekly Tournament Prize in addition to any prize earned for winning four (4) or more matches.
- 5.3 The top four (4) players at the conclusion of the Finals will receive one (1) additional Tournament Prize. Additionally, the winner of the Finals will receive a digital code redeemable for one (1) Hearthstone: Ashes of Outland Mega Bundle.
- 5.4 The awarding of prizes is void where prohibited or restricted. Local taxes which are associated with the receipt or use of any prizes are the sole responsibility of the prize winner. Prizes are not transferable. No substitutions or exchanges (including for cash) of any prize will be permitted, except that Blizzard reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for any prize.
- 5.5 Winners may be required to complete and submit tax and payment documentation as a condition of receiving a prize. In the event that a winner is under the age of majority, the winner's parent or legal guardian will be required to execute and deliver such documents. Failure to timely submit all requested documentation may result in forfeiture of prize. Potential winners are responsible for ensuring return of all required materials; proof of sending will not be considered proof of receipt by Blizzard.

6. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 <u>Changes to these Official Rules.</u>

- (a) These Official Rules contain the rules for the Tournament that are in effect at the time of publication. All previously issued rules, policies and practices (other than the Website Terms), whether in print or online, relating to the Tournament are superseded.
- (b) Blizzard reserves the right to revise, modify, change, delete or add to these Official Rules at any time, in its sole discretion, and to suspend, cancel or modify the Tournament or any player's participation in the Tournament should viruses, bugs, technical problems, unauthorized human

intervention, hacks, or other causes beyond Blizzard's control affect the administration, security or proper play of the Tournament, or Blizzard otherwise becomes (as determined in its sole discretion) incapable of running the Tournament as planned.

6.2 <u>Communications.</u>

- (a) You agree that these Official Rules and the Handbook together constitute a written agreement entered into between you and Blizzard under applicable law.
- (b) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, these Official Rules, the Handbook, and any other notices, requests and other communications provided for herein, may be provided to you electronically, and you agree to receive all such communications from Blizzard electronic form. Electronic communications will be delivered to you at the email address listed on your Battle.net Account.
- (c) If you have any questions or comments about these Official Rules, please email them to LatAmCMS@blizzard.com or send written questions to: Hearthstone Weekly Challenges c/o Blizzard Entertainment LatAm, P.O. Box 18979, Irvine, CA 93623.